
HOUSE BILL 1433

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1 AN ACT Relating to conforming Washington state's school zones law
2 to the federal gun-free school zones law; amending RCW 9.41.280 and
3 9.41.280; creating a new section; providing an effective date; and
4 providing an expiration date.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** In 1990, President William Jefferson
7 Clinton signed the gun-free school zones act, 18 U.S.C. Sec. 922(q),
8 to increase the safety of students, teachers, and staff. It is the
9 intent of the legislature to bring our state's school zones law into
10 closer conformity with the federal gun-free school zones act as
11 codified on the date of introduction of this act.

12 **Sec. 2.** RCW 9.41.280 and 2009 c 453 s 1 are each amended to read
13 as follows:

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

18 (a) Any firearm;

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

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

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

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

10 (f)(i) Any portable device manufactured to function as a weapon
11 and which is commonly known as a stun gun, including a projectile
12 stun gun which projects wired probes that are attached to the device
13 that emit an electrical charge designed to administer to a person or
14 an animal an electric shock, charge, or impulse; or

15 (ii) Any device, object, or instrument which is used or intended
16 to be used as a weapon with the intent to injure a person by an
17 electric shock, charge, or impulse.

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

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

33 Upon the arrest of a person at least twelve years of age and not
34 more than twenty-one years of age for violating subsection (1)(a) of
35 this section, the person shall be detained or confined in a juvenile
36 or adult facility for up to seventy-two hours. The person shall not
37 be released within the seventy-two hours until after the person has
38 been examined and evaluated by the designated mental health
39 professional unless the court in its discretion releases the person

1 sooner after a determination regarding probable cause or on probation
2 bond or bail.

3 Within twenty-four hours of the arrest, the arresting law
4 enforcement agency shall refer the person to the designated mental
5 health professional for examination and evaluation under chapter
6 71.05 or 71.34 RCW and inform a parent or guardian of the person of
7 the arrest, detention, and examination. The designated mental health
8 professional shall examine and evaluate the person subject to the
9 provisions of chapter 71.05 or 71.34 RCW. The examination shall occur
10 at the facility in which the person is detained or confined. If the
11 person has been released on probation, bond, or bail, the examination
12 shall occur wherever is appropriate.

13 The designated mental health professional may determine whether
14 to refer the person to the county-designated chemical dependency
15 specialist for examination and evaluation in accordance with chapter
16 70.96A RCW. The county-designated chemical dependency specialist
17 shall examine the person subject to the provisions of chapter 70.96A
18 RCW. The examination shall occur at the facility in which the person
19 is detained or confined. If the person has been released on
20 probation, bond, or bail, the examination shall occur wherever is
21 appropriate.

22 Upon completion of any examination by the designated mental
23 health professional or the county-designated chemical dependency
24 specialist, the results of the examination shall be sent to the
25 court, and the court shall consider those results in making any
26 determination about the person.

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

34 If the designated mental health professional determines it is
35 appropriate, the designated mental health professional may refer the
36 person to the local regional support network for follow-up services
37 or the department of social and health services or other community
38 providers for other services to the family and individual.

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

1 (a) Any student or employee of a private military academy when on
2 the property of the academy;

3 (b) Any person engaged in military, law enforcement, or school
4 district security activities, or any person in possession of a
5 firearm pursuant to a contract entered into between the school and
6 the person or the person's employer. However, a person who is not a
7 commissioned law enforcement officer and who provides school security
8 services under the direction of a school administrator may not
9 possess a device listed in subsection (1)(f) of this section unless
10 he or she has successfully completed training in the use of such
11 devices that is equivalent to the training received by commissioned
12 law enforcement officers;

13 (c) Any person (~~who is involved in a convention, showing,~~
14 ~~demonstration, lecture, or firearms safety course authorized by~~
15 ~~school authorities in which the firearms of collectors or instructors~~
16 ~~are handled or displayed)) using a firearm in accordance with a
17 program approved by the school;~~

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

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

24 (f) Any person in possession of a firearm that is unloaded while
25 traversing school premises for the purpose of gaining access to
26 public or private lands open to hunting, if entry on school premises
27 is authorized by school authorities;

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

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

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

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

1 (5) Subsection (1)(f)(i) of this section does not apply to any
2 person who possesses a device listed in subsection (1)(f)(i) of this
3 section, if the device is possessed and used solely for the purpose
4 approved by a school for use in a school authorized event, lecture,
5 or activity conducted on the school premises.

6 ~~(6) ((Except as provided in subsection (3)(b), (c), (f), and (h)~~
7 ~~of this section, firearms are not permitted in a public or private~~
8 ~~school building.~~

9 ~~(7))~~ "GUN-FREE ZONE" signs shall be posted around school
10 facilities giving warning of the prohibition of the possession of
11 firearms on school grounds.

12 **Sec. 3.** RCW 9.41.280 and 2014 c 225 s 56 are each amended to
13 read as follows:

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30 firearms on school grounds.

31 NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. Section 2 of this act expires April 1,
32 2016.

33 NEW SECTION. Sec. 5. Section 3 of this act takes effect April
34 1, 2016.

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