

1-1 By: Thierry, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Whitmire) H.B. No. 3553  
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 5, 2023;  
 1-3 May 10, 2023, read first time and referred to Committee on Criminal  
 1-4 Justice; May 17, 2023, reported favorably by the following vote:  
 1-5 Yeas 7, Nays 0; May 17, 2023, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-14	X			

1-15 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
 1-16 AN ACT

1-17 relating to increasing the criminal penalty for the offense of  
 1-18 trafficking of persons if committed at certain locations.

1-19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-20 SECTION 1. Section 20A.02(b-1), Penal Code, is amended to  
 1-21 read as follows:

1-22 (b-1) An offense under this section is a felony of the first  
 1-23 degree punishable by imprisonment in the Texas Department of  
 1-24 Criminal Justice for life or for a term of not more than 99 years or  
 1-25 less than 25 years if it is shown on the trial of the offense that  
 1-26 the actor committed the offense in a location that was:

1-27 (1) on the premises of or within 1,000 feet of the  
 1-28 premises of:

1-29 (A) a school; or

1-30 (B) an institution of higher education or private  
 1-31 or independent institution of higher education, as defined by  
 1-32 Section 61.003, Education Code; or

1-33 (2) on premises or within 1,000 feet of premises  
 1-34 where:

1-35 (A) an official school function was taking place;  
 1-36 or

1-37 (B) an event sponsored or sanctioned by the  
 1-38 University Interscholastic League was taking place.

1-39 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only  
 1-40 to an offense committed on or after the effective date of this Act.  
 1-41 An offense committed before the effective date of this Act is  
 1-42 governed by the law in effect on the date the offense was committed,  
 1-43 and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose. For  
 1-44 purposes of this section, an offense was committed before the  
 1-45 effective date of this Act if any element of the offense occurred  
 1-46 before that date.

1-47 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

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