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H.B. No. 3136

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to carrying a weapon on the premises of a government court or offices utilized by the court.

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

SECTION 1. Section 46.03(a), Penal Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) A person commits an offense if the person intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly possesses or goes with a firearm, location-restricted knife, club, or prohibited weapon listed in Section 46.05(a):

(1) on the physical premises of a school or educational institution, any grounds or building on which an activity sponsored by a school or educational institution is being conducted, or a passenger transportation vehicle of a school or educational institution, whether the school or educational institution is public or private, unless:

(A) pursuant to written regulations or written authorization of the institution; or

(B) the person possesses or goes with a concealed handgun that the person is licensed to carry under Subchapter H, Chapter 411, Government Code, and no other weapon to which this section applies, on the premises of an institution of higher education or private or independent institution of higher education, on any grounds or building on which an activity

1 sponsored by the institution is being conducted, or in a passenger
2 transportation vehicle of the institution;

3 (2) on the premises of a polling place on the day of an
4 election or while early voting is in progress;

5 (3) on the premises of any government court or offices
6 utilized by the court, unless pursuant to:

7 (A) written regulations; or

8 (B) written authorization of any ~~the~~ court
9 located on the premises;

10 (4) on the premises of a racetrack;

11 (5) in or into a secured area of an airport; or

12 (6) within 1,000 feet of premises the location of
13 which is designated by the Texas Department of Criminal Justice as a
14 place of execution under Article 43.19, Code of Criminal Procedure,
15 on a day that a sentence of death is set to be imposed on the
16 designated premises and the person received notice that:

17 (A) going within 1,000 feet of the premises with
18 a weapon listed under this subsection was prohibited; or

19 (B) possessing a weapon listed under this
20 subsection within 1,000 feet of the premises was prohibited.

21 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only
22 to an offense committed on or after the effective date of this Act.
23 An offense committed before the effective date of this Act is
24 governed by the law in effect on the date the offense was committed,
25 and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose. For
26 purposes of this section, an offense was committed before the
27 effective date of this Act if any element of the offense occurred

1 before that date.

2 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.