

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

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A Bill

SENATE BILL 159

By: Senators Collins-Smith, Irvin, A. Clark, Files, Flippo, B. Johnson, B. King, Rice, G. Stubblefield, E. Williams, J. Woods, D. Johnson

By: Representatives Lemons, M. Gray

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO PERMIT A COUNTY EMPLOYEE WHO WORKS IN THE
COURTHOUSE AND WHO IS ALSO A CONCEALED CARRY LICENSEE
TO CARRY A CONCEALED HANDGUN IN A COUNTY COURTHOUSE;
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

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THE COURTHOUSE AND WHO IS ALSO A
CONCEALED CARRY LICENSEE TO CARRY A
CONCEALED HANDGUN IN A COUNTY COURTHOUSE.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 5-73-122(a)(1), concerning carrying a firearm in a publicly owned building or facility, is amended to read as follows:

(a)(1) Except as provided in § 5-73-322 and § 5-73-306(5), 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.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 5-73-306(5), concerning the prohibition against carrying a concealed handgun in a courthouse, is amended to read as



follows:

(5) Any courthouse, courthouse annex or other building owned, leased, or regularly used by a county for conducting court proceedings or housing a county office unless:

(A) The licensee is either:

(i) Employed by the county; or

(ii) A countywide elected official;

(B) The licensee's principal place of employment is within the courthouse, the courthouse annex or other building owned, leased, or regularly used by the county for conducting court proceedings or housing a county office; and

(C) The quorum court by ordinance approves a plan that allows licensees permitted under this subdivision (5) to carry a concealed handgun into the courthouse as set out by the local security and emergency preparedness plan;

/s/Collins-Smith