

House File 621 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to firearms on school property, and including
2 effective date provisions.

3 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 2025, 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 under chapter 97A or 411,
25 or section 97B.49B or 97B.49C, after service as a peace officer
26 who retired in good standing, who maintains certification,
27 and who, during the most recent twelve-month period, has met
28 the standards for qualifications in firearm safety training
29 determined by the state agency or political subdivision that the
30 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 firearms on school property.

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

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

30 The bill takes effect upon enactment.