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Bill Analysis

SB 1779 authorizes first responders who possess a valid handgun license to carry a firearm in the course and scope of their employment. Such first responders may openly carry firearms onto school property. The measure authorizes political subdivisions to enter into agreements with tribal authorities to carry firearms on tribal land. Any intergovernmental cooperative agreement entered into between a political subdivision and a federally recognized tribe related to first responder services shall be agreed upon before a first responder carries, possesses, or uses a firearm on such tribal land. The measure clarifies that volunteer first responders shall not be authorized to carry firearms in the course of their duties.

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