

SENATE BILL 1245

By Dickerson

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-1309, relative to weapons in areas immediately surrounding the grounds or facilities of schools.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-1309, is amended by adding the following language as a new subsection:

(f)

(1) A person commits an offense who intentionally carries an explosive, explosive weapon, firearm, hoax device, imitation firearm, machete, or sword openly within two hundred fifty feet (250') of the real property that comprises the grounds or facilities of a public or private preschool, elementary school, middle school, or secondary school.

(2) This subsection does not apply to any person:

(A) Identified under subsection (e);

(B) Carrying a handgun openly if the person is the holder of a valid handgun carry permit recognized in Tennessee;

(C) Carrying or possessing a firearm within a motor vehicle pursuant to § 39-17-1307(e);

(D) Hunting during lawful hunting season outside regular school hours and while possessing the appropriate hunting license;

(E) Whose use of a firearm is predicated solely for governmentally sanctioned instructional, display, or ceremonial purposes;

or

(F) Carrying or possessing a machete and employed in a profession where a machete is customarily utilized.

(3) A violation of this subsection (f) is a Class A misdemeanor.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2015, the public welfare requiring it.