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| BILL ANALYSIS |

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| H.B. 1143 |
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| Public Education |
| Committee Report (Unamended) |

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| **BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE**  It has been noted that while public school districts and open‑enrollment charter schools are not allowed to prohibit a handgun license holder from storing firearms and ammunition in a locked vehicle, some schools are implementing regulations regarding such storage. H.B. 1143 seeks to guarantee handgun license holders the freedom to decide where to store their firearms or ammunition. |
| **CRIMINAL JUSTICE IMPACT**  It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly create a criminal offense, increase the punishment for an existing criminal offense or category of offenses, or change the eligibility of a person for community supervision, parole, or mandatory supervision. |
| **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**  It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution. |
| **ANALYSIS**  H.B. 1143 amends the Education Code to prohibit a public school district or an open-enrollment charter school from regulating the manner in which a handgun or other firearm or ammunition that is not in plain view is stored by a handgun license holder in a locked, privately owned or leased motor vehicle in a parking lot, parking garage, or other parking area provided by the district or charter school. The bill applies beginning with the 2019-2020 school year. |
| **EFFECTIVE DATE**  On passage, or, if the bill does not receive the necessary vote, September 1, 2019. |