I am excited to announce that we have officially filed our first bill! HB 1467 will help school districts prioritize a cost-effective, research-based approach to school safety by balancing mental healthcare and campus policing. HB 1467 will require a 4:1 ratio of mental health professionals to law enforcement official in school districts with more than 5,000 students. The bill also includes lower ratios for smaller districts.

This bill will ensure that when our students walk through their campuses they see more counselors than cops. Every expert—from the Department of Education to the Secret Service—agrees that creating positive, healthy school climates is a far more effective campus safety strategy than militarizing our schools. Check out this article from KVUE for more information! https://www.kvue.com/article/news/politics/texas-legislature/rep-talarico-files-first-bill-aimed-at-strengthening-mental-health-resources-in-schools/269-8230a0a9-68fd-419c-ac08-48d6693a6d90
HB 1467 is the first piece in our larger legislative package focused on creating safe and healthy schools. Keep an eye out for our more bills focusing on restorative justice, behavior systems, and suicide prevention.

James