

By: King of Parker

H.B. No. 1896

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to firearm training and the authority of certain employees
3 of a school district or open-enrollment charter school to carry or
4 possess a handgun on certain school premises; authorizing a fee.

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

6 SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 37, Education Code, is
7 amended by adding Section 37.0811 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 37.0811. FIREARM TRAINING FOR EMPLOYEES. (a) In this
9 section, "premises" has the meaning assigned by Section 46.035,
10 Penal Code.

11 (b) The board of trustees of a school district or the
12 governing body of an open-enrollment charter school may:

13 (1) authorize an employee of the district or charter
14 school who is licensed to carry a concealed handgun under
15 Subchapter H, Chapter 411, Government Code, to attend a firearm
16 training program established under Section 1701.260, Occupations
17 Code; and

18 (2) adopt written regulations that authorize an
19 employee who has successfully completed the training program
20 described by Subdivision (1) to carry or possess a handgun on the
21 physical premises of a school, any grounds or building on which an
22 activity sponsored by a school is being conducted, or a passenger
23 transportation vehicle of a school.

24 (c) Except as provided by Section 1701.260(f), Occupations

1 Code, the identity of an employee who is authorized to attend the
2 training program described by Subsection (b)(1) is confidential and
3 is not subject to disclosure under Chapter 552, Government Code.

4 SECTION 2. Subchapter F, Chapter 1701, Occupations Code, is
5 amended by adding Section 1701.260 to read as follows:

6 Sec. 1701.260. FIREARM TRAINING FOR SCHOOL EMPLOYEES. (a)
7 The commission shall establish and maintain a training program for
8 employees of a school district or open-enrollment charter school
9 who hold a license to carry a concealed handgun issued under
10 Subchapter H, Chapter 411, Government Code, and who are authorized
11 under Section 37.0811, Education Code, to attend the training
12 program. The training program may be conducted only by the
13 commission staff or by other agencies and institutions the
14 commission approves for that purpose.

15 (b) The training program must:

16 (1) consist of not more than 20 hours of training; and

17 (2) include instruction in:

18 (A) defensive techniques; and

19 (B) safely handling a firearm in a public
20 setting.

21 (c) The commission shall issue a certification to each
22 person the commission determines has successfully completed the
23 training program.

24 (d) The commission shall charge each participant in the
25 training program a reasonable fee to cover the cost to the
26 commission of conducting the program.

27 (e) A certification issued under this section expires on the

1 second anniversary of the date of issuance. A person may renew a
2 certification by complying with any requirements established by the
3 commission.

4 (f) The commission shall submit, for each person issued a
5 certification under this section, the name and date of birth of the
6 person, the license number of the license issued to the person under
7 Subchapter H, Chapter 411, Government Code, and the address of the
8 person's place of employment to:

9 (1) the director of the Department of Public Safety;

10 (2) the school district or open-enrollment charter
11 school by which the person is employed;

12 (3) the chief law enforcement officer of the local
13 municipal law enforcement agency if the person is employed at a
14 campus of a school district or open-enrollment charter school
15 located within a municipality;

16 (4) the sheriff of the county if the person is employed
17 at a campus of a school district or open-enrollment charter school
18 that is not located within a municipality; and

19 (5) a peace officer commissioned under Section 37.081,
20 Education Code, if the person is employed at a school district that
21 has commissioned a peace officer under that section.

22 (g) The commission shall immediately report the expiration
23 of a certification to the persons or entities listed in Subsection
24 (f).

25 (h) Identifying information about a person collected or
26 submitted under this section is confidential, except as provided by
27 Subsection (f), and is not subject to disclosure under Chapter 552,

1 Government Code.

2 SECTION 3. The Commission on Law Enforcement Officer
3 Standards and Education shall establish the firearm training
4 program as required by Section 1701.260, Occupations Code, as added
5 by this Act, not later than January 1, 2014.

6 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
7 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
8 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
9 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
10 Act takes effect September 1, 2013.