

**SENATE BILL REPORT**

**SB 6190**

**AS OF JANUARY 25, 1994**

**Brief Description:** Restricting possession of explosives on school grounds and at school activities.

**SPONSORS:** Senators McAuliffe, Erwin, M. Rasmussen, Quigley and Winsley

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION**

**Staff:** Leslie Goldstein (786-7424)

**Hearing Dates:** January 26, 1994

**BACKGROUND:**

Concern for the safety of students and employees is an issue of great public concern. Under current law, it is not a gross misdemeanor to bring explosives or other incendiary devices onto school grounds. Gross misdemeanors are punishable by imprisonment in the county jail for up to one year, or a fine of up to \$5,000, or by both such imprisonment and fine.

**SUMMARY:**

The list of dangerous items prohibited on school grounds is expanded to include explosives, small arms ammunition, small arms ammunition primer, black powder, pyrotechnics, or incendiary devices. It is a gross misdemeanor to have these items on public or private school premises, school-provided transportation, or areas of facilities while those areas are being used exclusively by public or private schools.

This prohibition does not apply to any person hired by a school district to use explosives who holds a valid user's license.

Students under the age of 18 cannot have firearms in a vehicle on school premises.

**Appropriation:** none

**Revenue:** none

**Fiscal Note:** none requested