

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL 524

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to firearms; amending 21 O.S. 2021, Sections 1272, 1277, 1280.1, and 1290.24, as amended by Section 5, Chapter 160, O.S.L. 2023 (21 O.S. Supp. 2024, Section 1290.24), which relate to unlawful carry, possession of firearms on school property, and immunity; authorizing concealed carry by certain persons in certain locations; prohibiting certain liability; updating statutory language and references; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 21 O.S. 2021, Section 1272, is amended to read as follows:

Section 1272.

UNLAWFUL CARRY

A. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, it shall be unlawful for any person to carry upon or about his or her person, or in a purse or other container belonging to the person, any pistol, revolver, shotgun, or rifle, whether loaded or unloaded, or any blackjack, loaded cane, hand chain, metal knuckles, or any other

1 offensive weapon, whether such weapon ~~be~~ is concealed or
2 unconcealed~~;~~; except this section shall not prohibit:

3 1. The proper use of guns and knives for self-defense, hunting,
4 fishing, educational~~,~~, or recreational purposes;

5 2. The carrying or use of weapons in a manner otherwise
6 permitted by statute or authorized by the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act;

7 3. The carrying, possession~~,~~, and use of any weapon by a peace
8 officer or other person authorized by law to carry a weapon in the
9 performance of official duties and in compliance with the rules of
10 the employing agency;

11 4. The carrying or use of weapons in a courthouse by a district
12 judge, associate district judge~~,~~, or special district judge within
13 this state, who is in possession of a valid handgun license issued
14 pursuant to the provisions of the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act and
15 whose name appears on a list maintained by the Administrative
16 Director of the Courts;

17 5. The carrying and use of firearms and other weapons provided
18 in this subsection when used for the purpose of living history
19 reenactment. For purposes of this paragraph, "living history
20 reenactment" means depiction of historical characters, scenes,
21 historical life~~,~~, or events for entertainment, education, or
22 historical documentation through the wearing or use of period,
23 historical, antique~~,~~, or vintage clothing, accessories, firearms,
24 weapons, and other implements of the historical period; ~~or~~

1 6. The transporting by vehicle on a public roadway or the
2 carrying of a firearm, concealed or unconcealed, loaded or unloaded,
3 by a person who is twenty-one (21) years of age or older or by a
4 person who is eighteen (18) years of age but not yet twenty-one (21)
5 years of age and the person is a member or veteran of the United
6 States Armed Forces, Reserves, or National Guard or was discharged
7 under honorable conditions from the United States Armed Forces,
8 Reserves, or National Guard, and the person is otherwise not
9 disqualified from the possession or purchase of a firearm under
10 state or federal law and is not carrying the firearm in furtherance
11 of a crime; or

12 7. The concealed carrying of a handgun, by a person described
13 in paragraph 6 of this subsection, at a polling place during an
14 election being conducted by a state, county, or municipal election
15 board.

16 Except as provided in subsection B of Section 1283 of this
17 title, a person who has been convicted of any one of the following
18 offenses in this state or a violation of the equivalent law of
19 another state:

- 20 a. assault and battery pursuant to the provisions of
21 Section 644 of this title which caused serious
22 physical injury to the victim,
- 23 b. aggravated assault and battery pursuant to the
24 provisions of Section 646 of this title,

- c. assault and battery that qualifies as domestic abuse as defined in Section 644 of this title,
- d. stalking pursuant to the provisions of Section 1173 of this title,
- e. a violation of an order issued under the Protection from Domestic Abuse Act or a domestic abuse protection order issued by another state, or
- f. a violation relating to illegal drug use or possession under the provisions of the Uniform Controlled Dangerous Substances Act,

shall be prohibited from carrying a firearm under the provisions of this paragraph. Any person who carries a firearm in the manner provided for in this paragraph shall be prohibited from carrying the firearm into any of the places prohibited in subsection A of Section 1277 of this title or any other place currently prohibited by law. Nothing in this section shall modify or otherwise change where a person may legally carry a firearm.

B. Any person convicted of violating the foregoing provision shall be guilty of a misdemeanor punishable as provided in Section 1276 of this title.

SECTION 2. 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, state, or federal governmental
7 authority for the purpose of conducting business with the public;

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

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

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

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

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

21 7. Any property set aside by a county, city, town, public trust
22 with a county, city, or town as a beneficiary, or state governmental
23 authority for an event that is secured with ~~minimum security~~ minimum
24 security provisions. For purposes of this paragraph, a ~~minimum~~

1 ~~security~~ minimum security provision consists of a location that is
2 secured utilizing the following:

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

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

- 14 1. Any property set aside for the use or parking of any
15 vehicle, whether attended or unattended, by a city, town, county,
16 state, or federal governmental authority;
- 17 2. Any property set aside for the use or parking of any
18 vehicle, whether attended or unattended, which is open to the
19 public, or by any entity engaged in gambling authorized by law;
- 20 3. Any property adjacent to a structure, building, or office
21 space in which concealed or unconcealed weapons are prohibited by
22 the provisions of this section;
- 23 4. Any property designated by a city, town, county, or state
24 governmental authority as a park, recreational area, wildlife

1 refuge, wildlife management area, or fairgrounds; provided, nothing
2 in this paragraph shall be construed to authorize any entry by a
3 person in possession of a concealed or unconcealed firearm into any
4 structure, building, office space or event which is specifically
5 prohibited by the provisions of subsection A of this section;

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

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

19 7. Any polling place during an election being conducted by a
20 state, county, or municipal election board by any person described
21 in paragraph 6 of subsection A of Section 1272 of this title
22 provided the firearm is concealed.

