

1-1 By: Kolkhorst S.B. No. 838
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 1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on State Affairs;
 1-4 April 28, 2021, reported adversely, with favorable Committee
 1-5 Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 7, Nays 1; April 28, 2021,
 1-6 sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-18 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 838 By: Lucio

1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to the authorization by a school district or
 1-22 open-enrollment charter school for a person to carry or possess a
 1-23 weapon on school premises for purposes of safety and security.

1-24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-25 SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 37, Education Code, is
 1-26 amended by adding Section 37.0814 to read as follows:

1-27 Sec. 37.0814. SCHOOL GUARDIANS. (a) In this section,
 1-28 "school guardian" means a person who, pursuant to the written
 1-29 regulations or written authorization of a school district or
 1-30 open-enrollment charter school under Section 46.03(a)(1)(A), Penal
 1-31 Code, is authorized to carry or possess a specified weapon for the
 1-32 purpose of providing safety and security on the physical premises
 1-33 of a school, any grounds or building on which an activity sponsored
 1-34 by a school is being conducted, or a passenger transportation
 1-35 vehicle of a school.

1-36 (b) The Texas School Safety Center shall develop best
 1-37 practices for school districts and open-enrollment charter schools
 1-38 that authorize school guardians to provide safety and security.

1-39 (c) A school district or open-enrollment charter school
 1-40 that has adopted written regulations or written authorization
 1-41 allowing for school guardians shall report any information relating
 1-42 to the implementation of the regulations or authorization and the
 1-43 identity of each school guardian to:

1-44 (1) the Texas School Safety Center, in the form and
 1-45 manner prescribed by the center; and

1-46 (2) a state or local law enforcement agency, on
 1-47 written request of the head of the agency.

1-48 (d) Information reported under Subsection (c) is
 1-49 confidential and is not subject to disclosure under Chapter 552,
 1-50 Government Code, by a school district, an open-enrollment charter
 1-51 school, the Texas School Safety Center, or a law enforcement
 1-52 agency.

1-53 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.

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