

## CHAPTER 406

## S.B. No. 213

## AN ACT

relating to model safe school checklists.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:*

SECTION 1. It is declared to be the public policy of this state that public schools are to be considered sanctuaries of safety and security for the children of the state and that efforts of the executive, legislative, and judicial branches of state government are to be directed toward the fulfillment of this policy.

SECTION 2. Subchapter Z, Chapter 21, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 21.938 to read as follows:

*Sec. 21.938. SAFE SCHOOL CHECKLIST. The State Board of Education by rule shall develop a model safe school checklist that a school district may use to assess a school's safety strengths and weaknesses. The checklist must include procedures for:*

- (1) implementing a comprehensive safety plan;*
- (2) communicating discipline policies and procedures;*
- (3) implementing intraagency and interagency emergency plans;*
- (4) recording disruptive incidents;*
- (5) training staff and students;*
- (6) assessing buildings and grounds;*
- (7) handling visitors;*
- (8) assigning personnel in emergencies;*
- (9) communicating during emergencies and managing emergencies;*

- (10) providing safe transportation;*
- (11) handling accidents; and*
- (12) communicating with law enforcement authorities.*

SECTION 3. The State Board of Education shall develop and distribute the model safe school checklist required by Section 21.938, Education Code, as added by this Act, not later than January 1, 1994.

SECTION 4. The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendars in both houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house be suspended, and this rule is hereby suspended, and that this Act take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.

Passed the Senate on March 1, 1993: Yeas 28, Nays 0; passed the House on May 21, 1993, by a non-record vote.

Approved June 6, 1993.

Effective Aug. 30, 1993, 90 days after date of adjournment.