

1-1 By: Sheffield, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Estes) H.B. No. 2560  
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 16, 2011;  
1-3 May 17, 2011, read first time and referred to Committee on Criminal  
1-4 Justice; May 21, 2011, reported favorably by the following vote:  
1-5 Yeas 6, Nays 0; May 21, 2011, sent to printer.)

1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to transporting a foster child in a vehicle where a handgun  
1-9 is in the possession of a foster parent licensed to carry a  
1-10 concealed handgun.

1-11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-12 SECTION 1. Section 42.042, Human Resources Code, is amended  
1-13 by adding Subsection (e-2) to read as follows:

1-14 (e-2) The department may not prohibit the foster parent of a  
1-15 child who resides in the foster family's home from transporting the  
1-16 child in a vehicle where a handgun is present if the handgun is in  
1-17 the possession and control of the foster parent and the foster  
1-18 parent is licensed to carry the handgun under Subchapter H, Chapter  
1-19 411, Government Code.

1-20 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
1-21 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
1-22 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
1-23 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
1-24 Act takes effect September 1, 2011.

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