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| BILL ANALYSIS |

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| S.B. 535 |
| By: Campbell |
| Criminal Jurisprudence |
| Committee Report (Unamended) |

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| **BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE**  There have been calls to provide churches, synagogues, and other established places of religious worship the same right enjoyed by other private property owners to decide whether to allow a handgun license holder to carry a handgun on their premises. S.B. 535 seeks to do so by removing these places of worship from the premises on which a license holder carrying a handgun constitutes an offense. |
| **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**  S.B. 535 amends the Penal Code to remove the premises of a church, synagogue, or other established place of religious worship from the premises on which the intentional, knowing, or reckless carrying of a handgun by a handgun license holder constitutes an offense. |
| **EFFECTIVE DATE**  September 1, 2019. |