

SENATE FILE NO. SF0037

Enhanced concealed carry in school zones.

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Cooper, Anderson, Dockstader and  
Schuler and Representative(s) Banks, Byron,  
Clouston and Winter

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to weapons; authorizing the issuance of  
2 enhanced concealed carry permits; specifying requirements  
3 and conditions for the enhanced permits; specifying places  
4 where enhanced concealed carry permittees may carry  
5 concealed weapons; making conforming amendments; requiring  
6 rulemaking; and providing for effective dates.

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

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10 **Section 1.** W.S. 6-8-105 is created to read:

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12 **6-8-105. Enhanced concealed carry permits;**  
13 **requirements; authorized places for concealed carry with**  
14 **enhanced permits.**

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1           (a) The attorney general is authorized to issue an  
2 enhanced concealed carry permit to qualified persons as  
3 provided by this section.

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5           (b) The attorney general shall:

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7                   (i) Promulgate rules necessary to carry out this  
8 section;

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10                   (ii) Develop an application for the enhanced  
11 concealed carry permit. The application shall contain, at a  
12 minimum:

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14                           (A) Requirements for the applicant to  
15 provide the applicant's name, physical address, physical  
16 description, signature, date of birth, place of birth,  
17 military status, citizenship and the driver's license  
18 number or identification card number if used for  
19 identification in applying for the license. If the  
20 applicant is not a citizen of the United States, the  
21 application shall require the applicant to provide any  
22 alien or admission number issued to the applicant by the

1 United States immigration and customs enforcement or any  
2 successor agency;

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4 (B) A place for the applicant to provide  
5 the applicant's social security number, provided that the  
6 application shall state that disclosure of the social  
7 security number is optional;

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9 (C) A statement that, to the best of his  
10 knowledge, the applicant is in compliance with criteria  
11 contained within this section;

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13 (D) A statement that the applicant has been  
14 furnished a copy of this section and W.S. 6-8-104 and is  
15 knowledgeable of their provisions;

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17 (E) A conspicuous warning that reads  
18 substantially as follows:

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20 CAUTION: Federal law and state law on the  
21 possession of firearms differ. If you are  
22 prohibited by federal law from possessing a  
23 weapon or a firearm, you may be prosecuted in

1 federal court. A state permit is not a defense to  
2 a federal prosecution. A materially false answer  
3 to any question or the submission of any  
4 materially false document with this application  
5 may result in the denial or revocation of a  
6 permit and may subject you to criminal  
7 prosecution under W.S. 6-5-303.

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9 (iii) Make applications for enhanced concealed  
10 carry permits available to and distributed by the division  
11 of criminal investigation and local law enforcement  
12 agencies;

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14 (iv) Upon receiving a completed application  
15 under this section, request a written report from the  
16 sheriff in accordance with W.S. 6-8-104(g) and (h);

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18 (v) Maintain an automated listing of enhanced  
19 concealed carry permit holders and pertinent information,  
20 and ensure that the information shall be available on-line,  
21 upon request, at all times to all Wyoming law enforcement  
22 agencies;

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1           (vi) Establish requirements for each applicant  
2 or permittee to update the division and the sheriff on:

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4           (A) A change in the applicant's or  
5 permittee's address or place of residence;

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7           (B) Notice that the permit is lost or  
8 destroyed, in accordance with W.S. 6-8-104(o) and (p).

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10           (vii) Establish a process by which a permittee  
11 may obtain a duplicate or replacement license if the permit  
12 is lost or destroyed;

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14           (viii) Establish a process by which the  
15 sheriff's office shall forward items received under this  
16 section to the division, in accordance with W.S.  
17 6-8-104(f).

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19           (c) An applicant for an enhanced concealed carry  
20 permit shall submit to the division through the sheriff's  
21 office in the county of the applicant's residence:

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1           (i) A completed application as described in  
2 paragraph (b)(ii) of this section;

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4           (ii) A nonrefundable permit fee of fifty dollars  
5 (\$50.00), if the applicant has not previously been issued a  
6 statewide permit, or a nonrefundable permit fee of fifty  
7 dollars (\$50.00) for renewal of a permit;

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9           (iii) A full set of fingerprints of the  
10 applicant administered by a law enforcement agency. The  
11 actual cost of processing the set of fingerprints required  
12 in this paragraph shall be borne by the applicant;

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14           (iv) Proof of familiarity with firearms as  
15 specified in paragraph (d)(iii) of this section.

