

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL 1876

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to firearms; amending 21 O.S. 2021, Section 1277, which relates to unlawful carry; modifying statutory reference; removing certain authorization; amending 21 O.S. 2021, Section 1280.1, which relates to firearms on school property; modifying definition; updating statutory language; updating statutory reference; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 21 O.S. 2021, Section 1277, is amended to read as follows:

Section 1277.

UNLAWFUL CARRY IN CERTAIN PLACES

A. It shall be unlawful for any person, including a person in possession of a valid handgun license issued pursuant to the provisions of the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act, to carry any concealed or unconcealed firearm into any of the following places:

1. Any structure, building, or office space which is owned or leased by a city, town, county, state or federal governmental authority for the purpose of conducting business with the public;

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

6 3. Any public or private elementary or public or private
7 secondary school, except as provided in ~~subsections~~ subsection C and
8 D of this section and Section 1280.1 of this title;

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

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

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

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

- 20 a. a metallic-style security fence that is at least eight
21 (8) feet in height that encompasses the property and
22 is secured in such a way as to deter unauthorized
23 entry,

- 1 b. controlled access points staffed by a uniformed,
2 commissioned peace officer, and
3 c. a metal detector whereby persons walk or otherwise
4 travel with their property through or by the metal
5 detector.

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

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

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

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

17 4. Any property designated by a city, town, county or state
18 governmental authority as a park, recreational area, wildlife
19 refuge, wildlife management area or fairgrounds; provided, nothing
20 in this paragraph shall be construed to authorize any entry by a
21 person in possession of a concealed or unconcealed firearm into any
22 structure, building, office space or event which is specifically
23 prohibited by the provisions of subsection A of this section;

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

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

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

21 C. A concealed or unconcealed weapon may be carried onto
22 private school property or in any school bus or vehicle used by any
23 private school for transportation of students or teachers by a
24 person who is licensed pursuant to the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act,

1 provided a policy has been adopted by the governing entity of the
2 private school that authorizes the carrying and possession of a
3 weapon on private school property or in any school bus or vehicle
4 used by a private school. Except for acts of gross negligence or
5 willful or wanton misconduct, a governing entity of a private school
6 that adopts a policy which authorizes the possession of a weapon on
7 private school property, a school bus or vehicle used by the private
8 school shall not be subject to liability for any injuries arising
9 from the adoption of the policy. The provisions of this subsection
10 shall not apply to claims pursuant to the Administrative Workers'
11 Compensation Act.

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

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

20 ~~2. Hold a valid reserve peace officer certification as provided~~
21 ~~for in Section 3311 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes.~~

22 ~~Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to restrict authority~~
23 ~~granted elsewhere in law to carry firearms.~~

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

4 1. A public trust created pursuant to the provisions of Section
5 176 of Title 60 of the Oklahoma Statutes; or

6 2. A nonprofit entity,
7 an individual shall be allowed to carry a concealed handgun but not
8 openly carry a handgun on the property.

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

18 ~~G.~~ F. No person in possession of a valid handgun license issued
19 pursuant to the provisions of the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act or who
20 is carrying or in possession of a firearm as otherwise permitted by
21 law or who is carrying or in possession of a machete, blackjack,
22 loaded cane, hand chain or metal knuckles shall be authorized to
23 carry the firearm, machete, blackjack, loaded cane, hand chain or
24 metal knuckles into or upon any college, university or technology

1 center school property, except as provided in this subsection. For
2 purposes of this subsection, the following property shall not be
3 construed to be college, university or technology center school
4 property:

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

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

17 3. Any property authorized by the written consent of the
18 college or university president or technology center school
19 administrator, provided the written consent is carried with the
20 firearm, machete, blackjack, loaded cane, hand chain or metal
21 knuckles and the valid handgun license while on college, university
22 or technology center school property.

23 The college, university or technology center school may notify
24 the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation within ten (10) days of a

1 violation of any provision of this subsection by a licensee. Upon
2 receipt of a written notification of violation, the Bureau shall
3 give a reasonable notice to the licensee and hold a hearing. At the
4 hearing, upon a determination that the licensee has violated any
5 provision of this subsection, the licensee may be subject to an
6 administrative fine of Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00) and may
7 have the handgun license suspended for three (3) months.

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

21 ~~H.~~ G. The provisions of this section shall not apply to the
22 following:

- 23 1. Any peace officer or any person authorized by law to carry a
24 firearm in the course of employment;

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

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

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

16 5. The sheriff of any county may authorize certain employees of
17 the county, who possess a valid handgun license issued pursuant to
18 the provisions of the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act, to carry a
19 concealed handgun when acting in the course and scope of employment
20 within the courthouse in the county in which the person is employed.
21 Nothing in the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act shall prohibit the sheriff
22 from requiring additional instruction or training before granting
23 authorization to carry a concealed handgun within the courthouse.
24 The provisions of this paragraph and of paragraph 6 of this

1 subsection shall not allow the county employee to carry the handgun
2 into a courtroom, sheriff's office, adult or juvenile jail or any
3 other prisoner detention area; and

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

10 ~~F.~~ H. For the purposes of this section, "motor vehicle" means
11 any automobile, truck, minivan, sports utility vehicle, or
12 motorcycle, as defined in Section 1-135 of Title 47 of the Oklahoma
13 Statutes, equipped with a locked accessory container within or
14 affixed to the motorcycle.

