

FLOOR AMENDMENT
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
State of Oklahoma

SPEAKER:

CHAIR:

I move to amend SB628
Of the printed Bill
Page Section Lines
Of the Engrossed Bill

By deleting the content of the entire measure, and by inserting in lieu thereof the following language:

AMEND TITLE TO CONFORM TO AMENDMENTS

Adopted:

Amendment submitted by: Derrick Hildebrant

Reading Clerk

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 60th Legislature (2025)

3 FLOOR SUBSTITUTE
4 FOR ENGROSSED

5 SENATE BILL NO. 628

6 By: Gillespie of the Senate

7 and

8 Hildebrant of the House

9 FLOOR SUBSTITUTE

10 An Act relating to firearms; amending 21 O.S. 2021,
11 Section 1277, which relates to unlawful carry in
12 certain places; modifying list of places in which
13 carrying a firearm is unlawful; providing an
14 exception to certain prohibited act; clarifying where
15 certain judges and county employees may lawfully
16 carry firearms; authorizing municipal judges to carry
17 firearms in courthouses under certain circumstances;
18 authorizing municipalities to allow employees or
19 public officials to carry firearms under certain
20 circumstances; providing restrictions; defining term;
21 providing construing provision; providing for the
22 public display of firearms subject to policies;
23 updating statutory language; and providing an
24 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

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

5 1. Any ~~structure,~~ building, or office space which is owned or
6 leased by a city, town, county, or state ~~or federal~~ governmental
7 authority for the purpose of conducting business with the public.
8 However, the governing body of a town, city, or county may authorize
9 the concealed carry of a handgun into any building or office space
10 which is owned or leased by a town, city, or county, except those
11 spaces listed in paragraph 2 of this subsection;

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

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

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

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

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

1 7. Any property set aside by a county, city, town, public trust
2 with a county, city, or town as a beneficiary, or state governmental
3 authority for an event that is secured with ~~minimum security~~ minimum
4 security provisions. For purposes of this paragraph, a ~~minimum~~
5 ~~security~~ minimum security provision consists of a location that is
6 secured utilizing the following:

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

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

18 1. Any property set aside for the use or parking of any
19 vehicle, whether attended or unattended, by a city, town, county, or
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, which is open to the
23 public, or by any entity engaged in gambling authorized by law;

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

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

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

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

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

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

23 D. ~~Notwithstanding paragraph 3 of subsection A of this section,~~
24 a A board of education of a school district may adopt a policy

1 pursuant to Section 5-149.2 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes to
2 authorize the carrying of a handgun onto school property by school
3 personnel specifically designated by the board of education,
4 provided such personnel either:

5 1. Possess a valid armed security guard license as provided for
6 in ~~Section 1750.1 et seq. of Title 59 of the Oklahoma Statutes~~ the
7 Oklahoma Security Guard and Private Investigator Act; or

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

10 Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to restrict authority
11 granted elsewhere in law to carry firearms.

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

15 1. A public trust created pursuant to the provisions of Section
16 176 of Title 60 of the Oklahoma Statutes; or

17 2. A nonprofit entity,
18 an individual shall be allowed to carry a concealed handgun but not
19 openly carry a handgun on the property.

20 F. Any person violating the provisions of paragraph 2 or 3 of
21 subsection A of this section shall, upon conviction, be guilty of a
22 misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed Two Hundred Fifty
23 Dollars (\$250.00). A person violating any other provision of
24 subsection A of this section may be denied entrance onto the

1 property or removed from the property. If the person refuses to
2 leave the property and a peace officer is summoned, the person may
3 be issued a citation for an amount not to exceed Two Hundred Fifty
4 Dollars (\$250.00).

5 G. No person in possession of a valid handgun license issued
6 pursuant to the provisions of the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act or who
7 is carrying or in possession of a firearm as otherwise permitted by
8 law or who is carrying or in possession of a machete, blackjack,
9 loaded cane, hand chain, or metal knuckles shall be authorized to
10 carry the firearm, machete, blackjack, loaded cane, hand chain, or
11 metal knuckles into or upon any college, university, or technology
12 center school property, except as provided in this subsection. For
13 purposes of this subsection, the following property shall not be
14 construed to be college, university, or technology center school
15 property:

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

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

4 3. Any property authorized by the written consent of the
5 college or university president or technology center school
6 administrator, provided the written consent is carried with the
7 firearm, machete, blackjack, loaded cane, hand chain, or metal
8 knuckles and the valid handgun license while on college, university,
9 or technology center school property.

