

ENGROSSED HOUSE
BILL NO. 1952

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An Act relating to crimes and punishments; amending Section 3, Chapter 170, O.S.L. 1992, as amended by Section 2, Chapter 286, O.S.L. 1992 (21 O.S. Supp. 1993, Section 1280.1), which relates to the possession of weapons on school property; prohibiting possession of weapons on the property of institutions of higher education except under certain circumstances; modifying term; amending 19 O.S. 1991, Section 215.29, which relates to district attorney authorization to carry firearm; expanding authorization to carry a firearm to other persons; and providing an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 3, Chapter 170, O.S.L. 1992, as amended by Section 2, Chapter 286, O.S.L. 1992 (21 O.S. Supp. 1993, Section 1280.1), is amended to read as follows:

Section 1280.1 A. It shall be unlawful for any person, except a peace officer or other person authorized by the board of education of that district ~~or~~, the governing body for any public or private school or the governing board of an institution of higher education, to have in his possession on any public or private school property or while in any school bus or vehicle used by any school for

transportation of students or teachers any weapon designated in Section 1272 of this title.

B. "School property" means any publicly or privately owned property held for purposes of elementary, secondary or vocational-technical education, and any publicly or privately owned property held for purposes of higher education. "School property" shall not include property owned by public school districts or private or public educational entities where such property is leased or rented to an individual or corporation and used for purposes other than educational.

C. A gun or knife designed for hunting or fishing purposes kept in a privately owned vehicle and properly displayed or stored as required by law shall not be in violation of this act, provided such vehicle containing said gun or knife is driven onto school property only to transport a student to and from school and such vehicle does not remain unattended on school property. However, for the purposes of participating in the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife certified hunter training education course, the principal or chief administrator of any public or private school or institution of higher education where said course is offered may authorize firearms or other weapons to be brought onto school property and used in such training course or for classroom instructional purposes only.

D. Any person violating the provisions of this section shall, upon conviction, be guilty of a felony punishable by a fine not to exceed Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00), and imprisonment for not more than one (1) year.

SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 19 O.S. 1991, Section 215.29, is amended to read as follows:

Section 215.29 A district attorney, an assistant district attorney, a district judge, an associate district judge, a special district judge or a justice of any Oklahoma appellate court may carry a firearm on ~~his~~ their person to use only for personal

protection if ~~he has successfully completed~~ an approved course of firearm training conducted by a state certified firearms instructor, which meets the minimum requirements for firearms training as set forth by the Council on Law Enforcement Education and Training, has been successfully completed by that person.

SECTION 3. This act shall become effective September 1, 1994.

Passed the House of Representatives the 8th day of March, 1994.

Speaker of the House of
Representatives

Passed the Senate the ____ day of _____, 1994.

President of the Senate