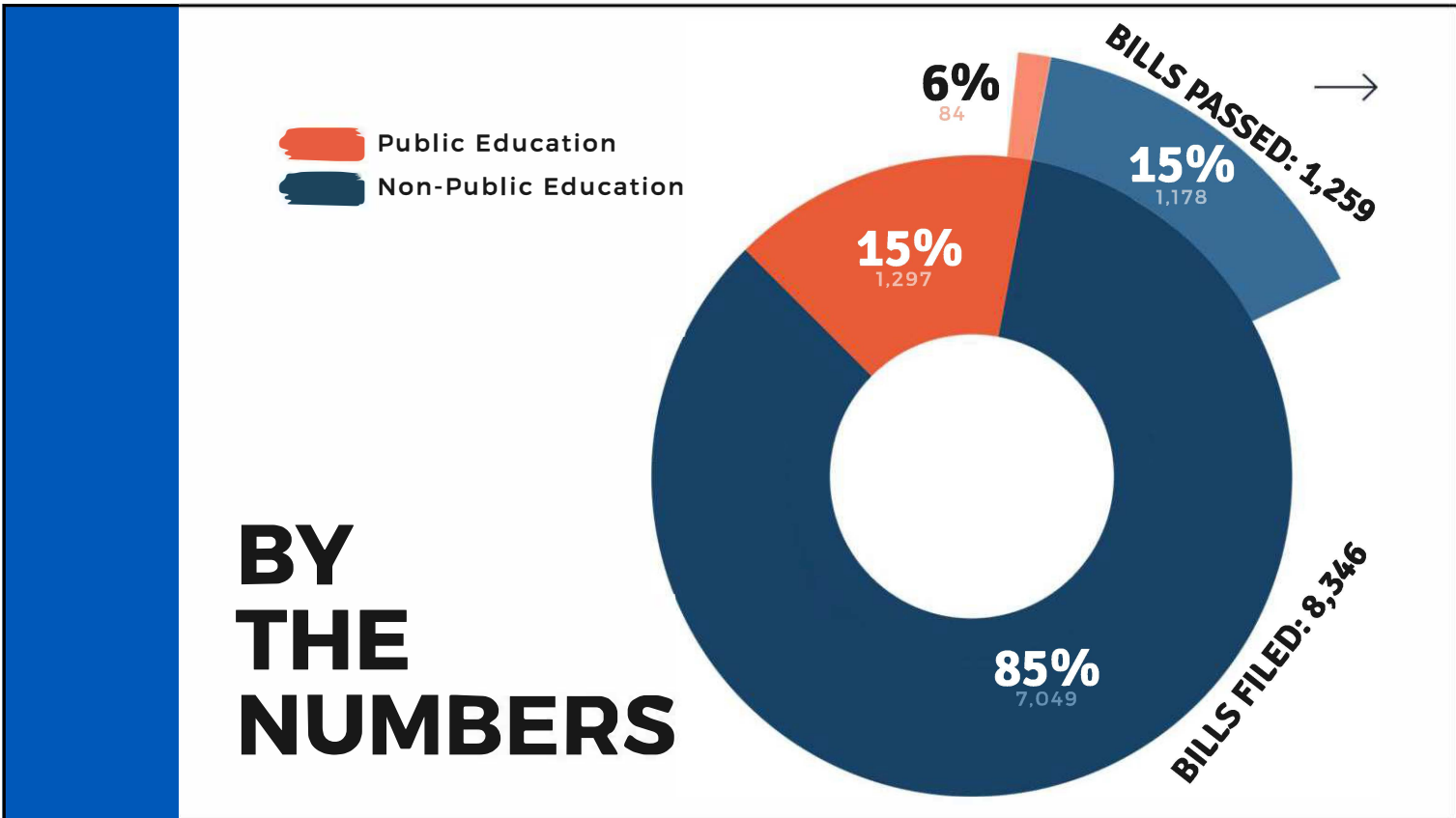


88TH LEGISLATIVE SESSION UPDATE

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HB 3 EFFECTIVE 9/1/2023

- Requires the commissioner to adopt facilities standards for new and existing instructional facilities to ensure a safe and secure environment
- Requires school employees to complete a mental health training program on recognizing and supporting children and youth experiencing mental health or substance abuse issues that may pose a threat to school safety
- Requires districts to provide a student's disciplinary record and any threat assessment when the student seeks to enroll in another district
- Requires school districts to have an armed police officer, or a commissioned peace officer, present at every campus during regular school hours but allows them to claim a good cause exception if needed
- Requires districts to notify parents of violent activity that occurred or is being investigated at a campus

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- Requires schools to establish a clear procedure for a student to report concerning behavior exhibited by another student for threat assessment
- Requires districts to provide maps of all campuses to DPS and local law enforcement agencies
- Makes documents related to school safety facilities requirements confidential and not subject to disclosure under the Public Information Act
- Allows districts to require identification from a person entering any district property
- Sets the school safety allotment at \$10 per student, with a \$1 increase for every \$50 increase in the basic allotment, plus \$15,000 per district campus, and allows funds to be used to secure facilities and employ a school safety director

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Model Standards for Parental Notification

- 01** School districts must adopt a policy related to timely parental notification of violent activity
- 02** Policy must include electronic notification by email and text, an option for real-time notification, and protect student privacy
- 03** Notification should be for incidents that pose a serious or continuing threat to campus
- 04** Which incidents require notification is a local decision based on local needs, but once notification is required by policy, it must be provided
- 05** School districts should utilize standardized notifications for incidents.
- 06** Examples provided for: evacuation, severe weather, lockdown, dangerous situation (e.g. fire or gas leak), social media threat, report of a weapon on campus, voicemail threat

[Guidance on Model Standards for Parental Notification](#)

[House Bill 3 Model Standards for Parental Notification](#)

School Safety Facility Standards- 19 TAC 61.1031

- 01** All doors on all buildings must be numbered.
- 02** Requires a main entrance to allow the identification of a person from inside the building, require assistance to enter, and a check-in/check-out location
- 03** All exterior doors must be locked unless actively monitored and constructed of materials that make them resistant to forced entry
- 04** Facilities must include an exterior master key box, or local law enforcement must have physical master keys
- 05** Two-way radios must be able to function within the building and panic alert technology must be in every building
- 06** Districts must conduct weekly checks of exterior doors to ensure they are locked and operating as designed

[Commissioner's Rules Regarding School Safety for School Facilities](#)

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