

1-1 By: Harris, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Middleton) H.B. No. 1403
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 14, 2025;
1-3 May 19, 2025, read first time and referred to Committee on Health &
1-4 Human Services; May 23, 2025, reported favorably by the following
1-5 vote: Yeas 6, Nays 3; May 23, 2025, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

1-7		Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-8	Kolkhorst	X			
1-9	Perry	X			
1-10	Blanco		X		
1-11	Cook		X		
1-12	Hall	X			
1-13	Hancock	X			
1-14	Hughes	X			
1-15	Miles		X		
1-16	Sparks	X			

1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to the collection and confidentiality of information
1-20 regarding firearms in agency foster homes; creating a civil
1-21 penalty.

1-22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-23 SECTION 1. Section 42.042, Human Resources Code, is amended
1-24 by adding Subsections (e-6), (e-7), (e-8), and (e-9) to read as
1-25 follows:

1-26 (e-6) The commission, the department, and a child-placing
1-27 agency that contracts with the department may not require an agency
1-28 foster home to:

1-29 (1) disclose the specific types of firearms that are
1-30 present in the home; or

1-31 (2) notify the child-placing agency if there is any
1-32 change in the types of firearms that are present in the home.

1-33 (e-7) If the commission, the department, or a child-placing
1-34 agency that contracts with the department has or obtains
1-35 information relating to the types of firearms that are present in an
1-36 agency foster home, the commission, department, or child-placing
1-37 agency may not use that information for any purpose other than
1-38 determining whether there are firearms present in the home.

1-39 (e-8) A child-placing agency that violates Subsection (e-7)
1-40 is liable to the state for a civil penalty in an amount not to exceed
1-41 \$5,000 for each violation. The attorney general may bring an action
1-42 to recover a civil penalty authorized under this subsection.

1-43 (e-9) Information relating to the types of firearms that are
1-44 present in an agency foster home is confidential and is not subject
1-45 to disclosure under Chapter 552, Government Code.

1-46 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

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