

# SB 668 (West) | HB 1905 (Talarico)

Relating to requiring school districts to make available certain school safety training courses to employees of child-care facilities and certain organizations providing out-of-school-time care.



## Scope of the Problem

The incidents at Uvalde and other schools have shocked Texans. People are concerned and want to prepare for the unthinkable. Child care centers, after-school programs, church groups, youth sports programs, and others who serve children are asking simple questions:

- **What do we do if an active shooter comes to our basketball program?**
- **What do we do if an active shooter comes to our child care center?**
- **What do we do if an active shooter appears at Sunday school?**

## Why It Matters

Every day hundreds of thousands of children in Texas participate in organized activities and programs outside of the grounds of a school campus. Concern is growing that the proliferation of school shootings will spill over into communities. Members of the Texas Family Leadership Council include community-based and faith-based organizations who fear that school violence may directly impact their programs. They want the same certified and quality training school personnel receive to be best prepared.

## Policy Recommendations and Proposed Legislation

SB 668/HB1905 will allow organizations that serve children to participate in relevant school district provided and state-approved school safety and active shooter trainings. Organizations may participate at no cost contingent upon available resources at the school district level to support such participation.

## Program Cost

This proposal has no cost to the state or school districts in Texas. Training for community-based organizations is contingent upon the availability of existing resources to provide such training.

The Texas Family Leadership Council is a coalition led by CHILDREN AT RISK which includes:



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