

AN ACT

relating to the collection and confidentiality of information regarding firearms in agency foster homes; creating a civil penalty.

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

SECTION 1. Section 42.042, Human Resources Code, is amended by adding Subsections (e-6), (e-7), (e-8), and (e-9) to read as follows:

(e-6) The commission, the department, and a child-placing agency that contracts with the department may not require an agency foster home to:

(1) disclose the specific types of firearms that are present in the home; or

(2) notify the child-placing agency if there is any change in the types of firearms that are present in the home.

(e-7) If the commission, the department, or a child-placing agency that contracts with the department has or obtains information relating to the types of firearms that are present in an agency foster home, the commission, department, or child-placing agency may not use that information for any purpose other than determining whether there are firearms present in the home.

(e-8) A child-placing agency that violates Subsection (e-7) is liable to the state for a civil penalty in an amount not to exceed \$5,000 for each violation. The attorney general may bring an action

1 to recover a civil penalty authorized under this subsection.

2 (e-9) Information relating to the types of firearms that are  
3 present in an agency foster home is confidential and is not subject  
4 to disclosure under Chapter [552](#), Government Code.

5 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

H.B. No. 1403

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1403 was passed by the House on May 13, 2025, by the following vote: Yeas 107, Nays 36, 2 present, not voting.

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Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1403 was passed by the Senate on May 28, 2025, by the following vote: Yeas 22, Nays 9.

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Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

Date

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Governor