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

19 Nothing contained in any provision of this subsection shall be
20 construed to authorize or allow any college, university, or
21 technology center school to establish any policy or rule that has
22 the effect of prohibiting any person in lawful possession of a
23 handgun license or any person in lawful possession of a firearm,
24 machete, blackjack, loaded cane, hand chain, or metal knuckles from

1 possession of a firearm, machete, blackjack, loaded cane, hand
2 chain, or metal knuckles in places described in paragraphs 1, 2, and
3 3 of this subsection. Nothing contained in any provision of this
4 subsection shall be construed to limit the authority of any college,
5 university, or technology center school in this state from taking
6 administrative action against any student for any violation of any
7 provision of this subsection.

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

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

12 2. District judges, associate district judges, and special
13 district judges, who are in possession of a valid handgun license
14 issued pursuant to the provisions of the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act
15 and whose names appear on a list maintained by the Administrative
16 Director of the Courts, when acting in the course and scope of
17 employment within the courthouses of ~~this state~~ the county that
18 falls within the jurisdiction of the district judge, associate
19 district judge, or special district judge;

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

22 4. ~~Elected officials~~ An elected official of a county, who ~~are~~
23 is in possession of a valid handgun license issued pursuant to the
24 provisions of the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act, may carry a concealed

1 handgun when acting in the performance of his or her duties within
2 the courthouses of the county in which he or she was elected. The
3 provisions of this paragraph shall not allow the elected county
4 official to carry the handgun into a courtroom;

5 5. The sheriff of any county may authorize certain employees of
6 the county, who possess a valid handgun license issued pursuant to
7 the provisions of the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act, to carry a
8 concealed handgun when acting in the course and scope of employment
9 within the courthouse in the county in which the person is employed.
10 Nothing in the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act shall prohibit the sheriff
11 from requiring additional instruction or training before granting
12 authorization to carry a concealed handgun within the courthouse.
13 The provisions of this paragraph and of paragraph 6 of this
14 subsection shall not allow the county employee to carry the handgun
15 into a courtroom, sheriff's office, adult or juvenile jail, or any
16 other prisoner detention area; ~~and~~

17 6. The board of county commissioners of any county may
18 authorize certain employees of the county, who possess a valid
19 handgun license issued pursuant to the provisions of the Oklahoma
20 Self-Defense Act, to carry a concealed handgun when acting in the
21 course and scope of employment on county annex facilities or grounds
22 surrounding the county courthouse- that fall within the jurisdiction
23 of the county employees; and

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1 7. Any municipal judge, who is in possession of a valid handgun
2 license issued pursuant to the provisions of the Oklahoma Self-
3 Defense Act, when acting in the course and scope of employment
4 within the courthouses of the municipality that are within the
5 jurisdiction of the municipal judge.

6 I. 1. A municipality may authorize certain employees or public
7 officials of the municipality, municipal public trust, or municipal
8 authority who possess a valid handgun license issued pursuant to the
9 provisions of the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act and who have
10 successfully completed any additional training or other
11 requirements, as established by ordinance or resolution, to carry a
12 concealed handgun when acting in the performance of his or her
13 official duties within municipal buildings that are within the
14 jurisdiction of the public official or municipal employee.

15 2. For the purposes of this subsection, a firearm may not be
16 present inside a firearm-prohibited location, which shall include:

17 a. any building or office space on municipally owned or
18 leased property designated as a firearm-prohibited
19 location by the municipality, municipal trust, or
20 municipal authority, and

21 b. any police department, courthouse, courtroom, prison,
22 jail, detention facility, or any facility used to
23 process, hold, or house arrested persons, prisoners,
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1 or persons alleged delinquent or adjudicated
2 delinquent.

3 3. Nothing in this section shall be construed as a mechanism to
4 allow municipal employees to carry a firearm as a duty or function
5 of their employment with the municipality, municipal trust, or
6 municipal authority.

7 4. A municipality may authorize the open carry of a firearm
8 inside a public building subject to policies established by the
9 municipality, municipal public trust, or municipal authority.

10 J. For the purposes of this section, "motor vehicle" means any
11 automobile, truck, minivan, ~~sports~~ sport 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. This act shall become effective November 1, 2025.

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