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17           (d) To receive an enhanced concealed carry permit  
18 under this section, an applicant shall:

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20           (i) Satisfy each of the requirements specified  
21 in W.S. 6-8-104(b)(i) through (vi), (viii) and (ix);

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1           (ii) Be the holder of a valid Wyoming driver's  
2 license or other form of identification issued by the state  
3 of Wyoming that has a picture of the person identified;

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5           (iii) Provide proof to the division that the  
6 applicant:

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8           (A) Has successfully completed a qualifying  
9 handgun course as provided in subsection (e) of this  
10 section within the preceding twelve (12) months before  
11 applying; or

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13           (B) Is a current or former law enforcement  
14 officer and has, within the preceding twelve (12) months  
15 before applying, qualified or requalified on a certified  
16 shooting course administered by a firearms instructor  
17 approved by a Wyoming law enforcement agency.

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19           (e) Except as provided in paragraph (d)(iii)(B) of  
20 this section, each applicant for an enhanced concealed  
21 carry permit under this section shall successfully  
22 complete, not earlier than twelve (12) months before  
23 applying for a permit under this section, a qualifying

1 handgun course as specified in this subsection. The  
2 division shall accept a course as qualifying under this  
3 subsection if the course:

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5 (i) Is taught by a certified instructor who is:

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7 (A) Not prohibited from possessing firearms  
8 under state or federal law; and

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10 (B) Is certified by:

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12 (I) The national rifle association, or  
13 another nationally recognized organization that customarily  
14 certifies firearms instructors, as an instructor in  
15 personal protection with handguns; or

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17 (II) The peace officer standards and  
18 training commission as a firearms instructor.

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20 (ii) Is for not less than eight (8) hours in  
21 duration;

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1           (iii) Is taught face-to-face with both the  
2 instructor and applicant in the same physical location, and  
3 not by electronic or other means;

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5           (iv) Includes instruction in:

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7           (A) Wyoming law relating to firearms, the  
8 possession of firearms and the use of deadly force.  
9 Instruction under this subparagraph shall be provided by  
10 either of the following:

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12           (I) An active or emeritus member of  
13 the Wyoming state bar; or

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15           (II) A peace officer who is certified  
16 as a peace officer by the peace officer standards and  
17 training commission.

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19           (B) The basic concepts of the safe and  
20 responsible use of handguns;

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22           (C) Self-defense principles;

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1                   (D) Live fire training, including the  
2 firing of not less than ninety-eight (98) rounds by the  
3 applicant.

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5                   (v) Provides to the applicant a copy of the  
6 syllabus for the course, a written description of the  
7 courses of fire used and the name of the person providing  
8 the instruction under subparagraph (iv)(A) of this  
9 subsection. The applicant shall provide the information  
10 specified in this paragraph to the sheriff or the division  
11 upon application for a permit under this section.

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13                   (f) The division shall, upon receiving all items  
14 required for an application under this section, process the  
15 full set of fingerprints of the applicant for any criminal  
16 justice information. The division shall submit a  
17 fingerprint card to the federal bureau of investigation for  
18 a national background check. The cost of processing the  
19 fingerprints shall be payable to the division. The division  
20 shall, not later than sixty (60) days after the date of  
21 receipt of the items specified in subsection (c) of this  
22 section, either:

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1           (i) Issue the enhanced concealed carry permit;

