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1 AN ACT Relating to weapons on government building and school
2 premises; amending RCW 9.41.280; adding a new section to chapter 9.41
3 RCW; repealing RCW 9.41.300; and prescribing penalties.

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

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

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

10 (a) Any firearm; or

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

20 (e) Any ~~((student))~~ person while the ~~((student))~~ person is
21 participating in a firearms or air gun competition approved by the
22 school or school district; or

23 (f) Any school employee legally in possession of a firearm or other
24 dangerous weapon who has the written permission of the superintendent
25 of the school district or the superintendent's designee.

26 NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. A new section is added to chapter 9.41 RCW
27 to read as follows:

28 (1) It is unlawful for any person to carry, transport, convey, or
29 to have in his or her possession or under his or her control any
30 firearm while in a state, county, or city government building or any
31 other building in use as a courthouse.

32 (2) This section does not apply to:

33 (a) Law enforcement officers of any federal, state, or local
34 governmental agency;

35 (b) Any person who is in compliance with RCW 9.41.280;

36 (c) Any person licensed under RCW 9.41.070 who, immediately before
37 entering any state, county, or city government building, notifies the

1 Washington state patrol that he or she is in possession of a concealed
2 pistol; or

3 (d) Any person carrying, transporting, or possessing firearms for
4 the express purpose of a demonstration or lecture involving the
5 exhibition of firearms.

6 (3) The Washington state patrol shall post prominently at each
7 entrance to each of the buildings covered by this section a sign
8 indicating who may and who may not carry a weapon into the building.

9 (4) Any person violating the provisions of this section is guilty
10 of a misdemeanor.

11 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** RCW 9.41.300 and 1985 c 428 s 2 are each
12 repealed.

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