

**FIVE YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF PARKLAND SCHOOL SHOOTING: REP. ANCHÍA FILES
BILLS TO ADDRESS THE GUN VIOLENCE EPIDEMIC**

AUSTIN, TX — Today, State Representative Rafael Anchía (D-Dallas) filed a legislative package to improve public safety across Texas.

Today marks the five year anniversary of when a gunman killed seventeen students and teachers in Parkland, Florida. Unfortunately, this massacre was not an isolated incident in the United States. Over the past nine months, nineteen children and two educators in Uvalde, Texas were shot to death in an elementary school, and two nurses aiding patients in the maternity ward were gunned down at Methodist Hospital in Dallas. Most recently, at least three people were killed in a mass shooting at Michigan State University.

“We must take decisive action against the public health crisis of gun violence in Texas. Hospitals, schools, and churches should be safe havens for our families, and legislative solutions are long overdue,” said Rep. Anchía.

- **HB 2275, *raises the age of purchase for an assault weapon to 21*** and outlaws the selling of an assault weapon to a person younger than 21 years of age.
- **HB 2276, closes the *gun show loophole***, ending the sale of firearms without a background check or record maintenance of buyers.
- **HB 2277, bans the activity of *straw purchasing***, establishing a criminal penalty for unlawful purchases of firearms for another individual.
- **HB 2278, gives land that is owned or leased by a governmental entity the same ability as government buildings to establish their own rules and regulations regarding *open carry*.**
- **HB 2281, permits municipalities with a population larger than 500,000 people to opt out of *open carry* laws.**
- **HB 2279, *broadens the areas where carrying firearms are prohibited*** in educational institutions and certain recreational facilities, such as a museum, zoo, theater, stadium, botanical garden, civic center, convention center, and other locations.
- **HB 2280, allows public institutions of higher education to have the same *discretion to regulate campus carry*** that private institutions are afforded.

On average, almost 13,000 Texans are killed or wounded by gun violence every year, and it is the number one cause of death for children in the United States.

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