

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0194

School safety and security.

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Winters and Senator(s) Barnard, Coe,
Dockstader and Hicks

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to school safety and security; allowing
2 possession of firearms by school district employees on
3 school property; providing rulemaking authority to school
4 districts; making conforming amendments; and providing for
5 an effective date.

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7 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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9 **Section 1.** W.S. 21-3-132 is created to read:

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11 **21-3-132. Possession of firearms on school property.**

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13 (a) The board of trustees in each school district may
14 adopt rules and regulations to allow the possession of

1 firearms by employees possessing a valid concealed carry
2 permit under W.S. 6-8-104 on or in any property or facility
3 owned or leased by the school district. Employees of a
4 school district who hold a valid concealed carry permit
5 issued under W.S. 6-8-104 may carry a concealed firearm on
6 or into any facility of the school district, provided the
7 employing school district has adopted rules and regulations
8 that allow possession of firearms on school property and
9 the employee has received approval by the board of trustees
10 as required by this section.

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12 (b) For purposes of this section, "employee" means
13 any person employed under contract with the board of
14 trustees of a school district, including but not limited
15 to, superintendents, assistant superintendents, principals,
16 assistant principals, teachers, guidance counselors,
17 librarians, teacher's aids, coaches, business managers,
18 secretaries or administrative assistants, janitors, bus
19 drivers, volunteers or other employees on contract with a
20 school district.

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22 (c) The rules required by subsection (a) of this
23 section shall at a minimum:

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2 (i) Establish an application and approval
3 process for employees possessing a valid concealed carry
4 permit under W.S. 6-8-104 to carry a firearm on school
5 property;

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7 (ii) Require any person carrying a firearm
8 pursuant to this section to maintain the firearm on his
9 person at all times or in a concealed biometric container
10 or lock box within the direct control of the individual at
11 all times;

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13 (iii) Require the board of trustees to maintain
14 a list of the location and names of all employees who
15 receive permission to carry firearms from the district's
16 board of trustees in accordance with this section.

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18 (d) The superintendent of the district shall notify
19 the parents and guardians of students attending school in
20 the district of the ability of employees to carry firearms
21 and the rules and regulations governing possession.

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1 (e) The superintendent of the district shall notify
2 all law enforcement agencies with jurisdiction over the
3 area of the location and names of all employees who receive
4 permission to carry firearms from the district's board of
5 trustees.

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7 (f) Nothing in this section shall authorize school
8 district personnel to carry a firearm, concealed or
9 otherwise, on or into any facility or other school district
10 property without the express approval of the board of
11 trustees and notification of parties as required by this
12 section.

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14 (g) Nothing in this section shall authorize a student
15 of a school district to carry a firearm, concealed or
16 otherwise, on or into any facility of a school district.

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18 **Section 2.** W.S. 6-8-104(t)(vi) and (ix) and
19 6-8-401(c) are amended to read:

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21 **6-8-104. Wearing or carrying concealed weapons;**
22 **penalties; exceptions; permits.**

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1 (t) No person authorized to carry a concealed weapon
2 pursuant to paragraphs (a)(ii) through (iv) of this section
3 shall carry a concealed firearm into:
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5 (vi) Any school, college or professional
6 athletic event not related to firearms, except as provided
7 in W.S. 21-3-132;
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9 (ix) Any elementary or secondary school
10 facility, except as provided in W.S. 21-3-132;
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12 **6-8-401. Firearm, weapon and ammunition regulation**
13 **and prohibition by state.**
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15 (c) The sale, transfer, purchase, delivery, taxation,
16 manufacture, ownership, transportation, storage, use and
17 possession of firearms, weapons and ammunition shall be
18 authorized, regulated and prohibited by the state, and
19 regulation thereof is preempted by the state. Except as
20 authorized by W.S. 15-1-103(a)(xviii) and 21-3-132, no
21 city, town, county, political subdivision or any other
22 entity shall authorize, regulate or prohibit the sale,
23 transfer, purchase, delivery, taxation, manufacture,

1 ownership, transportation, storage, use, carrying or
2 possession of firearms, weapons, accessories, components or
3 ammunition except as specifically provided by this chapter.
4 This section shall not affect zoning or other ordinances
5 which encompass firearms businesses along with other
6 businesses. Zoning and other ordinances which are designed
7 for the purpose of restricting or prohibiting the sale,
8 purchase, transfer or manufacture of firearms or ammunition
9 as a method of regulating firearms or ammunition are in
10 conflict with this section and are prohibited.

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12 **Section 3.** This act is effective July 1, 2017.

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