

House File 2398 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the authorized possession of firearms on
2 school property, including for certain drivers of school
3 vehicles, firearms locked in vehicles, and retired peace
4 officers, and including effective date provisions.
5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. **285.17 Weapons in school vehicles**
2 **transporting pupils.**

3 When transportation is provided pursuant to this chapter,
4 a driver shall not permit firearms or other weapons, nor
5 ammunition, to be carried in the passenger compartment of
6 any school vehicle transporting pupils except when the school
7 district or nonpublic school authorizes or directs a person
8 to carry, transport, or possess a firearm, other weapon, or
9 ammunition in the school vehicle.

10 Sec. 2. Section 724.4B, subsection 2, Code 2026, is amended
11 by adding the following new paragraphs:

12 NEW PARAGRAPH. *i.* A person, whether a driver or passenger
13 and including a person authorized or directed pursuant to section
14 285.17, while the person is dropping off or picking up from a
15 school a student, staff member, or other person having business
16 at the school, or while the person is making a delivery or pickup
17 at a school, who has in the person's possession a valid permit to
18 carry weapons issued pursuant to section 724.7, while going armed
19 with, carrying, or transporting a concealed pistol or revolver if
20 the concealed pistol or revolver remains in the vehicle and the
21 vehicle remains on the portion of the grounds of the school that
22 comprises its driveways and parking areas. The vehicle shall be
23 locked when unattended.

24 NEW PARAGRAPH. *j.* A person retired for purposes of chapter
25 97A or 411, or section 97B.49B or 97B.49C, after service as
26 a peace officer who retired in good standing, who maintains
27 certification, and who, during the most recent twelve-month
28 period, has met the standards for qualifications in firearm
29 safety training determined by the state agency or political
30 subdivision that the person formerly served.

31 Sec. 3. **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Act, being deemed of immediate
32 importance, takes effect upon enactment.

33 **EXPLANATION**

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

1 This bill relates to the authorized possession of firearms
2 on school property, including for certain drivers of school
3 vehicles, firearms locked in vehicles, and retired peace
4 officers.

5 Under current administrative rules, the driver of a school
6 vehicle transporting pupils shall not permit firearms or other
7 weapons, nor ammunition, to be carried in the passenger
8 compartment. The bill allows a school district or nonpublic
9 school to authorize or direct a person to carry, transport,
10 or possess a firearm, other weapon, or ammunition in a school
11 vehicle.

12 Current law generally prohibits a person from going armed
13 with, carrying, or transporting a firearm of any kind, whether
14 concealed or not, on the grounds of a school. The bill
15 authorizes a person, whether a driver or passenger and including
16 a person authorized or directed pursuant to the bill, while the
17 person is dropping off or picking up from a school a student,
18 staff member, or other person having business at the school, or
19 while the person is making a delivery or pickup at a school, who
20 has in the person's possession a valid permit to carry weapons
21 to go armed with, carry, or transport a concealed pistol or
22 revolver on school grounds if the concealed pistol or revolver
23 remains in the vehicle and the vehicle remains on the portion
24 of the grounds of the school that comprises its driveways and
25 parking areas. The vehicle shall be locked when unattended.
26 The bill also authorizes a retired peace officer to go armed
27 with, carry, or transport a firearm on the grounds of a school
28 if the retired peace officer retired in good standing, maintains
29 certification, and, during the most recent 12-month period, has
30 met the standards for qualifications in firearm safety training
31 determined by the state agency or political subdivision that the
32 individual formerly served.

33 The bill takes effect upon enactment.