1	STATE OF OKLAHOMA
2	1st Session of the 60th Legislature (2025)
3	HOUSE BILL 1095 By: Hildebrant
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6	AS INTRODUCED
7	An Act relating to firearms; amending 21 O.S. 2021,
8	Section 1277, which relates to the unlawful carry of firearms; providing an exception to certain prohibited act; authorizing municipalities to allow
9	elected officials and designated employees to carry firearms under certain circumstances; providing
10	restrictions; and providing an effective date.
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13	BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:
14	SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 21 O.S. 2021, Section 1277, is
15	amended to read as follows:
16	Section 1277.
17	UNLAWFUL CARRY IN CERTAIN PLACES
18	A. It shall be unlawful for any person, including a person in
19	possession of a valid handgun license issued pursuant to the
20	provisions of the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act, to carry any concealed
21	or unconcealed firearm into any of the following places:
22	1. Any structure, building, or office space which is owned or
23	leased by a city, town, county $_{ au}$ $\mathrm{\underline{or}}$ state $\mathrm{\underline{or}}$ federal governmental
24	authority for the purpose of conducting business with the public.

Notwithstanding the provision of this subsection, the governing body of a city or town may authorize the concealed carry of handguns into any structure, building, or office space, except those places listed in paragraph 2 of this subsection, which is owned or leased by a city or town;

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

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

Any publicly owned or operated sports arena or venue during
 a professional sporting event, unless allowed by the event holder;

16 5. Any place where gambling is authorized by law, unless 17 allowed by the property owner;

18 6. Any other place specifically prohibited by law; and

19 7. Any property set aside by a county, city, town, public trust 20 with a county, city or town as a beneficiary, or state governmental 21 authority for an event that is secured with minimum-security 22 provisions. For purposes of this paragraph, a minimum-security 23 provision consists of a location that is secured utilizing the 24 following:

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- a. a metallic-style security fence that is at least eight
   (8) feet in height that encompasses the property and
   is secured in such a way as to deter unauthorized
   entry,
- 5 b. controlled access points staffed by a uniformed,
  6 commissioned peace officer, and
- c. a metal detector whereby persons walk or otherwise
  travel with their property through or by the metal
  detector.

B. It shall be lawful for a person to carry a concealed or unconcealed firearm on the following properties:

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

15 2. Any property set aside for the use or parking of any
16 vehicle, whether attended or unattended, which is open to the
17 public, or by any entity engaged in gambling authorized by law;

18 3. Any property adjacent to a structure, building or office 19 space in which concealed or unconcealed weapons are prohibited by 20 the provisions of this section;

4. Any property designated by a city, town, county or state
governmental authority as a park, recreational area, wildlife
refuge, wildlife management area or fairgrounds; provided, nothing
in this paragraph shall be construed to authorize any entry by a

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1 person in possession of a concealed or unconcealed firearm into any 2 structure, building, office space or event which is specifically 3 prohibited by the provisions of subsection A of this section;

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

9 6. Any public property set aside temporarily by a county, city, town, public trust with a county, city or town as a beneficiary, or 10 11 state governmental authority for the holder of an event permit that 12 is without minimum-security provisions, as such term is defined in 13 paragraph 7 of subsection A of this section; provided, the carry of 14 firearms within said permitted event area shall be limited to 15 concealed carry of a handgun unless otherwise authorized by the 16 holder of the event permit.

Nothing contained in any provision of this subsection or subsection C of this section shall be construed to authorize or allow any person in control of any place described in subsection A of this section to establish any policy or rule that has the effect of prohibiting any person in lawful possession of a handgun license or otherwise in lawful possession of a firearm from carrying or possessing the firearm on the property described in this subsection.

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1 C. A concealed or unconcealed weapon may be carried onto 2 private school property or in any school bus or vehicle used by any private school for transportation of students or teachers by a 3 4 person who is licensed pursuant to the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act, 5 provided a policy has been adopted by the governing entity of the private school that authorizes the carrying and possession of a 6 7 weapon on private school property or in any school bus or vehicle used by a private school. Except for acts of gross negligence or 8 9 willful or wanton misconduct, a governing entity of a private school 10 that adopts a policy which authorizes the possession of a weapon on 11 private school property, a school bus or vehicle used by the private 12 school shall not be subject to liability for any injuries arising 13 from the adoption of the policy. The provisions of this subsection 14 shall not apply to claims pursuant to the Administrative Workers' 15 Compensation Act.

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

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

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

E. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection A of this
section, on any property designated as a municipal zoo or park of
any size that is owned, leased, operated or managed by:

8 1. A public trust created pursuant to the provisions of Section
9 176 of Title 60 of the Oklahoma Statutes; or

10 2. A nonprofit entity,

11 an individual shall be allowed to carry a concealed handgun but not 12 openly carry a handgun on the property.

13 F. Any person violating the provisions of paragraph 2 or 3 of 14 subsection A of this section shall, upon conviction, be guilty of a 15 misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed Two Hundred Fifty 16 Dollars (\$250.00). A person violating any other provision of 17 subsection A of this section may be denied entrance onto the 18 property or removed from the property. If the person refuses to 19 leave the property and a peace officer is summoned, the person may be issued a citation for an amount not to exceed Two Hundred Fifty 20 21 Dollars (\$250.00).

