

Gutierrez Gun Safety Legislation

Age Limit Increase [SB 145]

- Increases the age limit to purchase firearms from 18 to 21.

Ammunition Purchasing Requirements [S.B. 914]

- Requires identification for the purchase of ammunition and makes it a Class A misdemeanor to knowingly sell ammunition to any person younger than 18 years of age.

Bulk Ammunition Database [S.B. 911]

- Creates a bulk ammunition database, requiring all persons selling ammunition in quantities greater than 200 rounds to register with the database and provide information regarding the date of purchase, type of ammunition, and identity of the purchaser.
- Requires all purchasers of 200 rounds or more of ammunition to undergo a background check prior to the completion of the sale.

High Risk Protective Orders [SB 144]

- Establishes HRPOs as a civil service that empowers law enforcement to remove firearms from individuals that are at risk of harming themselves and/or others.
- Firearm removal is temporary and will be given back to the owner once the crisis period has passed.

Law Enforcement Radio Interoperability and Training [S.B. 738]

- Prevents future breakdowns in communication like those that occurred during the Robb massacre where 19 schoolchildren and 2 teachers were murdered.
- Establishes a robust mass shooting response training for all public safety entities to improve the response times to future incidents.

End Qualified Immunity [S.B. 575]

- This bill would end qualified immunity for peace officers employed by local governments or the State, allowing individuals harmed by the officers actions, or failure to act, to hold those officers liable for damages and/or the violation of their rights.
- Court shall award plaintiffs reasonable attorney fees and costs if prevalent.

Sue the State [S.C.R. 12]

- This resolution empowers any student or teacher injured or killed during the massacre at Robb Elementary to sue the State of Texas and any of its agencies.

- This failure of 91 DPS troopers and their leadership to respond likely resulted in avoidable death and injury that would not have occurred if law enforcement had followed protocol established in the State's mandatory mass shooting response training.

Safe Storage Requirements [S.B. 912]

- Amends language in the Texas Penal Code to expand safe storage requirements for firearms.
- Requires that all firearms be properly secured, not just those deemed to be accessible to children.
- Violations result in a Class A misdemeanor.

Liability Insurance for Firearms [S.B. 913]

- Requires every firearm owner to maintain liability insurance for property damage, bodily injury, or death that occurs with their firearm.
- Exceptions for members of the U.S. Armed Forces and peace officers while on duty.
- This legislation would require firearm owners to maintain liability insurance of at least:
 - \$50,000 for instances of property damage
 - \$100,000 per occurrence of injury or death of a person
 - \$300,000 per occurrence of injury or death to two or more people
- Firearm owners must provide proof of insurance upon request by law enforcement officials. Failure to comply or falsification of insurance will result in additional fines ranging from \$100 to \$1,000; and \$1,000 to \$10,000 respectively.

Texas School Patrol [S.B. 737]

- Establishes the Texas School Patrol, a law enforcement unit consisting of the chief school patrol officer and a number of captains, sergeants, and privates authorized by the Legislature.
- School patrol units will have at least one officer present at each campus of every public school and higher education facility in the State of Texas.
- The Texas School Patrol will coordinate with local law enforcement officials concerning emergency response to mass shooting events at Texas education facilities to improve future response time and efficacy.

Replacing Confederate Monuments with Mass Shooting Memorial Monuments [S.C.R. 15]

- Honors the victims and survivors of mass gun violence with a memorial on the South grounds of the Capitol.
- Replaces the Confederate Soldiers Monument that currently sits on South grounds of the Capitol, relocating it to the Austin State Cemetery.

Repeal the Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act (PLCAA) [S.C.R. 11]

- This resolution will urge the Congress of the United States to repeal the Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act, which shields gun manufacturers and distributors from liability related to crimes or violence committed with their products despite reckless and inflammatory advertising.
- Upon passage, the Texas Secretary of State will forward official copies of this resolution to President Biden, House Speaker McCarthy, and to all members of the U.S. Congress representing the State of Texas.

School Violence Victims' Compensation Act [S.B. 574]

- This bill will create a permanent compensation fund for the victims of school gun violence, allow additional relief to reach Texas families impacted by school shootings, like those of Santa Fe High School and Robb Elementary School.
- The State Comptroller will award the victim or their surviving family members:
 - \$1,000,000 per deceased victim
 - \$250,000 per serious physical injury
 - \$100,000 for mental or emotional disabilities caused by the incident, and
 - \$50,000 per physically injured victim.
- Establishes a tax imposed on every retail sale of firearms and ammunition sold within the State. Revenue collected will be deposited into the State's School Violence Victim's Compensation Fund.

Uvalde Victims' Compensation Fund [SB 146]

- \$300 million fund established by the State of Texas to compensate Uvalde victims and families for DPS negligence.
- Waives sovereign immunity for the State of Texas and qualified immunity for state and local law enforcement individuals & entities that were present at Robb Elementary on May 24, 2022.

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Ban on Expanding Bullets [S.B. 1737]

- Makes expanding bullets and fragmenting bullets illegal.

Closing Gun Show Loopholes [S.B. 1736]

- Requires that gun show vendors and promoters conduct background checks before completing the sale of any firearm.
- Exceptions for firearm sales to peace officers and those who are licensed to carry.
- Gun show vendors must maintain sales records.
- Promoters must provide notice of the gun show to local law enforcement one month in advance.

Gun Storage & Safety [S.B. 1740]

- Firearms or ammo stored in a vehicle must be in a locking container hidden from plain sight.
- Storing unsecured firearms or ammunition in an unattended car or boat will be a misdemeanor.
- Requires sign postings for firearm dealers.

Automatic Suspension of Law Enforcement Involved in the Shooting of a Child [S.B. 1738]

- Any law enforcement officer in a child-involved shooting will be immediately placed under administrative leave/suspension.
- Triggers an automatic independent law enforcement investigation.
- The officer may be terminated, suspended, or disciplined if use of force was unjustified or the officer failed to intervene to prevent the death of a child.

Life Without Parole for School Shooters [S.B. 1739]

- Those convicted of murdering students or employees at schools will face life without parole.