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7 An Act relating to crimes and punishments; amending
8 21 O.S. 2011, Section 1277, as last amended by
9 Section 3, Chapter 210, O.S.L. 2016 (21 O.S. Supp.
10 2016, Section 1277), which relates to the unlawful
11 carry of firearms in certain places; authorizing
12 handgun licensees to carry on college or university
13 property; providing exceptions; defining terms; and
14 providing an effective date.

15 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

16 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 21 O.S. 2011, Section 1277, as
17 last amended by Section 3, Chapter 210, O.S.L. 2016 (21 O.S. Supp.
18 2016, Section 1277), is amended to read as follows:

Section 1277.

19 UNLAWFUL CARRY IN CERTAIN PLACES

20 A. It shall be unlawful for any person in possession of a valid
21 handgun license issued pursuant to the provisions of the Oklahoma
22 Self-Defense Act to carry any concealed or unconcealed handgun into
23 any of the following places:
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1 1. Any structure, building, or office space which is owned or
2 leased by a city, town, county, state or federal governmental
3 authority for the purpose of conducting business with the public;

4 2. Any prison, jail, detention facility or any facility used to
5 process, hold or house arrested persons, prisoners or persons
6 alleged delinquent or adjudicated delinquent, except as provided in
7 Section 21 of Title 57 of the Oklahoma Statutes;

8 3. Any public or private elementary or public or private
9 secondary school, except as provided in subsections C and D of this
10 section;

11 4. Any sports arena during a professional sporting event;

12 5. Any place where pari-mutuel wagering is authorized by law;
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14 6. Any other place specifically prohibited by law.

15 B. For purposes of paragraphs 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 of subsection A
16 of this section, the prohibited place does not include and
17 specifically excludes the following property:

18 1. Any property set aside for the use or parking of any
19 vehicle, whether attended or unattended, by a city, town, county,
20 state or federal governmental authority;

21 2. Any property set aside for the use or parking of any
22 vehicle, whether attended or unattended, by any entity offering any
23 professional sporting event which is open to the public for
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1 admission, or by any entity engaged in pari-mutuel wagering
2 authorized by law;

3 3. Any property adjacent to a structure, building or office
4 space in which concealed or unconcealed weapons are prohibited by
5 the provisions of this section;

6 4. Any property designated by a city, town, county or state
7 governmental authority as a park, recreational area, or fairgrounds;
8 provided, nothing in this paragraph shall be construed to authorize
9 any entry by a person in possession of a concealed or unconcealed
10 handgun into any structure, building or office space which is
11 specifically prohibited by the provisions of subsection A of this
12 section; and

13 5. Any property set aside by a public or private elementary or
14 secondary school for the use or parking of any vehicle, whether
15 attended or unattended; provided, however, said handgun shall be
16 stored and hidden from view in a locked motor vehicle when the motor
17 vehicle is left unattended on school property.

18 Nothing contained in any provision of this subsection or
19 subsection C of this section shall be construed to authorize or
20 allow any person in control of any place described in paragraph 1,
21 2, 3, 4 or 5 of subsection A of this section to establish any policy
22 or rule that has the effect of prohibiting any person in lawful
23 possession of a handgun license from possession of a handgun

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1 allowable under such license in places described in paragraph 1, 2,
2 3, 4 or 5 of this subsection.

3 C. A concealed or unconcealed weapon may be carried onto
4 private school property or in any school bus or vehicle used by any
5 private school for transportation of students or teachers by a
6 person who is licensed pursuant to the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act,
7 provided a policy has been adopted by the governing entity of the
8 private school that authorizes the carrying and possession of a
9 weapon on private school property or in any school bus or vehicle
10 used by a private school. Except for acts of gross negligence or
11 willful or wanton misconduct, a governing entity of a private school
12 that adopts a policy which authorizes the possession of a weapon on
13 private school property, a school bus or vehicle used by the private
14 school shall be immune from liability for any injuries arising from
15 the adoption of the policy. The provisions of this subsection shall
16 not apply to claims pursuant to the Workers' Compensation Code.

17 D. Notwithstanding paragraph 3 of subsection A of this section,
18 a board of education of a school district may adopt a policy
19 pursuant to Section 5-149.2 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes to
20 authorize the carrying of a handgun onto school property by school
21 personnel specifically designated by the board of education,
22 provided such personnel either:

23 1. Possess a valid armed security guard license as provided for
24 in Section 1750.1 et seq. of Title 59 of the Oklahoma Statutes; or

1 2. Hold a valid reserve peace officer certification as provided
2 for in Section 3311 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes.
3 Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to restrict authority
4 granted elsewhere in law to carry firearms.

5 E. Any person violating the provisions of subsection A of this
6 section shall, upon conviction, be guilty of a misdemeanor
7 punishable by a fine not to exceed Two Hundred Fifty Dollars
8 (\$250.00).

