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On page 2, after line 26, insert the following new subsection: 5

- 6 "(4) The legislature recognizes that the right to keep and bear 7 arms in defense of oneself as quaranteed by Article I, section 24 of the state Constitution is a fundamental freedom, and that this basic civil right is extended to school premises to at least the level of 9 possession allowed pursuant to this act. The following provisions 10 shall apply to the issue of firearm civil rights on school premises: 11
- (a) The crime of denial of firearm civil rights applies both to 12 employees who violate a provision of this subsection and to any 13 employers or supervisors who require or order an employee to violate a 14 provision of this subsection. The fact or claim that a public official 15 or public employee was acting under the direction of a supervisor is 16 17 not a defense to an action under this subsection.
- (b) Denial of firearm civil rights is a gross misdemeanor. 18
  - (c) A person whose firearm civil rights have been denied under this subsection shall be awarded civil damages equal to ten thousand dollars for each violation plus attorney fees and compensation for loss of income, loss of wages, loss of fringe benefits, transportation expenses, communication expenses, and all other costs associated with efforts to regain the person's firearm civil rights and ask civil remedies. The civil remedies may be sought regardless of whether or not criminal charges have been filed, and the petitioner's case shall not be prejudiced by the fact that criminal charges were not filed. The civil action may be brought in the county where the violation occurred or in Thurston county at the discretion of the petitioner."

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