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By:  Blanco H.B. No. 257

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 257:

By:  Burns C.S.H.B. No. 257

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a policy requiring certain public primary and secondary schools to provide local law enforcement agencies certain information regarding certain individuals authorized to carry a handgun on a campus.

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

SECTION 1.  Subchapter C, Chapter 37, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 37.0814 to read as follows:

Sec. 37.0814.  LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMUNICATION AND COORDINATION POLICY. (a) This section applies to a school district or open-enrollment charter school that:

(1)  authorizes an individual, other than an individual described by Subsection (b), to carry a handgun for security purposes under written regulations or written authorization of the district or school; and

(2)  requires an individual described by Subdivision (1) to complete the school safety training and instruction described by Section 411.1901(c), Government Code.

(b)  This section does not apply with respect to:

(1)  an individual appointed as a school marshal under Section 37.0811 or 37.0813; or

(2)  an individual employed as security personnel under Section 37.081 and authorized to carry a handgun in accordance with that section.

(c)  The board of trustees of a school district or the governing body of an open-enrollment charter school that is subject to this section shall adopt a policy regarding communication and coordination with local law enforcement agencies.

(d)  A policy adopted under this section must require the school district or open-enrollment charter school to:

(1)  provide each law enforcement agency that has jurisdiction over the district or school with:

(A)  a list of each campus at which an individual described by Subsection (a) is authorized to carry a handgun; and

(B)  the identity of each individual described by Subsection (a) and the campus where that individual is regularly employed; and

(2)  update, as necessary, the information provided under Subdivision (1).

(e)  Information provided to a law enforcement agency under a policy adopted under this section regarding the identity or place of employment of an individual described by Subsection (a) is confidential, may be used by the law enforcement agency only for law enforcement purposes, and is not subject to a request under Chapter 552, Government Code.

SECTION 2.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.