## **FY23 School Safety Allotment Report**



## **Overview**

The 86th Texas Legislature passed Senate Bill (SB) 11, which created an annual school safety allotment to help fund equipment, programs, and training related to school safety and security. The 87th Legislature then enacted House Bill (HB) 1525 which included a provision requiring TEA to publish an annual report regarding the programs, personnel, resources, and other purposes for which these funds were used by Local Education Agencies (LEAs). The below information is meant to satisfy this reporting requirement.

## **Report**

## **Overview of School Safety Allotment Spending for FY23**

Financial Overview		Description
\$	48,407,941.00	Total allotment FY 23
\$	(20,465,164.95)	Spending not reported after adjustments. *
\$	27,942,776.05	Spending reported after adjustments. *

## **Allocation of Reported Spending**

 Reported Spending	Statutory Allowances
\$ 945,852.41	Improvements to School Infrastructure
\$ 556,212.73	Use or Installation of Physical Barriers
\$ 1,414,760.92	Purchase and Maintenance of Security Cameras or Other Security Equipment
\$ 570,319.16	Security Cameras
\$ 2,002,428.64	Other Security Equipment
\$ 12,869,409.42	Employing School District Peace Officers, Private Security Officers, and School Marshals
\$ 6,042,326.16	Collaborating with Local Law Enforcement Agencies. Includes Entering into a Memorandum of Understanding for the Assignment of SROs to Schools in the District
\$ 742,234.98	Law Enforcement Other
\$ 112,246.91	Active Shooter and Emergency Response Training
\$ 16,956.98	Prevention and Treatment Programs Relating to Addressing Adverse Childhood Experiences
\$ 19,997.00	Providing Licensed Counselors, Social Workers, and Individuals Trained in Restorative Discipline and Restorative Justice Practices
\$ 225,100.00	Providing Mental Health Personnel and Support
\$ 554.00	Providing Behavioral Health Services
\$ 238,825.04	Establishing Threat Reporting Systems

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\$ -	Developing and Implementing Programs Focused on
	Restorative Justice Practices, Culturally Relevant
	Instruction, and Providing Mental Health Support
\$ 128,377.36	Providing Programs Related to Suicide Prevention,
	Intervention, and Postvention
\$ 2,057,174.34	Other Equipment or Software That is Used for a School
	Safety and Security Purpose
\$ 27,942,776.05	Total Reported Spending

## **Key Considerations:**

Texas Education Code, Section §48.115 requires the Texas Education Agency to report how school safety allotment funds are used by LEAs; however, LEAs are not required to report.

- Data is collected through an electronic survey and relies on self-reported information.
- LEAs are not statutorily required to respond to the survey.
  - o 27% of LEAs that received the School Safety Allotment funds did not report.

#### **Data Notes**

Count	Data Notes
1212	Local Education Agencies included in FY23 School Safety Allotment.
858	Number of LEAs included in the report after adjustments.
325	Number of LEAs that did not report for FY23.

#### Methodology

Affected Count	Action
206	Duplicated responses were removed.
30	Survey responses were excluded if the amount of spending was overreported by more than \$1,000 and total spending was allocated among multiple categories.
22	LEA survey responses that indicated spending less than \$1,000 over their actual allotment were kept in the data as reported. *
51	Number of LEAs where corrections were made. Corrections were only made if errors were obvious, most often due to double reporting. Corrections were made to reduce the amount reported if the LEA put all dollars into a single category.