

**House File 2292 - Introduced**

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BY HALL

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to carrying weapons on school grounds by a  
2 certified peace officer with a professional permit to carry  
3 weapons.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 724.4B, subsection 2, paragraph a, Code  
2 2016, is amended to read as follows:

3 a. A person listed under section 724.4, subsection 4,  
4 paragraphs "b" through "f" or "j", or a certified peace officer  
5 as specified in section 724.6, subsection 1.

6 Sec. 2. Section 724.6, subsection 1, Code 2016, is amended  
7 to read as follows:

8 1. A person may be issued a permit to carry weapons when  
9 the person's employment in a private investigation business  
10 or private security business licensed under chapter 80A, or a  
11 person's employment as a peace officer, correctional officer,  
12 security guard, bank messenger or other person transporting  
13 property of a value requiring security, or in police work,  
14 reasonably justifies that person going armed. The permit shall  
15 be on a form prescribed and published by the commissioner of  
16 public safety, shall identify the holder, and shall state  
17 the nature of the employment requiring the holder to go  
18 armed. A permit so issued, other than to a peace officer,  
19 shall authorize the person to whom it is issued to go armed  
20 anywhere in the state, only while engaged in the employment,  
21 and while going to and from the place of the employment. A  
22 permit issued to a certified peace officer shall authorize that  
23 peace officer to go armed anywhere in the state, including a  
24 school as provided in section 724.4B, at all times. Permits  
25 shall expire twelve months after the date when issued except  
26 that permits issued to peace officers and correctional officers  
27 are valid through the officer's period of employment unless  
28 otherwise canceled. When the employment is terminated, the  
29 holder of the permit shall surrender it to the issuing officer  
30 for cancellation.

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EXPLANATION

32 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
33 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

34 This bill relates to carrying weapons on school grounds by  
35 a certified peace officer with a professional permit to carry

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1 weapons. The bill provides that a certified peace officer  
2 who possesses a professional permit to carry weapons does not  
3 commit the criminal violation of unlawfully carrying weapons on  
4 school grounds under Code section 724.4B. Under current law, a  
5 peace officer while acting within the official duties of the  
6 officer may possess a weapon on school grounds. A person who  
7 commits the offense of unlawfully carrying weapons on school  
8 grounds commits a class "D" felony.