

Senate File 146 - Introduced

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BY CHAPMAN

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to going armed with, carrying, or transporting
2 a firearm on school grounds.

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

1 Section 1. Section 724.4B, subsection 2, Code 2017, is
2 amended by adding the following new paragraph:

3 NEW PARAGRAPH. c. A person who has in the person's
4 possession a valid permit to carry weapons issued pursuant to
5 section 724.7 and remains on the portion of the grounds of the
6 school that comprise its parking lot while going armed with,
7 carrying, or transporting a firearm.

8 EXPLANATION

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

11 Current law provides that a person who goes armed with,
12 carries, or transports a firearm of any kind, whether concealed
13 or not, on the grounds of a school (public or nonpublic)
14 commits the criminal offense of carrying weapons on school
15 grounds, except under certain circumstances. Carrying weapons
16 on school grounds in violation of Code section 724.4B, is a
17 class "D" felony.

18 Under the bill, a person does not commit the criminal offense
19 of carrying weapons on school grounds in violation of Code
20 section 724.4B if the person possesses a valid permit to carry
21 weapons while remaining on the portion of the grounds that
22 comprise the parking lot of a school.

23 Under current law, other exceptions allowing the carrying of
24 weapons applicable to school grounds include a peace officer,
25 when the officer's duties require the person to carry such
26 weapons; a member of the armed forces of the United States or
27 of the national guard or person in the service of the United
28 States, when the weapons are carried in connection with the
29 person's duties; a correctional officer, when the officer's
30 duties require; a person who for any lawful purpose carries an
31 unloaded pistol, revolver, or other dangerous weapon inside a
32 closed and fastened container or securely wrapped package which
33 is too large to be concealed on the person; a person who for
34 any lawful purpose carries or transports an unloaded pistol or
35 revolver in a vehicle inside a closed and fastened container or

1 securely wrapped package which is too large to be concealed on
2 the person or inside a cargo or luggage compartment where the
3 pistol or revolver will not be readily accessible to any person
4 riding in the vehicle or common carrier; or a law enforcement
5 officer from another state when the officer's duties require
6 the officer to carry the weapon and the officer is in this
7 state for certain reasons.