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## Overview

The School Safety Technical Assistance Center and School Safety Technical Assistance Council were established as part of the Safe and Supportive Schools Act, which was enacted in 2014. Both are set to expire on June 30, 2019; this bill prevents their expiration.

The council is a 23-member multiagency leadership council, established to improve school climate and school safety. The council's duties include establishing norms and standards around issues of prohibited conduct, advancing evidence-based policy and best practices to improve school climate and promote school safety, developing and disseminating resources and training, and developing policies and procedures for services provided by the school climate center.

The center was established at the Department of Education to help districts and schools provide a safe and supportive learning environment and foster academic achievement for all students by focusing on prevention, intervention, support, and recovery efforts to develop and maintain safe and supportive schools. The center's duties include providing schools with resources, maintaining a central repository for information about prohibited conduct, helping districts to develop strategies for communicating with and engaging parents, and soliciting input from social media experts. The center also provides various services to schools, parents, and students.