

Interim Hearings – Week of January 6, 2020

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

- [Interim Hearings – Week of December 2, 2019](#) (December 4, Senate Select Committee on Mass Violence Prevention & Community Safety), Legislative Reference Library, November 26, 2019
- [Interim Hearings – Week of November 4, 2019](#) (November 7, House Select Committee on Mass Violence Prevention & Community Safety), Legislative Reference Library, October 30, 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 Transfers, 2015 – Statistical Tables](#), Bureau of Justice Statistics, U.S. Department of Justice, November 30, 2017

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

- *The Attorney General's Semiannual Report on the Fix NICS Act*, U.S. Department of Justice, November 14, 2019
- *Gun Control: National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS) Operations and Related Legislation*, Congressional Research Service, October 17, 2019

(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

- "Texas Asks Social Media Companies to Help Combat Shootings," *Government Technology/Fort Worth Star-Telegram*, December 5, 2019

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

- "Inside America's Psychiatrist Shortage," *PSYCOM*, Last Updated: December 4, 2019
- "Texas Lawmakers Made Progress with Mental Health Policy in 2019, But There's Much Left to Do in 2021," *Texas Standard*, November 28, 2019
- *Mental Health Care Health Professional Shortage Areas (HPSAs)*, Kaiser Family Foundation, As of September 30, 2019
- "Addressing Texas' Psychiatrist Shortage," *Vital Record*, Texas A&M University Health Science Center, September 24, 2019
- *Strategies for Building and Growing Strong Cybersecurity Teams*, (ISC)², 2019

(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

- "Analysis: Exploring Solutions in the Mass Shooting Debate" and "A History of Mass Violence: A Catalyst Project" (multi-platform docuseries), *KXAN.com*, November 19, 2019
- *Come and Take It: What Will and What Will Not Improve Public Safety in Firearm Violence Prevention*, Texas Public Policy Foundation, November 2019
- *Protecting America's Schools: A U.S. Secret Service Analysis of Targeted School Violence*, U.S. Secret Service National Threat Assessment Center (NTAC), November 2019
- "When Prevention Isn't Enough: Managing School Mass Shootings Along the Risk Continuum," *Health Affairs (blog)*, October 8, 2019.
- "How Mental Health Clinicians Can Help Prevent School Violence," *Psychiatry & Behavioral Health Learning Network*, October 6, 2019
- *Deconstructing Mass Public Shootings: Exploring Opportunities for Intervention*, Rockefeller Institute of Government, October 2019
- "An Introduction to the Behavioral Threat Assessment Model," Texas School Safety Center, November 2018

House Committee on **Redistricting** (El Paso)

Topic: 2021 legislative redistricting process and 2020 Census data

- **Texas Redistricting**, Texas Legislative Council

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