
DIGEST

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HB 693 Engrossed

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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 expands the crime to include property used as a public park, playground, or recreational facility.

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. It does not include parks and recreational areas administered by the office of state parks in the Dept. of Culture, Recreation and Tourism or wildlife management areas administered by the Dept. of Wildlife and Fisheries.

Present law contains exceptions for certain persons and certain constitutionally protected activity.

Proposed law retains present law and adds an exception for concealed handgun permit holders to the proposed law regarding carrying of firearms or other dangerous weapons on property used as public parks, playgrounds, or recreational facilities.

(Amends R.S. 14:95.2(A), (B)(3) and (4), and (D); Adds R.S. 14:95.2(B)(5) and (C)(9) and (10))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice to the original bill:

1. Adds an exception for concealed handgun permit holders.
2. Adds an exception for certified living historians.
3. Defines the definition of "public park, playground, or recreational facility" to exclude state parks and wildlife management areas.