
DIGEST

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Abstract: Removes the requirement that the handgun be possessed on the offender's person in order for the crime of illegal possession of a handgun by a juvenile to apply, creates the crime of possession of a firearm or carrying of a concealed weapon by a juvenile on probation or parole, and provides elements and criminal penalties for the offense.

Present law prohibits any person who has not attained the age of 18 years from knowingly possessing any handgun on his person.

Present law provides certain criminal penalties and exceptions to the offense.

Proposed law retains present law but removes the requirement that the handgun be possessed on the offender's person in order for the offense to apply.

Proposed law provides that it is unlawful for a juvenile who has been placed on probation or parole to possess a firearm or carry a concealed weapon while on probation or parole.

Proposed law also provides that upon conviction, the offender shall be imprisoned with or without hard labor for not less than six months and not more than five years.

Proposed law provides that no later than Jun. 15th of each year, each district attorney office shall submit a report containing the number of offenders prosecuted under proposed law to the House Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice.

(Amends R.S. 14:95.8(A) and (D); Adds R.S. 14:95.8.1)