

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.  
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**A Bill**

HOUSE BILL 2020

By: Representative Ballinger

### For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT CONCERNING THE CARRYING AND POSSESSION OF A  
CONCEALED HANDGUN; TO AMEND § 5-73-122; AND FOR OTHER  
PURPOSES.

### Subtitle

CONCERNING THE CARRYING AND POSSESSION OF  
A CONCEALED HANDGUN; AND TO AMEND § 5-73-  
122.

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

*SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 5-73-122 is amended to read as follows:*

*5-73-122. Carrying a firearm in publicly owned buildings or facilities.*

*(a)(1) Except as provided in § 5-73-322, ~~and~~ § 5-73-306(5), § 16-21-147, and this section, it is unlawful for any person other than a law enforcement officer or a security guard in the employ of the state or an agency of the state, or any city or county, or any state or federal military personnel, to knowingly carry or possess a loaded firearm or other deadly weapon in any publicly owned building or facility or on the State Capitol grounds.*

*(2) It is unlawful for any person other than a law enforcement officer or a security guard in the employ of the state or an agency of the state, or any city or county, or any state or federal military personnel, to knowingly carry or possess a firearm, whether loaded or unloaded, in the State Capitol Building or the Justice Building in Little Rock.*

*(3) However, this subsection does not apply to a person carrying*



or possessing a firearm or other deadly weapon in a publicly owned building or facility or on the State Capitol grounds:

(A) For the purpose of participating in a shooting match or target practice under the auspices of the agency responsible for the publicly owned building or facility or State Capitol grounds;

(B) If necessary to participate in a trade show, exhibit, or educational course conducted in the publicly owned building or facility or on the State Capitol grounds; or

(C)(i) If the person has a license to carry a concealed handgun under § 5-73-301 et seq. and is carrying a concealed handgun in his or her motor vehicle or has left the concealed handgun in his or her locked and unattended motor vehicle in a publicly owned and maintained parking lot.

(ii)(a) As used in this subdivision (a)(3)(C), "parking lot" means a designated area or structure or part of a structure intended for the parking of motor vehicles or a designated drop-off zone for children at school.

(b) "Parking lot" does not include a parking lot owned, maintained, or otherwise controlled by the Department of Correction or Department of Community Correction.

(4) As used in this section, "facility" means a municipally owned or maintained park, football field, baseball field, soccer field, or another similar municipally owned or maintained recreational structure or property.

~~(b)(1) Any person other than~~ However, a law enforcement officer, officer of the court, ~~or bailiff, acting in the line of duty,~~ or any other person authorized by the court, ~~who possesses~~ is permitted to possess a handgun in the courtroom of any court or a courthouse of this state ~~is guilty of a Class D felony.~~

~~(2) Otherwise, any~~

(c) A person violating a provision of this section upon conviction is guilty of a Class A C misdemeanor.

/s/Ballinger

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