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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the carrying of knives; creating a criminal offense.

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

SECTION 1. Section 46.01(6), Penal Code, is amended to read as follows:

(6) "Location-restricted knife" [~~"Illegal knife"~~]

means a:

(A) knife with a blade over five and one-half inches;

(B) hand instrument designed to cut or stab another by being thrown;

(C) dagger, including but not limited to a dirk, stiletto, and poniard;

(D) bowie knife;

(E) sword; or

(F) spear.

SECTION 2. Section 46.02, Penal Code, is amended by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (a-4) to read as follows:

(a) A person commits an offense if the person intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly carries on or about his or her person a handgun[~~, illegal knife,~~] or club if the person is not:

(1) on the person's own premises or premises under the person's control; or

1 (2) inside of or directly en route to a motor vehicle
2 or watercraft that is owned by the person or under the person's
3 control.

4 (a-4) A person younger than 18 years commits an offense if
5 the person intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly carries on or
6 about his or her person a location-restricted knife if the person is
7 not:

8 (1) on the person's own premises or premises under the
9 person's control; or

10 (2) inside of or directly en route to a motor vehicle
11 or watercraft that is owned by the person or under the person's
12 control.

13 SECTION 3. Section 46.03(a), Penal Code, is amended to read
14 as follows:

15 (a) A person commits an offense if the person intentionally,
16 knowingly, or recklessly possesses or goes with a firearm,
17 location-restricted ~~illegal~~ knife, club, or prohibited weapon
18 listed in Section 46.05(a):

19 (1) on the physical premises of a school or
20 educational institution, any grounds or building on which an
21 activity sponsored by a school or educational institution is being
22 conducted, or a passenger transportation vehicle of a school or
23 educational institution, whether the school or educational
24 institution is public or private, unless pursuant to written
25 regulations or written authorization of the institution;

26 (2) on the premises of a polling place on the day of an
27 election or while early voting is in progress;

1 (3) on the premises of any government court or offices
2 utilized by the court, unless pursuant to written regulations or
3 written authorization of the court;

4 (4) on the premises of a racetrack;

5 (5) in or into a secured area of an airport; or

6 (6) within 1,000 feet of premises the location of
7 which is designated by the Texas Department of Criminal Justice as a
8 place of execution under Article 43.19, Code of Criminal Procedure,
9 on a day that a sentence of death is set to be imposed on the
10 designated premises and the person received notice that:

11 (A) going within 1,000 feet of the premises with
12 a weapon listed under this subsection was prohibited; or

13 (B) possessing a weapon listed under this
14 subsection within 1,000 feet of the premises was prohibited.

15 SECTION 4. Section 46.03, Penal Code, is amended by
16 amending Subsection (g) and adding Subsection (g-1) to read as
17 follows:

18 (g) Except as provided by Subsection (g-1), an [An] offense
19 under this section is a third degree felony.

20 (g-1) If the weapon that is the subject of the offense is a
21 location-restricted knife, an offense under this section is a Class
22 C misdemeanor, unless the offense occurred on the physical premises
23 of a public or private primary or secondary school, any grounds or
24 building on which an activity sponsored by a public or private
25 primary or secondary school is being conducted, or a passenger
26 transportation vehicle of a public or private primary or secondary
27 school, in which event the offense is a third degree felony.

1 SECTION 5. Section 46.06(a), Penal Code, is amended to read
2 as follows:

3 (a) A person commits an offense if the person:

4 (1) sells, rents, leases, loans, or gives a handgun to
5 any person knowing that the person to whom the handgun is to be
6 delivered intends to use it unlawfully or in the commission of an
7 unlawful act;

8 (2) intentionally or knowingly sells, rents, leases,
9 or gives or offers to sell, rent, lease, or give to any child
10 younger than 18 years any firearm, club, or location-restricted
11 [~~illegal~~] knife;

12 (3) intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly sells a
13 firearm or ammunition for a firearm to any person who is
14 intoxicated;

15 (4) knowingly sells a firearm or ammunition for a
16 firearm to any person who has been convicted of a felony before the
17 fifth anniversary of the later of the following dates:

18 (A) the person's release from confinement
19 following conviction of the felony; or

20 (B) the person's release from supervision under
21 community supervision, parole, or mandatory supervision following
22 conviction of the felony;

23 (5) sells, rents, leases, loans, or gives a handgun to
24 any person knowing that an active protective order is directed to
25 the person to whom the handgun is to be delivered; or

26 (6) knowingly purchases, rents, leases, or receives as
27 a loan or gift from another a handgun while an active protective

1 order is directed to the actor.

