

General Note: For compliance and training-related school safety questions, the Texas School Safety Center (TxSSC) has created a COVID-19 FAQ website at <https://txssc.txstate.edu/featured/covid-faq>. For funding-related and other school safety questions arising as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, please continue to send questions to disasterinfo@tea.texas.gov

1. Can we use the School Safety Allotment in Senate Bill 11 (SB 11) to defray expenses associated with COVID-19?

SB 11, 86th Texas Legislative Session, 2019, enacted new Texas Education Code (TEC), Section 42.168, which provides for an annual allotment (flowed annually to a district through the Foundational School Program) to improve school safety and security through actions that include securing school facilities, providing security for the district, providing safety and security-related training and planning, and providing programs related to suicide prevention and cyber-bullying. (Please refer to the [bill text](#) to view additional details regarding allowable expenditures.) To the extent that the COVID-19 pandemic has caused new or heightened security and safety risks for districts that fall within the categories of allowable expenditures under TEC, Section 42.168, School Safety Allotment funds may be used to address such risks. *Please keep good documentation of the expenditures and use of funds as some of these costs may be reimbursable by state and federal disaster aid or stimulus funds.*

An important note: the additional funding provided by Senate Bill 500, 86th Legislature, is separate from the above funding and is focused on school safety facility hardening and related projects.