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S.B. No. 2094

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to prohibiting the carrying, possession, or storage of a
3 semiautomatic rifle on the campus of a public or private
4 institution of higher education; creating a criminal offense.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

6 SECTION 1. Section 46.03, Penal Code, is amended by adding
7 Subsection (a-1) to read as follows:

8 (a-1) A person commits an offense if the person carries,
9 possesses, or stores a semiautomatic rifle in any location on the
10 campus of an institution of higher education or private or
11 independent institution of higher education, including:

12 (1) a building or a portion of a building;

13 (2) a driveway, street, sidewalk, or walkway, or a
14 parking lot, parking garage, or other parking area; and

15 (3) a dormitory or other residential facility owned or
16 leased and operated by the institution and located on the campus of
17 the institution.

18 SECTION 2. Section 46.03(c), Penal Code, is amended by
19 adding Subdivisions (1-a) and (6) to read as follows:

20 (1-a) "Campus" has the meaning assigned by Section
21 411.2031, Government Code.

22 (6) "Semiautomatic rifle" has the meaning assigned by
23 18 U.S.C. Section 921.

24 SECTION 3. Section 411.2032, Government Code, is amended by

1 adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

2 (c) This section does not authorize a person, regardless of
3 whether the person holds a license to carry a handgun under this
4 chapter, to store or transport a semiautomatic rifle in a motor
5 vehicle on the campus of the institution in violation of Section
6 46.03(a-1), Penal Code.

7 SECTION 4. The change in law made by this Act applies only
8 to an offense committed on or after the effective date of this Act.
9 An offense committed before the effective date of this Act is
10 governed by the law in effect on the date the offense was committed,
11 and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose. For
12 purposes of this section, an offense was committed before the
13 effective date of this Act if any element of the offense occurred
14 before that date.

15 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.