

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0194

School safety and security.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Eklund, Allen, Flitner, Greear, McKim, Northrup, Paxton, Sommers and Winters and Senator(s) Barnard, Coe, Dockstader and Hicks

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to school safety and security; allowing  
2 possession of firearms by school district employees on  
3 school property; providing rulemaking authority to school  
4 districts; specifying confidentiality of records; making  
5 conforming amendments; and providing for an effective date.

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7 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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9 **Section 1.** W.S. 21-3-132 is created to read:

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11 **21-3-132. Possession of firearms on school property.**

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13 (a) The board of trustees in each school district may  
14 adopt rules and regulations to allow the possession of

1 firearms by employees possessing a valid concealed carry  
2 permit under W.S. 6-8-104 on or in any property or facility  
3 owned or leased by the school district. Employees of a  
4 school district who hold a valid concealed carry permit  
5 issued under W.S. 6-8-104 may carry a concealed firearm on  
6 or into any facility of the school district, provided the  
7 employing school district has adopted rules and regulations  
8 that allow possession of firearms on school property and  
9 the employee has received approval by the board of trustees  
10 as required by this section.

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12 (b) For purposes of this section, "employee" means  
13 any person employed under contract with the board of  
14 trustees of a school district, including but not limited  
15 to, superintendents, assistant superintendents, principals,  
16 assistant principals, teachers, guidance counselors,  
17 librarians, teacher's aids, coaches, business managers,  
18 secretaries or administrative assistants, janitors, bus  
19 drivers, volunteers or other employees on contract with a  
20 school district.

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22 (c) The rules required by subsection (a) of this  
23 section shall at a minimum:

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2 (i) Establish an application and approval  
3 process for employees possessing a valid concealed carry  
4 permit under W.S. 6-8-104 to carry a firearm on school  
5 property;

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7 (ii) Require any person carrying a firearm  
8 pursuant to this section to maintain the firearm on his  
9 person at all times or in a concealed biometric container  
10 or lock box within the direct control of the individual at  
11 all times.

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13 (d) The superintendent of the district shall notify  
14 the parents and guardians of students attending school in  
15 the district of the ability of employees to carry firearms  
16 and the rules and regulations governing possession.

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18 (e) The superintendent of the district shall notify  
19 all law enforcement agencies with jurisdiction over the  
20 area of the location and names of all employees who receive  
21 permission to carry firearms from the district's board of  
22 trustees. The identities of the employees who receive  
23 permission to carry firearms from the district's board of

1 trustees shall be confidential and are not public records  
2 for purposes of W.S. 16-4-201 through 16-4-205.

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4 (f) Nothing in this section shall authorize school  
5 district personnel to carry a firearm, concealed or  
6 otherwise, on or into any facility or other school district  
7 property without the express approval of the board of  
8 trustees and notification of parties as required by this  
9 section.

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11 (g) Nothing in this section shall authorize a student  
12 of a school district to carry a firearm, concealed or  
13 otherwise, on or into any facility of a school district.

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15 **Section 2.** W.S. 6-8-104(t)(vi) and (ix) and  
16 6-8-401(c) are amended to read:

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18 **6-8-104. Wearing or carrying concealed weapons;**  
19 **penalties; exceptions; permits.**

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21 (t) No person authorized to carry a concealed weapon  
22 pursuant to paragraphs (a)(ii) through (iv) of this section  
23 shall carry a concealed firearm into:

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2 (vi) Any school, college or professional  
3 athletic event not related to firearms, except as provided  
4 in W.S. 21-3-132;

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6 (ix) Any elementary or secondary school  
7 facility, except as provided in W.S. 21-3-132;

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9 **6-8-401. Firearm, weapon and ammunition regulation**  
10 **and prohibition by state.**

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12 (c) The sale, transfer, purchase, delivery, taxation,  
13 manufacture, ownership, transportation, storage, use and  
14 possession of firearms, weapons and ammunition shall be  
15 authorized, regulated and prohibited by the state, and  
16 regulation thereof is preempted by the state. Except as  
17 authorized by W.S. 15-1-103(a)(xviii) and 21-3-132, no  
18 city, town, county, political subdivision or any other  
19 entity shall authorize, regulate or prohibit the sale,  
20 transfer, purchase, delivery, taxation, manufacture,  
21 ownership, transportation, storage, use, carrying or  
22 possession of firearms, weapons, accessories, components or  
23 ammunition except as specifically provided by this chapter.

1 This section shall not affect zoning or other ordinances  
2 which encompass firearms businesses along with other  
3 businesses. Zoning and other ordinances which are designed  
4 for the purpose of restricting or prohibiting the sale,  
5 purchase, transfer or manufacture of firearms or ammunition  
6 as a method of regulating firearms or ammunition are in  
7 conflict with this section and are prohibited.

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9 **Section 3.** This act is effective July 1, 2017.

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