



TSTA OPPOSES HB 13 BY KING

(TSTA was neutral with concerns initially, but we oppose as reported out of committee)

1. **HB 13 would incentivize the expansion of school guardians and would increase guns on campuses.**
 - a. School guardians would be entitled to stipends of up to \$25,000.
 - b. This is a misuse of funds and would divert substantially needed funds from evidence-based practices proven to improve school safety.
 - c. Educators overwhelmingly oppose arming teachers and other school staff, even educators who own guns.

2. **HB 13 deemphasizes the importance of evidence-based prevention measures** and signals to districts that the school safety allotment should be spent on guns and other hardening technologies.
 - a. HB 13 strikes language in statute regarding the many allowable uses of the school safety allotment including prevention and treatment programs; providing licensed mental health personnel, and behavior specialists.
 - b. HB 13 publishes a vendor registry focused on expensive hardening products.

3. **HB 13 could add training required of teachers.**
 - a. The bill provides an allotment to district for training reimbursement, but language makes it sound like teachers could be required to frontload expenses. *TSTA offered substitute language that the author did not consider.*
 - b. The bill also does not make clear that the training required is not necessarily new training. *TSTA offered clarifying substitute language that the author did not consider.*

4. **HB 13 is expensive — \$1.6B through the next biennium**, and much of this money would be going to stipend educators to carry a weapon at the expense of a much-needed teacher salary increase.