

HOUSE BILL 324

By Carr J

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 17, Part 13 and Title 49, Chapter 6, relative to possessing firearms on certain school property.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-1309(e), is amended by adding the following new subdivision:

(8) An employee of a K-12 or pre-K public school, who is a member of the faculty, administration or other staff of the school, during the regular school hours of the school at which the person is employed if:

(A) The applicable school board has specifically approved and authorized the employee to possess, carry or have access to a firearm at the school where the person is employed;

(B) The employee is authorized to possess and carry a firearm pursuant to § 39-17-1351;

(C) The employee has successfully completed all of the training required by § 49-6-4217 for a school resource officer at least one (1) year prior to the school board's authorization; and

(D) The applicable school board sends a list of employees approved and authorized pursuant to subdivision (e)(8)(A) to the commissioner of education at least:

(i) One (1) week prior to the beginning of the school year for the schools in the school board's district;

(ii) One (1) week prior to January 1 of that year; and

(iii) One (1) week prior to the end of the school year;

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2013, the public welfare requiring it, and shall apply to the 2013/2014 school year and each school year thereafter.