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# H. R. 1501

To allow certain off-duty law enforcement officers and retired law enforcement officers to carry a concealed firearm to protect children in a school zone.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 5, 2019

Mrs. HARTZLER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Police Officers Pro-  
5 tecting Children Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. CERTAIN OFF-DUTY LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS**  
2 **AND RETIRED LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS**  
3 **ALLOWED TO CARRY A CONCEALED FIRE-**  
4 **ARM, AND DISCHARGE A FIREARM, IN A**  
5 **SCHOOL ZONE.**

6 Section 922(q) of title 18, United States Code, is  
7 amended—

8 (1) in paragraph (2)(B)—

9 (A) by striking “or” at the end of clause  
10 (vi); and

11 (B) by redesignating clause (vii) as clause  
12 (ix) and inserting after clause (vi) the following:

13 “(vii) by an off-duty law enforcement offi-  
14 cer who is a qualified law enforcement officer  
15 (as defined in section 926B) and is authorized  
16 under such section to carry a concealed firearm,  
17 if the firearm is concealed;

18 “(viii) by a qualified retired law enforce-  
19 ment officer (as defined in section 926C) who  
20 is authorized under such section to carry a con-  
21 cealed firearm, if the firearm is concealed; or”;  
22 and

23 (2) in paragraph (3)(B)—

24 (A) by striking “or” at the end of clause  
25 (iii);

1 (B) by striking the period at the end of  
2 clause (iv) and inserting a semicolon; and

3 (C) by adding at the end the following:

4 “(v) by an off-duty law enforcement officer  
5 who is a qualified law enforcement officer (as  
6 defined in section 926B) and is authorized  
7 under such section to carry a concealed firearm;  
8 or

9 “(vi) by a qualified retired law enforcement  
10 officer (as defined in section 926C) who is au-  
11 thorized under such section to carry a concealed  
12 firearm.”.

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