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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

relating to the prosecution of an offense prohibiting the exhibition, use, or threatened exhibition or use of a firearm in or on school property or a school bus.

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

SECTION 1. Section 37.125(a), Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) A person commits an offense if , in a manner intended to cause alarm or personal injury to another person or to damage school property, the person intentionally exhibits, uses, [by exhibiting, using,] or threatens [threatening] to exhibit or use a firearm:

(1) in or on any property, including a parking lot, parking garage, or other parking area, that is owned by a private or public school; or

public school; or (2) on [, interferes with the normal use of a building or portion of a campus or of] a school bus being used to transport children to or from school-sponsored activities of a private or public school.

SECTION 2. This Act applies only to an offense committed on or after the effective date of this Act. An offense committed before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect at the time the offense was committed, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose. For the purposes of this section, an offense was committed before the effective date of this Act if any element of the offense occurred before that date.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.

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