2 SECTION 6. Section 46.15(e), Penal Code, is repealed.

3 SECTION 7. Section 37.007(a), Education Code, is amended to
4 read as follows:

5 (a) Except as provided by Subsection (k), a student shall be
6 expelled from a school if the student, on school property or while
7 attending a school-sponsored or school-related activity on or off
8 of school property:

9 (1) uses, exhibits, or possesses:

10 (A) a firearm as defined by Section 46.01(3),
11 Penal Code;

12 (B) a location-restricted [~~an illegal~~] knife as
13 defined by Section 46.01(6), Penal Code, or by local policy;

14 (C) a club as defined by Section 46.01(1), Penal
15 Code; or

16 (D) a weapon listed as a prohibited weapon under
17 Section 46.05, Penal Code;

18 (2) engages in conduct that contains the elements of
19 the offense of:

20 (A) aggravated assault under Section 22.02,
21 Penal Code, sexual assault under Section 22.011, Penal Code, or
22 aggravated sexual assault under Section 22.021, Penal Code;

23 (B) arson under Section 28.02, Penal Code;

24 (C) murder under Section 19.02, Penal Code,
25 capital murder under Section 19.03, Penal Code, or criminal
26 attempt, under Section 15.01, Penal Code, to commit murder or
27 capital murder;

1 (D) indecency with a child under Section 21.11,

2 Penal Code;

3 (E) aggravated kidnapping under Section 20.04,

4 Penal Code;

5 (F) aggravated robbery under Section 29.03,

6 Penal Code;

7 (G) manslaughter under Section 19.04, Penal

8 Code;

9 (H) criminally negligent homicide under Section
10 19.05, Penal Code; or

11 (I) continuous sexual abuse of young child or
12 children under Section 21.02, Penal Code; or

13 (3) engages in conduct specified by Section
14 37.006(a)(2)(C) or (D), if the conduct is punishable as a felony.

15 SECTION 8. Section 52.031(a), Family Code, is amended to
16 read as follows:

17 (a) A juvenile board may establish a first offender program
18 under this section for the referral and disposition of children
19 taken into custody, or accused prior to the filing of a criminal
20 charge, of:

21 (1) conduct indicating a need for supervision;

22 (2) a Class C misdemeanor, other than a traffic
23 offense; or

24 (3) delinquent conduct other than conduct that
25 constitutes:

26 (A) a felony of the first, second, or third
27 degree, an aggravated controlled substance felony, or a capital

1 felony; or

2 (B) a state jail felony or misdemeanor involving
3 violence to a person or the use or possession of a firearm,
4 location-restricted [~~illegal~~] knife, or club, as those terms are
5 defined by Section 46.01, Penal Code, or a prohibited weapon, as
6 described by Section 46.05, Penal Code.

7 SECTION 9. Section 53.01(d), Family Code, is amended to
8 read as follows:

9 (d) Unless the juvenile board approves a written procedure
10 proposed by the office of prosecuting attorney and chief juvenile
11 probation officer which provides otherwise, if it is determined
12 that the person is a child and, regardless of a finding of probable
13 cause, or a lack thereof, there is an allegation that the child
14 engaged in delinquent conduct of the grade of felony, or conduct
15 constituting a misdemeanor offense involving violence to a person
16 or the use or possession of a firearm, location-restricted
17 [~~illegal~~] knife, or club, as those terms are defined by Section
18 46.01, Penal Code, or prohibited weapon, as described by Section
19 46.05, Penal Code, the case shall be promptly forwarded to the
20 office of the prosecuting attorney, accompanied by:

21 (1) all documents that accompanied the current
22 referral; and

23 (2) a summary of all prior referrals of the child to
24 the juvenile court, juvenile probation department, or a detention
25 facility.

26 SECTION 10. This Act applies only to an offense committed on
27 or after the effective date of this Act. An offense committed

1 before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in
2 effect on the date the offense was committed, and the former law is
3 continued in effect for that purpose. For purposes of this section,
4 an offense was committed before the effective date of this Act if
5 any element of the offense occurred before that date.

6 SECTION 11. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.