

2016 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 693

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WEAPONS/FIREARMS: Expands firearm free zones

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 14:95.2(A), (B)(3) and (4) and (D) and to enact R.S.
3 14:95.2(B)(5), relative to carrying a firearm or dangerous weapon on school
4 property; to expand the prohibition to include public parks, playgrounds, and
5 recreational facilities; to provide definitions; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 14:95.2(A), (B)(3) and (4) and (D) are hereby amended and
8 reenacted and R.S. 14:95.2(B)(5) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

9 §95.2. Carrying a firearm or dangerous weapon by a student or nonstudent on
10 school property, at school-sponsored functions, on property used as a public
11 park, playground, or recreational facility, or in a firearm-free zone

12 A. Carrying a firearm, or dangerous weapon as defined in R.S. 14:2, by a
13 student or nonstudent on school property, at a school sponsored function, on property
14 used as a public park, playground, recreational facility, or in a firearm-free zone is
15 unlawful and shall be defined as possession of any firearm or dangerous weapon, on
16 one's person, at any time while on a school campus, on school transportation, or at
17 any school sponsored function in a specific designated area including but not limited
18 to athletic competitions, dances, parties, or any extracurricular activities, or within
19 one thousand feet of any school campus.

1 a crime committed ~~on school property, at a school-sponsored function or in a~~
 2 ~~firearm-free zone~~ in violation of this Section, the department shall have the offender
 3 evaluated through appropriate examinations or tests conducted under the supervision
 4 of the department. Such evaluation shall be made within thirty days of the order of
 5 commitment.

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DIGEST

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Abstract: Adds parks, playgrounds and recreational facilities to the prohibition of carrying firearms on school property.

Present law provides that carrying a firearm or dangerous weapon by a student or nonstudent on school property, at a school sponsored function, or in a firearm-free zone is unlawful.

Proposed law retains present law and adds property used as a public park, playground, or recreational facility to the prohibition.

Proposed law defines "public park, playground, or recreational facility" as any building or area owned by the state or by a political subdivision that is open to the public and used or operated as a park, playground, or recreational facility and shall include all parks and recreational areas administered by the office of state parks in the Dept. of Culture, Recreation and Tourism.

(Amends R.S. 14:95.2(A), (B)(3) and (4) and (D); Adds R.S. 14:95.2(B)(5))