Citations Affected: IC 2-3; IC 34-28.

Synopsis: Firearms matters. Removes penal facilities from the list of locations where employer ordinances, resolutions, policies, or rules prohibiting the keeping of firearms on employer property may be enforced. Provides that a penal facility shall require an employee to: (1) secure the employee's firearm or ammunition, or both, in a locked case; and (2) store the firearm or ammunition in the trunk or glove compartment or out of plain sight in the employee's locked vehicle. Permits certain employees of the general assembly and members of the Indiana lobby registration commission to carry a handgun within the state capitol building and on the property of the state capitol complex if the employee or member: (1) possesses a valid Indiana license to carry a handgun; and (2) is otherwise permitted to possess a handgun.

Effective: Upon passage.

Tomes, Head, Kruse, Doriot, Glick, Charbonneau, Hershman, Ford, Buck, Boots, Brown L, Eckerty, Young M, Crane, Niemeyer, Koch, Walker, Messmer, Houchin, Freeman, Crider, Leising, Sandlin, Delph, Becker

(HOUSE SPONSORS — LUCAS, MACER, JUDY)

January 3, 2017, read first time and referred to Committee on Civil Law.  
February 16, 2017, read second time, ordered engrossed. Engrossed.  
February 20, 2017, returned to second reading.  
February 21, 2017, re-read second time, amended, ordered engrossed.  
February 22, 2017, re-engrossed.  

HOUSE ACTION

March 6, 2017, read first time and referred to Committee on Public Policy.  

ES 43—LS 6045/DI 123
ENGROSSED
SENATE BILL No. 43

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning criminal law and procedure.

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

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

Chapter 10. Handguns
Sec. 1. The following definitions apply throughout this chapter:
(1) "Governing authority" means:
(A) the speaker of the house of representatives, with respect to employees of the house of representatives;
(B) the president pro tempore of the senate, with respect to employees of the senate;
(C) the legislative council, with respect to employees of the legislative services agency; or
(D) the Indiana lobby registration commission established under IC 2-7-1.6-1, with respect to employees of the Indiana lobby registration commission.
(2) "Professional staff of the general assembly" means a permanent employee of the house of representatives, senate,
Indiana lobby registration commission, or legislative services agency whose primary function is:

(A) assisting members of the general assembly in communicating with constituents and responding to constituent concerns;
(B) advising members of the general assembly concerning the preparation, analysis, fiscal impact, and policy implications of proposed legislation;
(C) preparing, printing, distributing, editing, or revising proposed legislation and amendments to proposed legislation;
(D) performing administrative and clerical functions necessary to the operation of the general assembly, including providing travel and payroll services;
(E) providing technology support to the general assembly or an employee of the general assembly; or
(F) carrying out the duties of the Indiana lobby registration commission.

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

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.

Sec. 3. (a) Subject to governing authority rules and policies concerning personnel practices, a member of the professional staff 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.

(b) A member of the Indiana lobby registration commission established under IC 2-7-1.6-1 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.

SECTION 2. IC 34-28-7-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.157-2014, SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 2. (a) Notwithstanding any other law and
except as provided in subsections (b) and (c), a person may not adopt or enforce an ordinance, a resolution, a policy, or a rule that:

1. prohibits; or
2. has the effect of prohibiting; an employee of the person, including a contract employee, from possessing a firearm or ammunition that is locked in the trunk of the employee's vehicle, kept in the glove compartment of the employee's locked vehicle, or stored out of plain sight in the employee's locked vehicle.

(b) Subsection (a) does not prohibit the adoption or enforcement of an ordinance, a resolution, a policy, or a rule that prohibits or has the effect of prohibiting an employee of the person, including a contract employee, from possessing a firearm or ammunition:

1. on the property of:
   A. a child caring institution;
   B. an emergency shelter care child caring institution;
   C. a private secure facility;
   D. a group home;
   E. an emergency shelter care group home; or
   F. a child care center;


2. on the property of a penal facility (as defined in IC 35-31.5-2-232);

3. in violation of federal law;

4. in or on property belonging to an approved postsecondary educational institution (as defined in IC 21-7-13-6(b));

5. on the property of a domestic violence shelter;

6. at the employer's residence;

7. on the property of a person that is:
   A. subject to the United States Department of Homeland Security's Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards issued April 9, 2007; and
   B. licensed by the United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission under Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations;

8. on property owned by:
   A. a public utility (as defined in IC 8-1-2-1) that generates and transmits electric power; or
   B. a department of public utilities created under IC 8-1-11.1; or
(9) (8) in the employee's personal vehicle if the employee, including a contract employee, is a direct support professional who:

(A) works directly with individuals with developmental disabilities to assist the individuals to become integrated into the individuals' community or least restrictive environment; and

(B) uses the employee's personal vehicle while transporting an individual with developmental disabilities.

