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S.B. No. 838

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

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2 relating to the authorization by a school district or
3 open-enrollment charter school for a person to carry or possess a
4 weapon on school premises for purposes of safety and security.

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

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

8 Sec. 37.0814. SCHOOL GUARDIANS. (a) In this section,
9 "school guardian" means a person who, pursuant to the written
10 regulations or written authorization of a school district or
11 open-enrollment charter school under Section 46.03(a)(1)(A), Penal
12 Code, is authorized to carry or possess a specified weapon for the
13 purpose of providing safety and security on the physical premises
14 of a school, any grounds or building on which an activity sponsored
15 by a school is being conducted, or a passenger transportation
16 vehicle of a school.

17 (b) The Texas School Safety Center shall develop best
18 practices for school districts and open-enrollment charter schools
19 that authorize school guardians to provide safety and security.

20 (c) A school district or open-enrollment charter school
21 that has adopted written regulations or written authorization
22 allowing for school guardians shall report any information relating
23 to the implementation of the regulations or authorization and the
24 identity of each school guardian to:

1 (1) the Texas School Safety Center, in the form and
2 manner prescribed by the center; and

3 (2) a state or local law enforcement agency, on
4 written request of the head of the agency.

5 (d) Information reported under Subsection (c) is
6 confidential and is not subject to disclosure under Chapter 552,
7 Government Code, by a school district, an open-enrollment charter
8 school, the Texas School Safety Center, or a law enforcement
9 agency.

10 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.