23 Nothing contained in any provision of this subsection or
24 subsection C of this section shall be construed to authorize or

1 allow any person in control of any place described in subsection A
2 of this section to establish any policy or rule that has the effect
3 of prohibiting any person in lawful possession of a handgun license
4 or otherwise in lawful possession of a firearm from carrying or
5 possessing the firearm on the property described in this subsection.

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

21 D. ~~Notwithstanding paragraph 3 of subsection A of this section,~~
22 ~~a~~ A board of education of a school district may adopt a policy
23 pursuant to Section 5-149.2 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes to
24 authorize the carrying of a handgun onto school property by school

1 personnel specifically designated by the board of education,
2 provided such personnel either:

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

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

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

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

13 1. A public trust created pursuant to the provisions of Section
14 176 of Title 60 of the Oklahoma Statutes; or

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

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

1 be issued a citation for an amount not to exceed Two Hundred Fifty
2 Dollars (\$250.00).

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

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

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

20 4. ~~Elected officials~~ An elected official of a county, who ~~are~~
21 is in possession of a valid handgun license issued pursuant to the
22 provisions of the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act, may carry a concealed
23 handgun when acting in the performance of his or her duties within
24 the courthouses of the county in which he or she was elected. The

1 provisions of this paragraph shall not allow the elected county
2 official to carry the handgun into a courtroom;

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

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

21 I. For the purposes of this section, "motor vehicle" means any
22 automobile, truck, minivan, ~~sports~~ sport utility vehicle, or
23 motorcycle, as defined in Section 1-135 of Title 47 of the Oklahoma
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1 Statutes, equipped with a locked accessory container within or
2 affixed to the motorcycle.

3 SECTION 3. AMENDATORY 21 O.S. 2021, Section 1280.1, is
4 amended to read as follows:

5 Section 1280.1.

6 POSSESSION OF FIREARM ON SCHOOL PROPERTY

7 A. It shall be unlawful for any person to have in his or her
8 possession on any public or private school property or while in any
9 school bus or vehicle used by any school for transportation of
10 students or teachers any firearm or weapon designated in Section
11 1272 of this title, except as provided in subsection C of this
12 section or as otherwise authorized by law.

13 B. For purposes of this section:

14 1. "School property" means any publicly owned property held for
15 purposes of elementary, secondary, or vocational-technical
16 education, and shall not include property owned by public school
17 districts or where such property is leased or rented to an
18 individual or corporation and used for purposes other than
19 educational;

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

1 3. "Motor vehicle" means any automobile, truck, minivan, or
2 ~~sports~~ sport utility vehicle.

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

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

11 2. A gun or knife used for the purposes of participating in the
12 Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation certified hunter
13 training education course or any other hunting, fishing, safety, or
14 firearms training courses, or a recognized firearms sports event,
15 team shooting program or competition, or living history reenactment,
16 provided the course or event is approved by the principal or chief
17 administrator of the school where the course or event is offered,
18 and provided the weapon is properly displayed or stored as required
19 by law pending participation in the course, event, program, or
20 competition;

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

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

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

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

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

11 a. possess a valid armed security guard license as
12 provided for in ~~Section 1750.1 et seq. of Title 59 of~~
13 ~~the Oklahoma Statutes~~ the Oklahoma Security Guard and
14 Private Investigator Act, or

15 b. hold a valid reserve peace officer certification as
16 provided for in Section 3311 of Title 70 of the
17 Oklahoma Statutes,

18 if a policy has been adopted by the board of education of the school
19 district that authorizes the carrying of a handgun onto public
20 school property by such personnel; and

21 8. The carry of a concealed handgun by a person described in
22 paragraph 6 of subsection A of Section 1272 of this title at any
23 polling location on school property during an election being
24 conducted by a state, county, or municipal election board.

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

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

6 SECTION 4. AMENDATORY 21 O.S. 2021, Section 1290.24, as
7 amended by Section 5, Chapter 160, O.S.L. 2023 (21 O.S. Supp. 2024,
8 Section 1290.24), is amended to read as follows:

9 Section 1290.24.

10 IMMUNITY

11 A. The state or any political subdivision of ~~the state~~ this
12 state, as defined in Section 152 of Title 51 of the Oklahoma
13 Statutes, and its officers, agents, and employees shall be immune
14 from and not subject to liability resulting or arising from:

15 1. Failure to prevent the licensing of an individual for whom
16 the receipt of the license is unlawful pursuant to the provisions of
17 the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act or any other provision of law of this
18 state;

19 2. Any action or misconduct with a firearm committed by a
20 person pursuant to the provisions of the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act
21 or by any person who obtains a firearm;

22 3. Any injury to any person during a firearm training course
23 conducted by a firearms instructor certified by the Council on Law
24 Enforcement Education and Training to conduct training under the

1 Oklahoma Self-Defense Act, or injury from any misfire or malfunction
2 of any firearm on a training course firing range supervised by a
3 certified firearms instructor under the provisions of the Oklahoma
4 Self-Defense Act, or any injury resulting from carrying a concealed
5 or unconcealed firearm pursuant to any firearms training; ~~and~~

6 4. Any action or finding pursuant to a hearing conducted in
7 accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act as required in the
8 Oklahoma Self-Defense Act; and

9 5. Any action or misconduct with a firearm committed by a
10 person at a polling location during an election conducted by a
11 state, county, or municipal election board.

12 B. Firearms instructors certified by the Council on Law
13 Enforcement Education and Training to conduct training for the
14 Oklahoma Self-Defense Act shall be immune from and not subject to
15 liability to third persons resulting or arising from any claim based
16 on an act or omission of a trainee.

17 C. The provisions of this subsection shall not apply to claims
18 pursuant to the Administrative Workers' Compensation Act.

19 SECTION 5. This act shall become effective November 1, 2025.

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