



OHIO LEGISLATIVE SERVICE COMMISSION

Synopsis of Senate Committee Amendments*

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Creates an exception to the prohibition against possession of an object indistinguishable from a firearm in a school safety zone for use in school safety training.

Provides that the prohibition against deadly weapons in school safety zones does not apply to an officer, agent, or employee of this or any other state or the United States, or a law enforcement officer, who is authorized to carry deadly weapons or dangerous ordnance, regardless of whether the officer, agent, or employee is acting within the scope of the person's duties.

Removes language from the bill that modified the prohibition against carrying a concealed handgun into a police station.

Defines the "governing body" of an institution of higher education as the board of trustees, board of directors, commission, or other body responsible for the management, conduct, and control of one or more institutions of higher education.

Provides that if a person being arrested for a violation of R.C. 2923.12(A)(2) (knowingly carrying or having, concealed on the person's person or concealed ready at hand, a handgun other than a dangerous ordnance), illegally carries a concealed weapon onto an institution of higher education, the person is subject to the following penalties:

(1) If the person produces a valid concealed handgun license within ten days after the arrest and has not previously been convicted of or pleaded guilty to a violation of R.C. 2923.12(A)(2), a minor misdemeanor;

(2) If the person has previously been convicted of or pleaded guilty to a violation of R.C. 2923.12(A)(2), a fourth degree misdemeanor;

* This synopsis does not address amendments that may have been adopted on the Senate Floor.

(3) If the person has previously been convicted of or pleaded guilty to two violations of R.C. 2923.12(A)(2), a third degree misdemeanor;

(4) If the person previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to three or more violations of R.C. 2923.12(A)(2), or convicted of or pleaded guilty to any offense of violence, if the weapon involved is a firearm that is either loaded or for which the offender has ammunition ready at hand, or if the weapon involved is a dangerous ordnance, a second degree misdemeanor.

Modifies existing law by providing that a valid concealed handgun license does not authorize the licensee to carry a concealed handgun into any building that is a government facility of this state or a political subdivision of this state to which, during the building's normal hours of operation, access is restricted at the main point of entry by the continuous posting of security personnel and the use of security screening measures.

Provides that a children's crisis care facility that has as its primary purpose the provision of residential and other care to infants who are born drug exposed and that regularly maintains on its premises schedule II controlled substances may do both of the following:

(1) Maintain firearms at the facility;

(2) Permit security personnel to bear firearms while on the grounds of the facility.

Provides that if a person knowingly violates a posted prohibition against carrying firearms or concealed weapons into a child day-care center, type A family day-care home, or type B family day-care home, unless the person is a licensee who resides in the family day-care home, the person is guilty of aggravated trespass, a first degree misdemeanor. If the person previously has been convicted of a violation of the above described prohibition or of any offense of violence, if the weapon involved is a firearm that is either loaded or for which the offender has ammunition ready at hand, or if the weapon involved is a dangerous ordnance, the offender is guilty of a fourth degree felony.