G. No person in possession of a valid handgun license issued pursuant to the provisions of the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act or who is carrying or in possession of a firearm as otherwise permitted by

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1 law or who is carrying or in possession of a machete, blackjack, loaded cane, hand chain or metal knuckles shall be authorized to 2 carry the firearm, machete, blackjack, loaded cane, hand chain or 3 metal knuckles into or upon any college, university or technology 4 5 center school property, except as provided in this subsection. For purposes of this subsection, the following property shall not be 6 7 construed to be college, university or technology center school property: 8

9 1. Any property set aside for the use or parking of any motor vehicle, whether attended or unattended, provided the firearm, 10 machete, blackjack, loaded cane, hand chain or metal knuckles are 11 carried or stored as required by law and the firearm, machete, 12 13 blackjack, loaded cane, hand chain or metal knuckles are not removed 14 from the motor vehicle without the prior consent of the college or 15 university president or technology center school administrator while 16 the vehicle is on any college, university or technology center 17 school property;

Any property authorized for possession or use of firearms,
 machetes, blackjacks, loaded canes, hand chains or metal knuckles by
 college, university or technology center school policy; and

3. Any property authorized by the written consent of the college or university president or technology center school administrator, provided the written consent is carried with the firearm, machete, blackjack, loaded cane, hand chain or metal

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knuckles and the valid handgun license while on college, university
 or technology center school property.

The college, university or technology center school may notify 3 the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation within ten (10) days of a 4 5 violation of any provision of this subsection by a licensee. Upon receipt of a written notification of violation, the Bureau shall 6 7 give a reasonable notice to the licensee and hold a hearing. At the hearing, upon a determination that the licensee has violated any 8 9 provision of this subsection, the licensee may be subject to an 10 administrative fine of Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00) and may 11 have the handgun license suspended for three (3) months.

Nothing contained in any provision of this subsection shall be 12 13 construed to authorize or allow any college, university or 14 technology center school to establish any policy or rule that has 15 the effect of prohibiting any person in lawful possession of a 16 handgun license or any person in lawful possession of a firearm, 17 machete, blackjack, loaded cane, hand chain or metal knuckles from 18 possession of a firearm, machete, blackjack, loaded cane, hand chain 19 or metal knuckles in places described in paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 of 20 this subsection. Nothing contained in any provision of this 21 subsection shall be construed to limit the authority of any college, 22 university or technology center school in this state from taking 23 administrative action against any student for any violation of any 24 provision of this subsection.

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H. The provisions of this section shall not apply to the
 following:

3 1. Any peace officer or any person authorized by law to carry a4 firearm in the course of employment;

5 2. District judges, associate district judges and special 6 district judges, who are in possession of a valid handgun license 7 issued pursuant to the provisions of the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act 8 and whose names appear on a list maintained by the Administrative 9 Director of the Courts, when acting in the course and scope of 10 employment within the courthouses of this state;

3. Private investigators with a firearms authorization when
 acting in the course and scope of employment;

4. Elected officials of a county, who are in possession of a
valid handgun license issued pursuant to the provisions of the
Oklahoma Self-Defense Act, may carry a concealed handgun when acting
in the performance of his or her duties within the courthouses of
the county in which he or she was elected. The provisions of this
paragraph shall not allow the elected county official to carry the
handgun into a courtroom;

5. The sheriff of any county may authorize certain employees of the county, who possess a valid handgun license issued pursuant to the provisions of the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act, to carry a concealed handgun when acting in the course and scope of employment within the courthouse in the county in which the person is employed.

Nothing in the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act shall prohibit the sheriff from requiring additional instruction or training before granting authorization to carry a concealed handgun within the courthouse. The provisions of this paragraph and of paragraph 6 of this subsection shall not allow the county employee to carry the handgun into a courtroom, sheriff's office, adult or juvenile jail or any other prisoner detention area; and

6. The board of county commissioners of any county may
authorize certain employees of the county, who possess a valid
handgun license issued pursuant to the provisions of the Oklahoma
Self-Defense Act, to carry a concealed handgun when acting in the
course and scope of employment on county annex facilities or grounds
surrounding the county courthouse.

I. <u>1. Elected officials of a municipality, as well as</u> municipal employees designated by the city manager and approved by the city council, who are in possession of a valid handgun license issued pursuant to the provisions of the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act may carry a concealed handgun when acting in the performance of their official duties.

20 <u>2. For purposes of this subsection, firearms may not be carried</u> 21 <u>into a courtroom or other areas specifically designated by ordinance</u> 22 <u>or resolution as firearm-prohibited locations.</u>

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1	3. Nothing in this subsection shall require an elected official
2	or designated employee of the municipality to carry a firearm as a
3	condition of employment or service with the municipality.
4	J. For the purposes of this section, "motor vehicle" means any
5	automobile, truck, minivan, sports utility vehicle, or motorcycle,
6	as defined in Section 1-135 of Title 47 of the Oklahoma Statutes,
7	equipped with a locked accessory container within or affixed to the
8	motorcycle.
9	SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2025.
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