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H.B. No. 1143

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to the transportation or storage of a handgun or other
3 firearm or ammunition by a handgun license holder in a school
4 parking area.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 37.0815(a), Education Code, is amended
7 to read as follows:

8 (a) A school district or open-enrollment charter school may
9 not prohibit a person, including a school employee, who holds a
10 license to carry a handgun under Subchapter H, Chapter 411,
11 Government Code, from transporting or storing a handgun or other
12 firearm or ammunition in a locked, privately owned or leased motor
13 vehicle in a parking lot, parking garage, or other parking area
14 provided by the district or charter school and may not regulate the
15 manner in which the handgun, firearm, or ammunition is stored in the
16 vehicle, provided that the handgun, firearm, or ammunition is not
17 in plain view.

18 SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2019-2020
19 school year.

20 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
21 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
22 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
23 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
24 Act takes effect September 1, 2019.