HB 3127 - H AMD 783 By Representative Nixon

WITHDRAWN 2/14/2006

Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
 following:

3 "Sec. 1. RCW 9.41.280 and 1999 c 167 s 1 are each amended to 4 read as follows:

5 (1) It is unlawful for a person to carry onto, or to possess 6 on, public or private elementary or secondary school premises, 7 school-provided transportation, or areas of facilities while being 8 used exclusively by public or private schools:

9 (a) Any firearm;

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(b) Any other dangerous weapon as defined in RCW 9.41.250;

(c) Any device commonly known as "nun-chu-ka sticks", consisting of two or more lengths of wood, metal, plastic, or similar substance connected with wire, rope, or other means;

14 (d) Any device, commonly known as "throwing stars", which are 15 multi-pointed, metal objects designed to embed upon impact from any 16 aspect; or

(e) Any air gun, including any air pistol or air rifle,
designed to propel a BB, pellet, or other projectile by the
discharge of compressed air, carbon dioxide, or other gas.

20 (2) Any such person violating subsection (1) of this section is 21 guilty of a gross misdemeanor. If any person is convicted of a 22 violation of subsection (1)(a) of this section, the person shall 23 have his or her concealed pistol license, if any revoked for a period of three years. Anyone convicted under this subsection is 24 25 prohibited from applying for a concealed pistol license for a 26 period of three years. The court shall send notice of the 27 revocation to the department of licensing, and the city, town, or 28 county which issued the license.

Any violation of subsection (1) of this section by elementary or secondary school students constitutes grounds for expulsion from the state's public schools in accordance with RCW 28A.600.010. An appropriate school authority shall promptly notify law enforcement
 and the student's parent or guardian regarding any allegation or
 indication of such violation.

Upon the arrest of a person at least twelve years of age and 4 5 not more than twenty-one years of age for violating subsection 6 (1)(a) of this section, the person shall be detained or confined in 7 a juvenile or adult facility for up to seventy-two hours. The person shall not be released within the seventy-two hours until 8 9 after the person has been examined and evaluated by the *countydesignated mental health professional unless the court in its 10 11 discretion releases the person sooner after a determination 12 regarding probable cause or on probation bond or bail.

13 Within twenty-four hours of the arrest, the arresting law enforcement agency shall refer the person to the *county-designated 14 mental health professional for examination and evaluation under 15 chapter 71.05 or 71.34 RCW and inform a parent or quardian of the 16 person of the arrest, detention, and examination. The *county-17 designated mental health professional shall examine and evaluate 18 the person subject to the provisions of chapter 71.05 or 71.34 RCW. 19 20 The examination shall occur at the facility in which the person is 21 detained or confined. If the person has been released on probation, bond, or bail, the examination shall occur wherever is 22 23 appropriate.

24 The *county-designated mental health professional may determine whether to refer the person to the county-designated chemical 25 26 dependency specialist for examination and evaluation in accordance 27 with chapter 70.96A RCW. The county-designated chemical dependency specialist shall examine the person subject to the provisions of 28 29 chapter 70.96A RCW. The examination shall occur at the facility in which the person is detained or confined. If the person has been 30 31 released on probation, bond, or bail, the examination shall occur wherever is appropriate. 32

33 Upon completion of any examination by the *county-designated 34 mental health professional or the county-designated chemical 35 dependency specialist, the results of the examination shall be sent 36 to the court, and the court shall consider those results in making 37 any determination about the person.

38 The *county-designated mental health professional and county-39 designated chemical dependency specialist shall, to the extent permitted by law, notify a parent or guardian of the person that an examination and evaluation has taken place and the results of the examination. Nothing in this subsection prohibits the delivery of additional, appropriate mental health examinations to the person while the person is detained or confined.

б If the *county-designated mental health professional determines 7 *county-designated it is appropriate, the mental health professional may refer the person to the local regional support 8 network for follow-up services or the department of social and 9 health services or other community providers for other services to 10 11 the family and individual.

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(3) Subsection (1) of this section does not apply to:

(a) Any student or employee of a private military academy whenon the property of the academy;

(b) Any person engaged in military, law enforcement, or schooldistrict security activities;

(c) Any person who is involved in a convention, showing, demonstration, lecture, or firearms safety course authorized by school authorities in which the firearms of collectors or instructors are handled or displayed;

(d) Any person while the person is participating in a firearms
or air gun competition approved by the school or school district;

(e) Any person in possession of a pistol who has been issued a license under RCW 9.41.070, or is exempt from the licensing requirement by RCW 9.41.060, while picking up or dropping off a student;

(f) Any nonstudent at least eighteen years of age legally in possession of a firearm or dangerous weapon that is secured within an attended vehicle or concealed from view within a locked unattended vehicle while conducting legitimate business at the school;

32 (g) Any nonstudent at least eighteen years of age who is in 33 lawful possession of an unloaded firearm, secured in a vehicle 34 while conducting legitimate business at the school; ((or))

35 (h) Any law enforcement officer of the federal, state, or local 36 government agency((-));

37 (i) Any teacher, administrator, or other employee of a public
 38 school or state institution of higher education in possession of a
 39 pistol who has been issued a license under RCW 9.41.070, or is

1 <u>exempt from the licensing requirement by RCW 9.41.060, while on the</u> 2 <u>premises of the school campus or in the school building or</u> 3 <u>buildings at which they are employed. This exemption may not be</u> 4 <u>infringed or waived by any local school district or institutional</u> 5 <u>rule or policy.</u>

6 (4) Subsections (1)(c) and (d) of this section do not apply to 7 any person who possesses nun-chu-ka sticks, throwing stars, or 8 other dangerous weapons to be used in martial arts classes 9 authorized to be conducted on the school premises.

10 (5) Except as provided in subsection (3)(b), (c), (f), ((and)) 11 (h) and (i) of this section, firearms are not permitted in a public 12 or private school building.

13 (6) "GUN-FREE ZONE" signs shall be posted around school 14 facilities giving warning of the prohibition of the possession of 15 firearms on school grounds.

16 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 2. A new section is added to chapter 17 28A.400 RCW to read as follows:

No school district may adopt any rule or policy which infringes 18 the right of any teacher, administrator, or other employee of a 19 20 public school who has been issued a license under RCW 9.41.070, or 21 is exempt from the licensing requirement by RCW 9.41.060, to 22 possess a pistol while on the premises of the school campus or in 23 the school building or buildings at which they are employed. Any policy adopted or waiver of this right signed prior to the 24 25 effective date of this act is null and void and shall not be 26 enforced.

27 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 3. A new section is added to chapter 28B.10
 28 RCW to read as follows:

29 No state institution of higher education may adopt any rule or policy which infringes the right of any teacher, administrator, or 30 31 other employee of a public school who has been issued a license under RCW 9.41.070, or is exempt from the licensing requirement by 32 33 RCW 9.41.060, to possess a pistol while on the premises of the 34 school campus or in the school building or buildings at which they 35 are employed. Any policy adopted or waiver of this right signed prior to the effective date of this act is null and void and shall 36 not be enforced." 37

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EFFECT: Strikes all existing provisions. Permits teachers, administrators, and other employees of a public school or state institution of higher education who have a valid concealed weapons permit to carry a pistol on school grounds and in school buildings. Precludes school districts and state institutions of higher education from adopting rules or policies that infringe on the right of any such teacher, administrator, or other employee to carry a pistol.