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H.B. No. 257

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to a policy requiring public and private primary and
3 secondary schools and public junior colleges to provide local law
4 enforcement agencies certain information regarding certain
5 individuals authorized to carry a handgun on a campus.

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

7 SECTION 1. Section 37.0811(g), Education Code, is amended
8 to read as follows:

9 (g) The identity of a school marshal appointed under this
10 section is confidential, except as provided by Section 37.0814 of
11 this code or Section 1701.260(j), Occupations Code, and is not
12 subject to a request under Chapter 552, Government Code.

13 SECTION 2. Section 37.0813(g), Education Code, is amended
14 to read as follows:

15 (g) The identity of a school marshal appointed under this
16 section is confidential, except as provided by Section 37.0814 of
17 this code or Section 1701.260(j), Occupations Code, and is not
18 subject to a request under Chapter 552, Government Code.

19 SECTION 3. Subchapter C, Chapter 37, Education Code, is
20 amended by adding Section 37.0814 to read as follows:

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

24 (1) appoints a school marshal under Section 37.0811 or

1 [37.0813](#); or

2 (2) authorizes any other individual to carry a handgun
3 for security purposes under written regulations or written
4 authorization of the district or school.

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

10 (c) A policy adopted under this section must require the
11 school district, open-enrollment charter school, or private school
12 to:

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

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

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

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

22 (d) Information provided to a law enforcement agency under a
23 policy adopted under this section regarding the identity or place
24 of employment of an individual described by Subsection (a) is
25 confidential, may be used by the law enforcement agency only for law
26 enforcement purposes, and is not subject to a request under Chapter
27 [552](#), Government Code.

1 SECTION 4. Section 51.220(h), Education Code, is amended to
2 read as follows:

3 (h) The identity of a school marshal appointed under this
4 section is confidential, except as provided by Section 51.221 of
5 this code or Section 1701.260(j), Occupations Code, and is not
6 subject to a request under Chapter 552, Government Code.

7 SECTION 5. Subchapter E, Chapter 51, Education Code, is
8 amended by adding Section 51.221 to read as follows:

9 Sec. 51.221. LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMUNICATION AND
10 COORDINATION POLICY. (a) This section applies to a public junior
11 college, as defined by Section 61.003, that appoints a school
12 marshal under Section 51.220.

13 (b) The governing board of a public junior college that is
14 subject to this section shall adopt a policy regarding
15 communication and coordination with local law enforcement
16 agencies.

17 (c) A policy adopted under this section must require the
18 public junior college to:

19 (1) provide each law enforcement agency that has
20 jurisdiction over the public junior college with:

21 (A) a list of each campus at which a school
22 marshal is authorized to carry a handgun; and

23 (B) the identity of each school marshal and the
24 campus where that individual is regularly employed; and

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

27 (d) Information provided to a law enforcement agency under a

1 policy adopted under this section regarding the identity or place
2 of employment of a school marshal is confidential, may be used by
3 the law enforcement agency only for law enforcement purposes, and
4 is not subject to a request under Chapter 552, Government Code.

5 SECTION 6. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.