

2018 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 332

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WEAPONS/HANDGUNS: Provide relative to the carrying of a concealed weapon into a school, school campus, or a school bus

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 40:1379.3(N)(11) and to enact R.S. 40:1379.3(X), relative to
3 statewide permits for concealed handguns; to provide relative to the prohibition on
4 carrying of a concealed handgun into a school, school campus, or a school bus; to
5 authorize certain persons to carry a concealed handgun into a school, school campus,
6 or a school bus under certain circumstances; to provide relative to school board
7 liability; and to provide for related matters.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. R.S. 40:1379.3(N)(11) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S.
10 40:1379.3(X) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

11 §1379.3. Statewide permits for concealed handguns; application procedures;
12 definitions

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14 N. No concealed handgun may be carried into and no concealed handgun
15 permit issued pursuant to this Section shall authorize or entitle a permittee to carry
16 a concealed handgun in any of the following:

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18 (11) Any school, school campus, or school bus as defined in R.S. 14:95.6,
19 except as provided for in Subsection X of this Section.

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1 X.(1) An employee of a school who has a valid concealed handgun permit
2 issued pursuant to the provisions of this Section may be authorized to carry a
3 concealed handgun into a school, school campus, or on a school bus only under the
4 following circumstances:

5 (a)(i) Except as provided in Subparagraph (ii) of this Paragraph, the school
6 board for the district in which the school is located authorizes the employee to carry
7 a concealed handgun into the school, school campus, or a school bus.

8 (ii) If the employee is employed at a school that is not governed by the
9 school board for the district in which the school is located, the entity which has
10 authority over the administration of the school authorizes the employee to carry a
11 concealed handgun into the school, school campus, or a school bus.

12 (b) The employee shall only be authorized to carry a concealed handgun into
13 the school, school campus, or a school bus for the school with which he is employed.

14 (c) The employee shall be required to and shall annually complete an eight-
15 hour tactical training in addition to any training required by the provisions of this
16 Section.

17 (2) The provisions of this Subsection shall not be construed to limit or
18 prohibit any school from employing armed security guards who are either certified
19 law enforcement officers or who are authorized to carry concealed handguns
20 pursuant to the provisions of this Section.

21 (3) If the employee is authorized to carry a concealed handgun as authorized
22 by the provisions of this Subsection, the principal of the school shall inform the
23 parents of all students at the school of the authorization.

24 (4) There shall be no cause of action against a school board, through
25 vicarious liability or otherwise, for injury related to any person possessing or
26 discharging a firearm which is on school board property in accordance with this
27 Section.

DIGEST

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Pope

Abstract: Authorizes an employee of a school who has a valid concealed handgun permit to carry a concealed handgun into a school, school campus, or a school bus under certain circumstances.

Present law provides for the issuance of a concealed handgun permit for a person who meets certain eligibility and training requirements.

Present law provides that a concealed handgun permit does not authorize nor entitle the permit holder to carry a concealed handgun in certain places, including into a school, school campus, or a school bus.

Proposed law amends present law to authorize an employee of a school who has a valid concealed handgun permit to carry a concealed handgun into a school, school campus, or on a school bus only under the following circumstances:

- (1) The school board for the district in which the school is located, or the entity which has authority over the administration of the school where the employee is employed, authorizes the employee to carry a concealed handgun into the school, school campus, or a school bus.
- (2) The employee shall only be authorized to carry a concealed handgun into the school, school campus, or a school bus for the school with which he is employed.
- (3) The employee shall be required to and shall annually complete an eight-hour tactical training in addition to any training required by present law.

Proposed law provides that it does not limit nor prohibit any school from employing armed security guards who are either certified law enforcement officers or who are authorized to carry concealed handguns pursuant to the provisions of present law.

If the employee is authorized to carry a concealed handgun pursuant to the provisions of proposed law, the principal of the school shall inform the parents of all students at the school of the authorization.

Proposed law provides there shall be no cause of action against a school board, through vicarious liability or otherwise, for injury related to any person possessing or discharging a firearm which is on school board property in accordance with proposed law.

(Amends R.S. 40:1379.3(N)(11); Adds R.S. 40:1379.3(X))