

State of Arkansas

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A Bill

HOUSE BILL

1417

By: Representative Wilson

For An Act To Be Entitled

"AN ACT TO PROHIBIT MINORS FROM CARRYING HANDGUNS UPON SCHOOL PREMISES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

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

SECTION 1. A handgun is a firearm capable of firing rimfire ammunition or centerfire ammunition, which is designed or constructed to be fired with one hand.

SECTION 2. No person in this State under the age of 21 years shall possess a handgun. Violation of this section shall be a class A misdemeanor.

SECTION 3. No person in this State shall possess a handgun upon the property of the public schools, or upon the property of any state-supported college or university. Violation of this section shall be a class D felony, and no sentence imposed for violation thereof shall be suspended or probated or treated as a first offense under Arkansas Code 16-93-301 et seq.

SECTION 4. All provisions of this Act of a general and permanent nature are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

SECTION 5. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

SECTION 6. It is found and determined by the General Assembly that the possession of handguns by young Arkansans contributes substantially to the commission of crimes and injuries to innocent persons, and that the possession

of such weapons by persons on school property has resulted in numerous recent injuries and deaths. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