(c) A person shall adopt or enforce an ordinance, a resolution, a policy, or a rule that requires an employee of the person, including a contract employee, who possesses a firearm or ammunition on the property of a penal facility (as defined in IC 35-31.5-2-232), to:

(1) secure the firearm or ammunition or both in a locked case; and

(2) store the firearm or ammunition, or both:

(A) in the trunk of the employee's vehicle;

(B) in the glove compartment of the employee's locked vehicle; or

(C) out of plain sight in the employee's locked vehicle.

SECTION 3. An emergency is declared for this act.
COMMITTEE REPORT

Madam President: The Senate Committee on Civil Law, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 43, 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, strike "subsection" and insert "subsections".
Page 1, line 4, after "(b)" delete "," and insert "and (c),".
Page 2, after line 37, begin a new paragraph and insert:
"(c) A person shall adopt or enforce an ordinance, a resolution, a policy, or a rule that requires an employee of the person, including a contract employee, who possesses a firearm or ammunition on the property of a penal facility (as defined in IC 35-31.5-2-232), to:

(1) secure the firearm or ammunition or both in a locked case; and
(2) store the firearm or ammunition or both:
   (A) in the trunk of the employee's vehicle;
   (B) in the glove compartment of the employee's locked vehicle; or
   (C) out of plain sight in the employee's locked vehicle.".

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to SB 43 as introduced.)

HEAD, Chairperson

Committee Vote: Yeas 7, Nays 1.

SENATE MOTION

Madam President: I move that Engrossed Senate Bill 43, which is eligible for third reading, be returned to second reading for purposes of amendment.

TOMES

SENATE MOTION

Madam President: I move that Senate Bill 43 be amended to read as follows:

ES 43—LS 6045/DI 123
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(2) "Professional staff of the general assembly" means a permanent full-time employee of the house of representatives, senate, or legislative services agency whose primary function is:

(A) assisting members of the general assembly in communicating with constituents and responding to constituent concerns;
(B) advising members of the general assembly concerning the preparation, analysis, fiscal impact, and policy implications of proposed legislation;
(C) preparing, printing, distributing, editing, or revising proposed legislation and amendments to proposed legislation;
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The term includes officers of the house of representatives and of the senate, and any person whose primary function is to supervise a person described in clauses (A) through (E).

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

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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."

Renumber all SECTIONS consecutively.

(Reference is to SB 43 as printed February 14, 2017.)

TOMES

COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Public Policy, to which was
referred Senate Bill 43, has had the same under consideration and begs
leave to report the same back to the House with the recommendation
that said bill be amended as follows:

Page 1, line 2, delete "JULY" and insert "UPON PASSAGE\]:\".
Page 1, delete line 3.
Page 1, line 10, delete "or".
Page 1, line 12, delete "agency." and insert "agency; or

(D) the Indiana lobby registration commission established
under IC 2-7-1.6-1, with respect to employees of the
Indiana lobby registration commission\].\"

Page 1, line 14, delete "full-time".
Page 1, line 15, after "senate," insert "Indiana lobby registration
commission\].\"

Page 2, line 11, delete "or".
Page 2, line 13, delete "assembly." and insert "assembly; or

(F) carrying out the duties of the Indiana lobby
registration commission\].\"

Page 2, line 22, after "3." insert "(a)".
Page 2, between lines 28 and 29, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"(b) A member of the Indiana lobby registration commission
established under IC 2-7-1.6-1 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 31, delete "JULY 1, 2017\]:\" and insert "UPON
PASSAGE\]:\".

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Page 4, line 6, after "ammunition" insert ",".
Page 4, after line 10, begin a new paragraph and insert:
"SECTION 3. An emergency is declared for this act."

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to SB 43 as reprinted February 22, 2017.)

SMALTZ

Committee Vote: yeas 9, nays 3.