9 F. No person in possession of a valid handgun license issued
10 pursuant to the provisions of the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act shall be
11 authorized to carry the handgun into or upon any college, university
12 or technology center school property, except as provided in this
13 subsection. For purposes of this subsection, the following property
14 shall not be construed as prohibited for persons having a valid
15 handgun license:

16 1. Any property set aside for the use or parking of any
17 vehicle, whether attended or unattended, provided the handgun is
18 carried or stored as required by law and the handgun is not removed
19 from the vehicle without the prior consent of the college or
20 university president or technology center school administrator while
21 the vehicle is on any college, university or technology center
22 school property;

23 2. Any property authorized for possession or use of handguns by
24 college, university or technology center school policy; and

1 3. Any property authorized by the written consent of the
2 college or university president or technology center school
3 administrator, provided the written consent is carried with the
4 handgun and the valid handgun license while on college, university
5 or technology center school property.

6 The college, university or technology center school may notify
7 the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation within ten (10) days of a
8 violation of any provision of this subsection by a licensee. Upon
9 receipt of a written notification of violation, the Bureau shall
10 give a reasonable notice to the licensee and hold a hearing. At the
11 hearing, upon a determination that the licensee has violated any
12 provision of this subsection, the licensee may be subject to an
13 administrative fine of Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00) and may
14 have the handgun license suspended for three (3) months.

15 Nothing contained in any provision of this subsection shall be
16 construed to authorize or allow any college, university or
17 technology center school to establish any policy or rule that has
18 the effect of prohibiting any person in lawful possession of a
19 handgun license from possession of a handgun allowable under such
20 license in places described in paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 of this
21 subsection. Nothing contained in any provision of this subsection
22 shall be construed to limit the authority of any college, university
23 or technology center school in this state from taking administrative
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1 action against any student for any violation of any provision of
2 this subsection.

3 G. Beginning November 1, 2019, any person in possession of a
4 valid handgun license issued pursuant to the provisions of the
5 Oklahoma Self-Defense Act shall be authorized to carry the handgun
6 into or upon any college or university property; provided, however,
7 the person shall be prohibited from carrying the handgun into the
8 following places:

9 1. Any building or public area of a building on college or
10 university property that has adequate security measures. As used in
11 this paragraph, "adequate security measures" means the use of
12 electronic equipment and armed personnel at public entrances to
13 detect and restrict the carrying of weapons into the building
14 including, but not limited to, metal detectors, metal detector wands
15 or any other equipment used for similar purposes to ensure that
16 weapons are not carried into such building by members of the public;
17 or

18 2. Any building on college or university property that has a
19 restricted access entrance. As used in this paragraph, "restricted
20 access entrance" means an entrance that is restricted to the public
21 and requires a key, keycard, code or similar device to allow entry
22 to authorized personnel, students or faculty through the restricted
23 access entrance.

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1 On or before November 1, 2019, colleges or universities shall
2 identify and equip those buildings which will be designated as
3 having adequate security measures or restricted access entrances and
4 shall adopt and implement campus-specific policies and procedures in
5 order to effectuate the provisions of this subsection.

6 The college or university may notify the Oklahoma State Bureau
7 of Investigation within ten (10) days of a violation of any
8 provision of this subsection by a licensee. Upon receipt of a
9 written notification of violation, the Bureau shall give a
10 reasonable notice to the licensee and hold a hearing. At the
11 hearing, upon a determination that the licensee has violated any
12 provision of this subsection, the licensee may be subject to an
13 administrative fine of Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00) and may
14 have the handgun license suspended for three (3) months.

15 Nothing contained in any provision of this subsection shall be
16 construed to authorize or allow any college or university to
17 establish any policy or rule that has the effect of prohibiting any
18 person in lawful possession of a handgun license from possession of
19 a handgun allowable under such license as provided for in this
20 subsection. Nothing contained in any provision of this subsection
21 shall be construed to limit the authority of any college or
22 university in this state from taking administrative action against
23 any student for any violation of any provision of this subsection.

1 H. The provisions of this section shall not apply to any peace
2 officer or to any person authorized by law to carry a pistol in the
3 course of employment. District judges, associate district judges
4 and special district judges, who are in possession of a valid
5 handgun license issued pursuant to the provisions of the Oklahoma
6 Self-Defense Act and whose names appear on a list maintained by the
7 Administrative Director of the Courts, shall be exempt from this
8 section when acting in the course and scope of employment within the
9 courthouses of this state. Private investigators with a firearms
10 authorization shall be exempt from this section when acting in the
11 course and scope of employment.

12 ~~H.~~ I. For the purposes of this section, "motor vehicle" means
13 any automobile, truck, minivan or sports utility vehicle.

14 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2017.

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