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4           (ii) Deny the application based on the ground  
5 that the applicant fails to qualify under the criteria  
6 listed in subsection (d) of this section or W.S.  
7 6-8-104(c). If the division denies the application, it  
8 shall notify the applicant in writing, stating the grounds  
9 for denial and informing the applicant of a right to  
10 submit, within thirty (30) days, any additional  
11 documentation relating to the grounds of denial. Upon  
12 receiving any additional documentation, the division shall  
13 reconsider its decision and inform the applicant within  
14 twenty (20) days of the result of the reconsideration. The  
15 applicant shall further be informed of the right to seek  
16 review of the denial in the district court pursuant to the  
17 Wyoming Administrative Procedure Act, W.S. 16-3-101 through  
18 16-3-115. No person who is denied a permit under this  
19 section shall carry a concealed firearm under an enhanced  
20 concealed carry permit issued under this section or the  
21 laws of another state, so long as the person remains a  
22 resident of this state and remains ineligible for an  
23 enhanced concealed carry permit in this state. Nothing in

1 this paragraph shall be construed to deny a person to carry  
2 a concealed firearm under W.S. 6-8-104(a)(i) through (iv)  
3 if the person qualifies to carry a concealed firearm as  
4 provided by those paragraphs.

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6 (g) Permits issued under this section shall be valid  
7 for five (5) years from the date of issuance. The permittee  
8 shall carry the permit, together with valid identification  
9 at all times when the permittee is carrying a concealed  
10 firearm and shall display both the permit and proper  
11 identification upon request of any peace officer. A person  
12 who holds an enhanced concealed carry permit under this  
13 section may renew the permit on or before the expiration  
14 date by filing a renewal form with the sheriff of the  
15 person's county of residence and a notarized affidavit  
16 stating that the person remains qualified based on the  
17 criteria specified in this section. The person shall also  
18 submit a renewal fee as specified in paragraph (c)(ii) of  
19 this section and submit proof that the person has completed  
20 a required firearms course under subsection (e) of this  
21 section not earlier than twelve (12) months before applying  
22 for renewal or that the person meets the requirements of  
23 subparagraph (d)(iii)(B) of this section. The division

1 shall verify that the criminal history information  
2 available to the division does not show that possession of  
3 a firearm by the applicant would constitute a violation of  
4 state or federal law. No permit shall be renewed six (6)  
5 months or more after its expiration date, and the permit  
6 shall be deemed to be permanently expired. A person whose  
7 permit has permanently expired may reapply for a permit in  
8 accordance with this section.

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10 (h) The division shall revoke a permit issued under  
11 this section:

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13 (i) If the permittee becomes ineligible to be  
14 issued a permit under the criteria provided in this  
15 section; or

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17 (ii) For any conviction of or a plea of no  
18 contest to:

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20 (A) Any offense involving a controlled  
21 substance;

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1                   (B) Alcohol-related offenses while carrying  
2 a concealed weapon; or

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4                   (C) Any crime of violence or violent  
5 felony.

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7           (j) The division or the sheriff of the permittee's  
8 county of residence shall have the authority to revoke an  
9 enhanced concealed carry permit issued under this section.  
10 The sheriff shall notify the division not later than three  
11 (3) days after a revocation under this subsection. The  
12 division or the sheriff shall have the authority to revoke  
13 an enhanced concealed carry permit for any of the following  
14 reasons:

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16                   (i) Fraud or intentional misrepresentation in  
17 the obtaining or renewal of a permit under this section;

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19                   (ii) Misuse of a permit, including lending or  
20 giving a license to another person, duplicating a license  
21 or using a license with the intent to unlawfully cause harm  
22 to a person or property;

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1           (iii) Committing an act or the existence of a  
2 condition that would have been grounds for the denial of  
3 the permit, including an act or condition specified in  
4 subsection (d) of this section;

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6           (iv) The violation of any of the provisions of  
7 this section;

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9           (v) The applicant or permittee is convicted of  
10 or receives a deferred judgment for an offense that would  
11 have disqualified the applicant or permittee from initially  
12 receiving a permit under this section.

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14           (k) All monies collected by the division under this  
15 section shall be deposited in the general fund. All funds  
16 received by the sheriff under this section shall be  
17 deposited into the general fund of the county.

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19           (m) Not later than March 1 of each year, the division  
20 shall submit a statistical report to the governor and to  
21 the joint judiciary interim committee listing the number of  
22 enhanced concealed carry permits issued, revoked, suspended  
23 and denied.

