

1-1 By: Middleton S.B. No. 1524
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed February 21, 2025; March 6, 2025,
1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Health & Human
1-4 Services; April 14, 2025, reported favorably by the following
1-5 vote: Yeas 6, Nays 3; April 14, 2025, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

1-7		Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-8	Kolkhorst	X			
1-9	Perry	X			
1-10	Blanco		X		
1-11	Cook		X		
1-12	Hall	X			
1-13	Hancock	X			
1-14	Hughes	X			
1-15	Miles		X		
1-16	Sparks	X			

1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to the collection and confidentiality of information
1-20 regarding weapons in agency foster homes; creating a civil penalty.

1-21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-22 SECTION 1. Section 42.042, Human Resources Code, is amended
1-23 by adding Subsections (e-6), (e-7), (e-8), and (e-9) to read as
1-24 follows:

1-25 (e-6) The commission, the department, and a child-placing
1-26 agency that contracts with the department may not require an agency
1-27 foster home to:

1-28 (1) disclose the specific types of weapons, including
1-29 firearms, that are present in the home; or

1-30 (2) notify the child-placing agency if there is any
1-31 change in the types of weapons, including firearms, that are
1-32 present in the home.

1-33 (e-7) If the commission, the department, or a child-placing
1-34 agency that contracts with the department has or obtains
1-35 information relating to the types of weapons, including firearms,
1-36 that are present in an agency foster home, the commission,
1-37 department, or child-placing agency may not use that information
1-38 for any purpose other than determining whether there are weapons
1-39 present in the home.

1-40 (e-8) A child-placing agency that violates Subsection (e-7)
1-41 is liable to the state for a civil penalty in an amount not to exceed
1-42 \$5,000 for each violation. The attorney general may bring an action
1-43 to recover a civil penalty authorized under this subsection.

1-44 (e-9) Information relating to the types of weapons,
1-45 including firearms, that are present in an agency foster home is
1-46 confidential and is not subject to disclosure under Chapter 552,
1-47 Government Code.

1-48 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

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