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A Bill

SENATE BILL 896

By: Senator B. King

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE ABILITY OF A CHURCH THAT OPERATES A PRIVATE SCHOOL, K-12, TO ALLOW A PERSON WHO POSSESSES A CONCEALED HANDGUN LICENSE TO CARRY A CONCEALED HANDGUN ON SCHOOL PROPERTY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO PROVIDE FOR THE ABILITY OF A CHURCH THAT OPERATES A PRIVATE SCHOOL, K-12, TO ALLOW A PERSON WHO POSSESSES A CONCEALED HANDGUN LICENSE TO CARRY A CONCEALED HANDGUN ON SCHOOL PROPERTY.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 5-73-119(e), concerning defenses to prosecution for the possession of a firearm on school property, is amended to add a new subdivision to read as follows:

(11) The person has a license to carry a concealed handgun under § 5-73-301 et seq. and is carrying a concealed handgun on the developed property of a kindergarten through grade twelve (K-12) private school operated by a church or other place of worship that:

(A) Is located on the developed property of the kindergarten through grade twelve (K-12) private school;

(B) Allows the person to carry a concealed handgun into the church or other place of worship under § 5-73-306; and

(C) Allows the person to possess a concealed handgun on the



developed property of the kindergarten through grade twelve (K-12) private school.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 5-73-306(14), concerning a prohibited place to carry a concealed handgun, is amended to read as follows:

(14)(A) ~~Any~~ A school, college, community college, or university campus building or event, unless for the purpose of participating in an authorized firearms-related activity~~+~~.

(B) However, subdivision (14)(A) of this section does not apply to a kindergarten through grade twelve (K-12) private school operated by a church or other place of worship that:

(i) Is located on the developed property of the kindergarten through grade twelve (K-12) private school;

(ii) Allows the licensee to carry a concealed handgun into the church or other place of worship under this section; and

(iii) Allows the licensee to possess a concealed handgun on the developed property of the kindergarten through grade twelve (K-12) private school under § 5-73-119(e);

APPROVED: BECAME LAW ON 04/22/2013 Not signed by Governor