SENATE BILL No. 33

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 35-47-9-1.

Synopsis: Houses of worship and firearms. Permits a person who may legally possess a firearm to possess a firearm on school property if the person possesses the firearm: (1) as an employee or volunteer of a house of worship located on the school property; or (2) while attending a worship service or religious ceremony conducted at a house of worship located on the school property.

Effective: July 1, 2018.

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January 3, 2018, read first time and referred to Committee on Judiciary.
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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 35-47-9-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.157-2014, SECTION 4, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018]: Sec. 1. (a) This chapter does not apply to the following:

(1) A:
   (A) federal;
   (B) state; or
   (C) local;

law enforcement officer.

(2) A person who may legally possess a firearm and who has been authorized by:
   (A) a school board (as defined by IC 20-26-9-4); or
   (B) the body that administers a charter school established under IC 20-24;

to carry a firearm in or on school property.

(3) Except as provided in subsection (b) or (c), a person who:
   (A) may legally possess a firearm; and
   (B) possesses the firearm in a motor vehicle.
(4) A person who is a school resource officer, as defined in IC 20-26-18.2-1.

(5) Except as provided in subsection (b) or (c), a person who:
(A) may legally possess a firearm; and
(B) possesses only a firearm that is:
   (i) locked in the trunk of the person's motor vehicle;
   (ii) kept in the glove compartment of the person's locked motor vehicle; or
   (iii) stored out of plain sight in the person's locked motor vehicle.

(6) A person who:
   (A) may legally possess a firearm; and
   (B) possesses a firearm on school property in connection with or while:
       (i) attending a worship service or religious ceremony conducted at a house of worship located on the school property; or
       (ii) carrying out the person's official duties at a house of worship located on the school property, if the person is employed by or a volunteer at the house of worship.

(b) For purposes of subsection (a)(3) and (a)(5), a person does not include a person who is:
   (1) enrolled as a student in any high school except if the person is a high school student and is a member of a shooting sports team and the school's principal has approved the person keeping a firearm concealed in the person's motor vehicle on the days the person is competing or practicing as a member of a shooting sports team; or
   (2) a former student of the school if the person is no longer enrolled in the school due to a disciplinary action within the previous twenty-four (24) months.

(c) For purposes of subsection (a)(3) and (a)(5), a motor vehicle does not include a motor vehicle owned, leased, or controlled by a school or school district unless the person who possesses the firearm is authorized by the school or school district to possess a firearm.