



## Input on SB 1924

Relating to the enforcement of certain criminal offenses on school property.

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The **Association of Texas Professional Educators (ATPE)** offers the following input in on **SB 1924** by Chairman Creighton:

We respectfully submit this testimony in the hope we may support the committee substitute that we understand to be coming and that may include sufficient guardrails to ensure a more appropriate balance in the use of student ticketing than is found in either previous or current law or in the bill as filed. Having operated under both extremes—no tickets and excessive ticketing—we have seen that neither approach produces the best outcomes for students, teachers, or schools.

We believe a reasonable middle ground can be achieved: one that allows accountability for serious or repeated misconduct while protecting students from unnecessary or unwarranted criminalization. With proper safeguards, a balanced approach can provide educators with the tools they need to ensure safe and respectful learning environments without overreliance on punitive measures.

We look forward to working with you to shape a final version of this bill that reflects those values. For additional information, contact ATPE Governmental Relations at (800) 777-2873 or [government@atpe.org](mailto:government@atpe.org).

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