Letter to the Editor

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Recently, the Texas House Homeland Security and Public Safety Committee voted to approve H.B. 1911, a bill that would allow Texans to carry a firearm without a permit. This bill can only be described as dangerous and financially irresponsible. Since 1995 the State of Texas has required every person who wants to carry a handgun to go through a background check and complete training. With gun deaths on the rise, how do legislators decide these requirements are no longer necessary?

Since there is no front-end agency oversight, it means that people such as felons and domestic abusers, who can easily obtain a gun without a background check through a private seller, will have the opportunity to openly carry in public. State Rep. Phil King, R-Weatherford, the committee’s chairman and a former police officer, said he had “grave concerns” about the proposal, adding that lawmakers needed to ensure the bill wouldn’t affect law enforcement’s ability to do their job. But it will, and law enforcement is opposed.

This bill should never reach the Governor’s desk. Texans, please speak out to oppose HB 1911 to ensure we protect the safety of ALL Texans.

Sincerely,