

FINAL BILL REPORT

SB 5107

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SYNOPSIS AS ENACTED

Brief Description: Concerning arrest without warrant.

SPONSORS: Senators Sutherland and A. Smith

SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

BACKGROUND:

Principals or other school officials confiscate firearms and dangerous weapons that students bring into schools or onto school grounds. However, police are unable to make a subsequent arrest because they are not authorized to arrest a person committing a misdemeanor or a gross misdemeanor unless the offense is committed in the presence of an officer. A student carrying a firearm or dangerous weapon onto school grounds is guilty of a gross misdemeanor.

SUMMARY:

A police officer may make a warrantless arrest if the officer has probable cause to believe that a person unlawfully possesses or unlawfully possessed a firearm or dangerous weapon on public or private school premises.

VOTES ON FINAL PASSAGE:

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| Senate | 49 | 0 | |
| House | 98 | 0 | (House amended) |
| Senate | 40 | 0 | (Senate concurred) |

EFFECTIVE: July 25, 1993