

Interim Hearings – Week of November 4, 2019

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- [House Committee on Redistricting](#)
- [House Select Committee on Mass Violence Prevention & Community Safety](#)

November 4

House Committee on Redistricting (Corpus Christi)

Topic: 2021 legislative redistricting process and 2020 Census data

- [Texas Redistricting](#), Texas Legislative Council

November 7

House Select Committee on [Mass Violence Prevention & Community Safety](#) (Odessa)

Invited testimony from individuals and families directly impacted by the mass violence that occurred in Midland/Odessa on August 31, 2019, and on the implementation of Executive Orders issued by Governor Abbott on September 5, 2019.

- [Interim Hearings – Week of October 7, 2019](#) (October 10, House Select Committee on Mass Violence Prevention & Community Safety), Legislative Reference Library, October 2, 2019
- [Texas Safety Action Report](#), Governor Greg Abbott, September 12, 2019
- [Executive Order GA-07, Relating to the Prevention of Mass Attacks](#), Governor Greg Abbott, September 5, 2019

Duties:

(1) Examine options for strengthening enforcement measures for current laws that prevent the transfer of firearms to felons and other persons prohibited by current law from possessing firearms

- [RAND State Firearm Law Database](#), RAND Corporation, October 10, 2019
- ["Background Checks for Firearm Purchases: Problem Areas and Recommendations to Improve Effectiveness"](#) (abstract), *Health Affairs*, October 7, 2019

(2) Examine impediments and challenges to the timely reporting of relevant criminal history information and other threat indicators to state and federal databases

(3) Examine the role of digital media and technology in threat detection, assessment, reporting, and prevention, including the collaboration between digital media and law enforcement

- "Florida's School Safety Commission and the 'School Safety Portal,'" *FERPA/ Sherpa* (The Education Privacy Resource Center), October 15, 2019, and "Department of Education Announces the Florida Schools Safety Portal" (Press release), Florida Department of Education, August 1, 2019
- "To Prevent School Shootings, Districts Are Surveilling Students' Online Lives," *NPR*, September 12, 2019
- "Social Media Surveillance Alone Won't Prevent Hate-Fueled Mass Shootings," *Slate*, August 28, 2019
- Map: Social Media Monitoring by Police Departments, Cities, and Counties, Brennan Center for Justice, July 10, 2019
- *Using Social Media and Social Network Analysis in Law Enforcement*, RAND Corporation, 2018

(4) Evaluate the ongoing and long-term workforce needs of the state related to cybersecurity, mental health, law enforcement, and related professionals

(5) Evaluate current protocols and extreme risk indicators used to identify potential threats and consider options for improving the dissemination of information between federal, state, and local entities and timely and appropriate intervention of mental health professionals

- *Mass Violence in America: Causes, Impacts and Solutions* (Offers recommendations for key stakeholders: Health Care Organizations, Schools, Law Enforcement, Legislatures, and the Courts), National Council for Behavioral Health, August 2019
- *Countering Violent Extremism: The Use of Assessment Tools for Measuring Violence Risk, Literature Review*, RTI International, March 2017