

**HOUSE BILL NO. 55**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY REPRESENTATIVES LYNN, LEDOUX, ISAACSON, AND TAMMIE WILSON

Introduced: 1/16/13

Referred: Education, Judiciary

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 "An Act allowing school districts and private schools to adopt a policy authorizing one  
2 or more permanent employees to possess one or more firearms on school grounds under  
3 certain conditions."

4 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

5 \* **Section 1.** AS 11.61.210(c) is amended to read:

6 (c) The provisions of (a)(7) of this section do not apply to a

7 (1) peace officer acting within the scope and authority of the officer's  
8 employment; or

9 (2) school employee authorized under AS 14.03.170 or  
10 AS 14.45.195 to possess firearms on school grounds.

11 \* **Sec. 2.** AS 14.03 is amended by adding a new section to article 1 to read:

12 **Sec. 14.03.170. Authorization of firearms on school grounds.** (a) The  
13 governing body of a school district may authorize one or more permanent employees  
14 of a school to possess one or more firearms on school grounds for defensive use if

1 (1) the governing body adopts a written policy specifying the manner  
2 in which the firearms shall be possessed and the circumstances under which a firearm  
3 may be used; and

4 (2) each permanent employee of the school authorized under this  
5 section has successfully completed training under AS 18.65.820.

6 (b) A permanent employee of a school who is authorized under this section to  
7 possess a firearm on school grounds may carry a concealed handgun on the person  
8 only if the person has obtained a permit under AS 18.65.700 - 18.65.790.

9 (c) In this section,

10 (1) "permanent employee" means a teacher, administrator, or other  
11 person under a continuing or renewable employment contract for a period of not less  
12 than one school year but does not include a person who is in probationary or  
13 temporary status;

14 (2) "school grounds" has the meaning given in AS 11.71.900.

15 \* **Sec. 3.** AS 14.45 is amended by adding a new section to read:

16 **Sec. 14.45.195. Authorization of firearms on school grounds.** (a) A religious  
17 or other private school regulated under this chapter may authorize one or more  
18 permanent employees of a school to possess one or more firearms on school grounds  
19 for defensive use if

20 (1) the school adopts a written policy specifying the manner in which  
21 the firearms shall be possessed and the circumstances under which a firearm may be  
22 used; and

23 (2) each permanent employee of the school authorized under this  
24 section has successfully completed training under AS 18.65.820.

25 (b) A permanent employee of a school who is authorized under this section to  
26 possess a firearm on school grounds may carry a concealed handgun on the person  
27 only if the person has obtained a permit under AS 18.65.700 - 18.65.790.

28 (c) In this section,

29 (1) "permanent employee" has the meaning given in AS 14.03.170;

30 (2) "school grounds" has the meaning given in AS 11.71.900.

31 \* **Sec. 4.** AS 18.65 is amended by adding a new section to article 11 to read:

1           **Sec. 18.65.820. Firearms training for school personnel.** (a) A permanent  
2 employee of a school may be authorized to possess a firearm on school grounds under  
3 AS 14.03.170 or AS 14.45.195 only if the permanent employee of the school has  
4 completed firearms training acceptable to the commissioner of public safety.

5           (b) The commissioner of public safety shall adopt regulations necessary to  
6 implement this section.