

AN ACT

relating to the carrying and possession of a handgun by a public junior college school marshal.

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

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

(e) Any written regulations adopted for purposes of Subsection (d):

(1) must:

(A) authorize ~~[provide that]~~ a school marshal to ~~[may]~~ carry a concealed handgun as described by Subsection (d); and

(B) [~~, except that if the primary duty of the school marshal involves regular, direct contact with students, the marshal may not carry a concealed handgun but may possess a handgun on the physical premises of a public junior college campus in a locked and secured safe within the marshal's immediate reach when conducting the marshal's primary duty. The written regulations must also] require~~ [that] a handgun carried or possessed by ~~[or within access of]~~ a school marshal to ~~[may]~~ be loaded only with frangible duty ammunition approved for that purpose by the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement; and

(2) may not require a school marshal to store the handgun in a locked container while on duty.

SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2021-2022

1 academic year.

2 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
3 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
4 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
5 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
6 Act takes effect September 1, 2021.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 781 was passed by the House on April 29, 2021, by the following vote: Yeas 104, Nays 43, 1 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 781 was passed by the Senate on May 20, 2021, by the following vote: Yeas 20, Nays 11.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor