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## SENATE BILL No. 259

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DIGEST OF SB 259 (Updated January 21, 2016 12:45 pm - DI 84)

**Citations Affected:** IC 2-3.

**Synopsis:** Carrying of handguns by employees of the general assembly. Permits certain employees of the general assembly to carry a handgun within the state capitol building and on the property of the state capitol complex if the employee: (1) possesses a valid Indiana license to carry a handgun; and (2) is otherwise permitted to possess a handgun.

**Effective:** July 1, 2016.

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**Tomes, Ford, Steele,  
Young R Michael, Smith J, Messmer,  
Miller Pete, Waltz,  
Banks, Buck, Eckerty, Kruse**

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January 7, 2016, read first time and referred to Committee on Judiciary.  
January 21, 2016, amended, reported favorably — Do Pass.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2015 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning the general assembly.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1 SECTION 1. IC 2-3-10 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS  
2 A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY  
3 1, 2016]:

4 **Chapter 10. Handguns**

5 **Sec. 1. The following definitions apply throughout this chapter:**

6 (1) "Governing authority" means:

7 (A) the speaker of the house of representatives, with  
8 respect to employees of the house of representatives;

9 (B) the president pro tempore of the senate, with respect to  
10 employees of the senate; or

11 (C) the legislative council, with respect to employees of the  
12 legislative services agency.

13 (2) "Professional staff of the general assembly" means a  
14 permanent full-time employee of the house of representatives,  
15 senate, or legislative services agency whose primary function  
16 is:

17 (A) assisting members of the general assembly in

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- 1 communicating with constituents and responding to  
2 constituent concerns;  
3 (B) advising members of the general assembly concerning  
4 the preparation, analysis, fiscal impact, and policy  
5 implications of proposed legislation;  
6 (C) preparing, printing, distributing, editing, or revising  
7 proposed legislation and amendments to proposed  
8 legislation;  
9 (D) performing administrative and clerical functions  
10 necessary to the operation of the general assembly,  
11 including providing travel and payroll services; or  
12 (E) providing technology support to the general assembly  
13 or an employee of the general assembly.

14 The term includes officers of the house of representatives and  
15 of the senate, and any person whose primary function is to  
16 supervise a person described in clauses (A) through (E).

17 Sec. 2. A member of the general assembly who:

- 18 (1) possesses a valid Indiana license to carry a handgun; and  
19 (2) is otherwise permitted to possess a handgun;  
20 has the right to carry a handgun within the state capitol building  
21 and on the property of the state capitol complex.

22 Sec. 3. Subject to governing authority rules and policies  
23 concerning personnel practices, a member of the professional staff  
24 of the general assembly who:

- 25 (1) possesses a valid Indiana license to carry a handgun; and  
26 (2) is otherwise permitted to possess a handgun;  
27 has the right to carry a handgun within the state capitol building  
28 and on the property of the state capitol complex.



## COMMITTEE REPORT

Madam President: The Senate Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 259, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said bill be AMENDED as follows:

Page 1, line 4, delete "Legislative Employees and".

Page 2, between lines 16 and 17, begin a new paragraph and insert:

**"Sec. 2. A member of the general assembly who:**

**(1) possesses a valid Indiana license to carry a handgun; and**

**(2) is otherwise permitted to possess a handgun;**

**has the right to carry a handgun within the state capitol building and on the property of the state capitol complex."**

Page 2, line 17, delete "Sec. 2." and insert "Sec. 3.".

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to SB 259 as introduced.)

STEELE, Chairperson

Committee Vote: Yeas 6, Nays 3.