15 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 21 O.S. 2021, Section 1280.1, is
16 amended to read as follows:

17 Section 1280.1.

18 POSSESSION OF FIREARM ON SCHOOL PROPERTY

19 A. It shall be unlawful for any person to have in his or her
20 possession on any public or private school property or while in any
21 school bus or vehicle used by any school for transportation of
22 students or teachers any firearm or weapon designated in Section
23 1272 of this title, except as provided in subsection C of this
24 section or as otherwise authorized by law.

1 B. For purposes of this section:

2 1. "School property" means any publicly owned property held for
3 purposes of elementary, secondary or vocational-technical education,
4 and shall not include property owned by public school districts,
5 including the parking lots, or where such property is leased or
6 rented to an individual or corporation and used for purposes other
7 than educational;

8 2. "Private school" means a school that offers a course of
9 instruction for students in one or more grades from prekindergarten
10 through grade twelve and is not operated by a governmental entity;
11 and

12 3. "Motor vehicle" means any automobile, truck, minivan or
13 sports utility vehicle.

14 C. Firearms and weapons are allowed on school property and
15 deemed not in violation of subsection A of this section as follows:

16 1. A gun or knife designed for hunting or fishing purposes kept
17 in a privately owned vehicle and properly displayed or stored as
18 required by law, provided such vehicle containing ~~said~~ the gun or
19 knife is driven onto school property only to transport a student to
20 and from school and such vehicle does not remain unattended on
21 school property;

22 2. A gun or knife used for the purposes of participating in the
23 ~~Oklahoma~~ Department of Wildlife Conservation certified hunter
24 training education course or any other hunting, fishing, safety or

1 firearms training courses, or a recognized firearms sports event,
2 team shooting program or competition, or living history reenactment,
3 provided the course or event is approved by the principal or chief
4 administrator of the school where the course or event is offered,
5 and provided the weapon is properly displayed or stored as required
6 by law pending participation in the course, event, program or
7 competition;

8 3. Weapons in the possession of any peace officer or other
9 person authorized by law to possess a weapon in the performance of
10 his or her duties and responsibilities;

11 4. A concealed or unconcealed weapon carried onto private
12 school property or in any school bus or vehicle used by any private
13 school for transportation of students or teachers by a person who is
14 licensed pursuant to the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act, provided a
15 policy has been adopted by the governing entity of the private
16 school that authorizes the possession of a weapon on private school
17 property or in any school bus or vehicle used by a private school.
18 Except for acts of gross negligence or willful or wanton misconduct,
19 a governing entity of a private school that adopts a policy which
20 authorizes the possession of a weapon on private school property, a
21 school bus or vehicle used by the private school shall be immune
22 from liability for any injuries arising from the adoption of the
23 policy. The provisions of this paragraph shall not apply to claims
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1 pursuant to the ~~Workers' Compensation Code~~ Administrative Workers'
2 Compensation Act;

3 5. A gun, knife, bayonet or other weapon in the possession of a
4 member of a veterans group, the ~~national guard~~ National Guard,
5 active military, the Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) or
6 Junior ROTC, in order to participate in a ceremony, assembly or
7 educational program approved by the principal or chief administrator
8 of a school or school district where the ceremony, assembly or
9 educational program is being held; provided, however, the gun or
10 other weapon that uses projectiles is not loaded and is inoperable
11 at all times while on school property;

12 6. A handgun carried in a motor vehicle pursuant to a valid
13 handgun license authorized by the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act onto
14 property set aside by a public or private elementary or secondary
15 school for the use or parking of any vehicle; provided, however,
16 ~~said~~ the handgun shall be stored and hidden from view in a locked
17 motor vehicle when the motor vehicle is left unattended on school
18 property; and

19 7. A handgun carried onto public school property by school
20 personnel who have been designated by the board of education,
21 provided such personnel either:

- 22 a. possess a valid armed security guard license as
23 provided for in Section 1750.1 et seq. of Title 59 of
24 the Oklahoma Statutes, or

1 b. hold a valid reserve peace officer certification as
2 provided for in Section 3311 of Title 70 of the
3 Oklahoma Statutes,

4 if a policy has been adopted by the board of education of the school
5 district that authorizes the carrying of a handgun onto public
6 school property by such personnel. Nothing in this subsection shall
7 be construed to restrict authority granted elsewhere in law to carry
8 firearms.

9 D. Any person violating the provisions of this section shall,
10 upon conviction, be guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of
11 not to exceed Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00).

12 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2024.

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