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SENATE BILL 159

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For An Act To Be Entitled

10 AN ACT TO PERMIT A COUNTY EMPLOYEE WHO WORKS IN THE
11 COURTHOUSE AND WHO IS ALSO A CONCEALED CARRY LICENSEE
12 TO CARRY A CONCEALED HANDGUN IN A COUNTY COURTHOUSE;
13 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

16 TO PERMIT A COUNTY EMPLOYEE WHO WORKS IN
17 THE COURTHOUSE AND WHO IS ALSO A
18 CONCEALED CARRY LICENSEE TO CARRY A
19 CONCEALED HANDGUN IN A COUNTY COURTHOUSE.
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23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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25 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 5-73-122(a)(1), concerning carrying a
26 firearm in a publicly owned building or facility, is amended to read as
27 follows:

28 (a)(1) Except as provided in § 5-73-322 or § 5-73-306(5), it is
29 unlawful for any person other than a law enforcement officer or a security
30 guard in the employ of the state or an agency of the state, or any city or
31 county, or any state or federal military personnel, to knowingly carry or
32 possess a loaded firearm or other deadly weapon in any publicly owned
33 building or facility or on the State Capitol grounds.
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35 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 5-73-306(5), concerning the prohibition
36 against carrying a concealed handgun in a courthouse, is amended to read as



1 follows:

2 (5)(A) Any courthouse, courthouse annex or other building owned,
3 leased, or regularly used by a county for conducting court proceedings or
4 housing a county office unless:

5 (i) The licensee is either:

6 (a) Employed by the county; or

7 (b) A countywide elected official; and

8 (ii) The licensee's principal place of employment is
9 within the courthouse, the courthouse annex or other building owned, leased,
10 or regularly used by the county for conducting court proceedings or housing a
11 county office.

12 (B) The quorum court by ordinance may approve a plan that
13 allows licensees permitted under this subdivision (5) to carry a concealed
14 handgun into the courthouse as set out by the local security and emergency
15 preparedness plan;

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/s/Collins-Smith

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