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HOUSE BILL NO. 463

BY REPRESENTATIVE SEABAUGH

WEAPONS: Provides relative to the illegal carrying of weapons

2	To amend and reenact R.S. 14:95(A)(4) and to repeal R.S. 14:95(A)(5), relative to the illegal
3	carrying of weapons; to provide for the removal of knives as illegally carried
4	weapons; and to provide for related matters.
5	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
6	Section 1. R.S. 14:95(A)(4) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:
7	§95. Illegal carrying of weapons
8	A. Illegal carrying of weapons is any of the following:
9	* * *
10	(4)(a) The intentional concealment on one's person of any switchblade knife,
11	spring knife, or other knife or similar instrument having a blade which may be
12	automatically unfolded or extended from a handle by the manipulation of a button,
13	switch, latch, or similar contrivance located on the handle.
14	(b) The provisions of this Paragraph shall not apply to the following:
15	(i) Any knife that may be opened with one hand by manual pressure applied
16	to the blade or any projection of the blade.
17	(ii) Any knife that may be opened by means of inertia produced by the hand,
18	wrist, or other movement, provided the knife has either a detent or other structure
19	that provides resistance that shall be overcome in opening or initiating the opening
20	movement of the blade or a bias or spring load toward the closed position.

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1	(5)(a) The intentional possession or use by any person of a dangerous
2	weapon on a school campus during regular school hours or on a school bus.
3	"School" means any elementary, secondary, high school, or vo-tech school in this
4	state and "campus" means all facilities and property within the boundary of the
5	school property. "School bus" means any motor bus being used to transport children
6	to and from school or in connection with school activities.
7	(b) The provisions of this Paragraph shall not apply to:
8	(i) A peace officer as defined by R.S. 14:30(B) in the performance of his
9	official duties.
10	(ii) A school official or employee acting during the normal course of his
11	employment or a student acting under the direction of such school official or
12	employee.
13	(iii) Any person having the written permission of the principal or school
14	board and engaged in competition or in marksmanship or safety instruction.
15	* * *
16	Section 2. R.S. 14:95(A)(5) is hereby repealed in its entirety.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Removes the intentional concealment of any switchblade knife, spring knife, or other knife or similar instrument from the crime of illegal carrying of weapons.

<u>Present law</u> provides for the illegal carrying of weapons.

Proposed law amends present law to remove the intentional concealment of any switchblade knife, spring knife, or other knife or similar instrument having a blade which may be automatically unfolded or extended from a handle by the manipulation of a button, switch, latch, or similar contrivance located on the handle.

(Amends R.S. 14:95(A)(4); Repeals R.S. 14:95(A)(5))