

1-1 By: Sanford, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Paxton) H.B. No. 781  
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 3, 2021;  
 1-3 May 10, 2021, read first time and referred to Committee on State  
 1-4 Affairs; May 14, 2021, reported favorably by the following vote:  
 1-5 Yeas 7, Nays 1; May 14, 2021, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-8	X			
1-9	X			
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1-12	X			
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1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
 1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to the carrying and possession of a handgun by a public  
 1-20 junior college school marshal.

1-21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-22 SECTION 1. Section 51.220(e), Education Code, is amended to  
 1-23 read as follows:

1-24 (e) Any written regulations adopted for purposes of  
 1-25 Subsection (d):

1-26 (1) must:

1-27 (A) authorize ~~[provide that]~~ a school marshal to  
 1-28 ~~[may]~~ carry a concealed handgun as described by Subsection (d); and

1-29 (B) ~~[, except that if the primary duty of the~~  
 1-30 ~~school marshal involves regular, direct contact with students, the~~  
 1-31 ~~marshal may not carry a concealed handgun but may possess a handgun~~  
 1-32 ~~on the physical premises of a public junior college campus in a~~  
 1-33 ~~locked and secured safe within the marshal's immediate reach when~~  
 1-34 ~~conducting the marshal's primary duty. The written regulations must~~  
 1-35 ~~also] require [that] a handgun carried or possessed by [or within~~  
 1-36 ~~access of] a school marshal to [may] be loaded only with frangible~~  
 1-37 ~~duty ammunition approved for that purpose by the Texas Commission~~  
 1-38 ~~on Law Enforcement; and~~

1-39 (2) may not require a school marshal to store the  
 1-40 handgun in a locked container while on duty.

1-41 SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2021-2022  
 1-42 academic year.

1-43 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
 1-44 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
 1-45 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
 1-46 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
 1-47 Act takes effect September 1, 2021.

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