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1 AN ACT Relating to dangerous weapons on elementary or secondary  
2 school premises; amending RCW 9.41.280; and prescribing penalties.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 9.41.280 and 1989 c 219 s 1 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6 (1) It is unlawful for (~~(an elementary or secondary school student~~  
7 ~~under the age of twenty-one knowingly)~~) a person to carry onto public  
8 or private elementary or secondary school premises:

9 (a) Any firearm; or

10 (b) Any dangerous weapon as defined in RCW 9.41.250; or

11 (c) Any device commonly known as "nun-chu-ka sticks", consisting of  
12 two or more lengths of wood, metal, plastic, or similar substance  
13 connected with wire, rope, or other means; or

1 (d) Any device, commonly known as "throwing stars", which are  
2 multi-pointed, metal objects designed to embed upon impact from any  
3 aspect; or

4 (e) Any air gun, including any air pistol or air rifle, designed to  
5 propel a BB, pellet, or other projectile by the discharge of compressed  
6 air, carbon dioxide, or other gas.

7 (2) Any such ((~~student~~)) person violating subsection (1) of this  
8 section is guilty of a gross misdemeanor.

9 Any violation of subsection (1) of this section by elementary or  
10 secondary school students constitutes grounds for expulsion.

11 (3) Subsection (1) of this section does not apply to:

12 (a) Any student or employee of a private military academy; or

13 (b) Any ((~~student~~)) person engaged in military, law enforcement, or  
14 security activities(~~(, sponsored by the federal or state governments)~~)  
15 while engaged in official duties; or

16 (c) Any ((~~student~~)) person who is ((~~attending~~)) involved in a  
17 convention, showing, demonstration, lecture, or firearms safety course  
18 authorized by school authorities in which the firearms of collectors or  
19 instructors are handled or displayed; or

20 (d) Any ((~~student~~)) person who possesses nun-chu-ka sticks,  
21 throwing stars, or other dangerous weapons to be used in martial arts  
22 classes conducted on the school premises; or

23 (e) Any ((~~student~~)) person while the ((~~student~~)) person is  
24 participating in a firearms or air gun competition approved by the  
25 school or school district.