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1 AN ACT Relating to possession of dangerous weapons on school
2 facilities; and amending RCW 9.41.280.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 9.41.280 and 1993 c 347 s 1 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) It is unlawful for a person to carry onto, or to possess on,
7 public or private elementary or secondary school premises, school-
8 provided transportation, or areas of facilities while being used
9 exclusively by public or private schools:

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 person violating subsection (1) of this section is
5 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 from the
8 state's public schools in accordance with RCW 28A.600.010. However,
9 any violation of subsection (1)(a) of this section by an elementary or
10 secondary school student shall result in expulsion in accordance with
11 RCW 28A.600.010. An appropriate school authority shall promptly notify
12 law enforcement and the student's parent or guardian regarding any
13 allegation or indication of such violation.

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

15 (a) Any student or employee of a private military academy when on
16 the property of the academy;

17 (b) Any person engaged in military, law enforcement, or school
18 district security activities;

19 (c) Any person who is involved in a convention, showing,
20 demonstration, lecture, or firearms safety course authorized by school
21 authorities in which the firearms of collectors or instructors are
22 handled or displayed;

23 (d) Any person who possesses nun-chu-ka sticks, throwing stars, or
24 other dangerous weapons to be used in martial arts classes authorized
25 to be conducted on the school premises;

26 (e) Any person while the person is participating in a firearms or
27 air gun competition approved by the school or school district;

28 (f) Any person who has been issued a license under RCW 9.41.070,
29 while picking up or dropping off a student;

30 (g) Any person legally in possession of a firearm or dangerous
31 weapon that is secured within an attended vehicle or concealed from
32 view within a locked unattended vehicle while conducting legitimate
33 business at the school;

34 (h) Any person who is in lawful possession of an unloaded firearm,
35 secured in a vehicle while conducting legitimate business at the
36 school; or

37 (i) Any law enforcement officer of the federal, state, or local
38 government agency.

1 (4) Except as provided in subsection (3)(b), (c), (e), and (i) of
2 this section, firearms are not permitted in a public or private school
3 building.

4 (5) "GUN-FREE ZONE" signs shall be posted around school facilities
5 giving warning of the prohibition of the possession of firearms on
6 school grounds.

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