

HOUSE BILL NO. 55

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY REPRESENTATIVE LYNN

Introduced: 1/11/13

Referred: Prefiled

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.