

INTERIM STUDY PROPOSAL 2023-062

State of Arkansas

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94th General Assembly

**A Bill**

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SENATE BILL 405

By: Senators K. Hammer, Irvin

By: Representative Dalby

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pursuant to A.C.A. §10-3-217.

**For An Act To Be Entitled**

AN ACT TO AMEND THE CLASSIFICATION OF THE OFFENSE OF  
POSSESSION OF A HANDGUN BY A MINOR; AND FOR OTHER  
PURPOSES.

**Subtitle**

TO AMEND THE CLASSIFICATION OF THE  
OFFENSE OF POSSESSION OF A HANDGUN BY A  
MINOR.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 5-73-119(a), concerning the offense of  
possession of a handgun by a minor, is amended to read as follows:

(a)(1) *No person in this state under eighteen (18) years of age shall  
possess a handgun.*

(2)(A) *A violation of subdivision (a)(1) of this section is a  
Class A misdemeanor.*

(B) *A violation of subdivision (a)(1) of this section is a  
Class D felony if the person ~~has previously~~:*

(i) *Been Has previously been adjudicated delinquent  
for a violation of subdivision (a)(1) of this section;*

(ii) *Been Has previously been adjudicated delinquent  
for any offense that would be a felony if committed by an adult; ~~or~~*

