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**SB 173 An Act requiring school districts to grant qualified persons an assigned duty to carry a concealed handgun on school grounds under certain conditions; relating to standards, training, and continuing education in firearms training for qualified persons granted an assigned duty to carry a concealed handgun on school grounds; relating to communication of school districts with state and local law enforcement; and relating to school crisis response plans.**

### Sectional Analysis

#### **Section 1 – Page 1, Lines 8 through 10**

Adds short title “Safe Schools Act” to uncodified state law.

#### **Section 2 – Page 1, Line 11 through Page 2, Line 2**

Defines intent of legislation to augment responses by law enforcement during a crisis.

#### **Section 3 – AS 11.61.210(c) – Page 2, Lines 3 through 8**

Includes qualified person granted assigned duty under the statute to allowable concealed carry on school grounds.

#### **Section 4 – AS 14.03 – Page 2, Lines 9 through 11**

Adds Sec. 14.03.170 Granting qualified persons an assigned duty to carry a concealed handgun on school grounds.

**Sec. 14.03.170(a) – Page 2, Lines 11 through 31** – Establishes responsibilities and tasks on part of the school district toward the qualified persons regarding (1) granting status, (2) adopting written policy for qualification, and (3) (4) providing finances for trainings.

Sec. 14.03.170(b) – Page 3, Lines 11 through 15 – Establishes responsibilities and qualifications on part of the persons assigned the duty including (1) willingness, (2) has obtained a permit to conceal-carry, (3) has completed authorized gun safety course, (4) has met physical and mental standards of paragraph (a)(2), (5) has complied with training in accordance with insurance requirements, and (6) has committed to a period of employment if required with the school district.

Sec. 14.03.170(c) – Page 3, Lines 16 through 25 – Provides for further steps the school district may take regarding the defense of students including (1) requiring a time period commitment from qualified persons to perform duties, (2) ability to revoke qualification of persons previously performing duties, and (3) install handgun lockers with biometric identification locks in each school.

Sec. 14.03.170(d) – Page 3, Line 26 through Page 4, Line 8 – Outlines date to submit updated information to local and state law enforcement regarding (1) active shooter plans, (2) building floor plans and pertinent information to active shooter plan, (3) contact information for each qualified person, and (4) and (5) dates within and outside of academic year for employee training and on-site drills.

Sec. 14.03.170(e) – Page 4 Lines 9 through 13 – Provides immunity to people and offices associated with the school district from liability in cases of injuries as a direct result of events with an active shooter crisis.

Sec. 14.03.170(f) – Page 4, Lines 14 through 15 – Confirms no change in ability to lawfully possess a weapon on school grounds without violating current statutes in AS 11.61.210(a)(7) or (8).

Sec. 14.03.170(g) – Page 4, Lines 16 through 20 – Defines terms “qualified person” and “school grounds”.

**Section 5 – AS 14.33.100(c) – Page 4, Lines 219 through 31**

Adds language that prevents full disclosure of action plans and floorplans as defined under the previously established AS 14.03.170 from being made available to the public.

**Section 6 – Page 5, Lines 1 through 4**

Amends uncodified state law with a new section enacting legality and timeframe.