

HB 564 - AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE

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HOUSE BILL 564

AN ACT relative to possession of firearms on school property.

SPONSORS: Rep. Heath, Hills. 14; Rep. Doherty, Merr. 20; Rep. Cornell, Hills. 18; Rep. Mulligan, Graf. 12; Rep. Eisner, Rock. 6; Rep. Rodd, Merr. 6

COMMITTEE: Education

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill prohibits carrying a firearm on school property.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.Matter removed from current law appears ~~[in brackets and struckthrough.]~~

Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Nineteen

AN ACT relative to possession of firearms on school property.

Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 New Section; Possession of Firearms on School Property. Amend RSA 159 by inserting after section 159:19-a the following new section:

159:19-b Possession of a Firearm on School Property.

I. No person shall knowingly carry a firearm on public school property, including buildings, grounds, school buses, and vans. Any person who violates the provisions of this paragraph shall be guilty of a class A misdemeanor.

II. This section shall not apply to:

(a) Any person picking up or dropping off a student, provided the firearm remains in a motor vehicle.

(b) Any person authorized in writing by the school board or duly authorized designee to possess a firearm. Such authorization shall specify the weapon or weapons that have been authorized, the purpose and scope of the authorization, and the time period for which the authorization applies.

(c) Any duly appointed law enforcement officer, properly trained school resource officer, or member of the armed services of the United States or National Guard when on duty.

2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.