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2 (n) A person who possesses a valid enhanced concealed  
3 carry permit under this section may, in addition to all  
4 other locations authorized by law, carry a concealed weapon  
5 into:

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7 (i) Any school, college or professional athletic  
8 event not related to firearms, except that employees shall  
9 remain subject to W.S. 21-3-132;

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11 (ii) Any elementary or secondary school  
12 facility, except that employees shall remain subject to  
13 W.S. 21-3-132;

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15 (iii) Any college or university facility.

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17 **Section 2.** W.S. 6-8-104(a)(ii), (t)(vi), (ix) and  
18 (x), 19-13-104(e)(vi) and 21-3-132(a) and (c)(i) are  
19 amended to read:

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21 **6-8-104. Wearing or carrying concealed weapons;**  
22 **penalties; exceptions; permits.**

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1           (a) A person who wears or carries a concealed deadly  
2 weapon is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of  
3 not more than seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00),  
4 imprisonment in the county jail for not more than six (6)  
5 months, or both for a first offense, or a felony punishable  
6 by a fine of not more than two thousand dollars  
7 (\$2,000.00), imprisonment for not more than two (2) years,  
8 or both, for a second or subsequent offense, unless:

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10           (ii) The person possesses a permit under this  
11 section or under W.S. 6-8-105;

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13           (t) No person authorized to carry a concealed weapon  
14 pursuant to paragraphs (a)(ii) through (iv) of this section  
15 shall carry a concealed firearm into:

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17           (vi) Any school, college or professional  
18 athletic event not related to firearms, except as provided  
19 in W.S. 6-8-105(n) and 21-3-132;

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21           (ix) Any elementary or secondary school  
22 facility, except as provided in W.S. 6-8-105(n) and  
23 21-3-132;

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2 (x) Any college or university facility without  
3 the written consent of the security service of the college  
4 or university, except as provided in W.S. 6-8-105(n); or

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6 **19-13-104. Powers of governor generally; director,**  
7 **office of homeland security.**

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9 (e) With the exception of regulating governmental  
10 entities who engage in the activities described in this  
11 section or who operate an indoor or outdoor shooting range,  
12 nothing in this chapter shall be construed to confer upon  
13 the governor, the director, the executive heads or  
14 governing bodies of the political subdivisions of the  
15 state, sheriffs, chiefs of police or any employee or agent  
16 of the state or any governmental unit within the state the  
17 power to:

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19 (vi) Suspend or revoke a permit to carry a  
20 concealed weapon issued pursuant to W.S. 6-8-104 or  
21 6-8-105, unless the suspension or revocation is authorized  
22 and completed pursuant to W.S. 6-8-104 or 6-8-105.

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1           **21-3-132. Possession of firearms on school property.**

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3           (a) The board of trustees in each school district may  
4 adopt rules and regulations, in consultation with local law  
5 enforcement, to allow the possession of firearms by  
6 employees possessing a valid concealed carry permit under  
7 W.S. 6-8-104 or a valid enhanced concealed carry permit  
8 under W.S. 6-8-105 on or in any property or facility owned  
9 or leased by the school district. Employees of a school  
10 district who hold a valid concealed carry permit issued  
11 under W.S. 6-8-104 or a valid enhanced concealed carry  
12 permit issued under W.S. 6-8-105 may carry a concealed  
13 firearm on or into school facilities or other areas  
14 designated by the board of trustees, provided the employing  
15 school district has adopted rules and regulations that  
16 allow possession of firearms on school property and the  
17 employee has received approval by the board of trustees as  
18 required by this section.

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

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1           (i) Establish an application and approval  
2 process for employees possessing a valid concealed carry  
3 permit under W.S. 6-8-104 or a valid enhanced concealed  
4 carry permit under W.S. 6-8-105 to carry a firearm on  
5 school property;

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7           **Section 3.** The attorney general shall promulgate all  
8 rules necessary to implement this act.

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10           **Section 4.**

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12           (a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this  
13 section, this act is effective July 1, 2025.

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15           (b) Sections 3 and 4 of this act are effective  
16 immediately upon completion of all acts necessary for a  
17 bill to become law as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of  
18 the Wyoming Constitution.

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(END)