

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

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A Bill

SENATE BILL 138

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For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING WAR REENACTMENTS AT SCHOOLS; TO PERMIT AN UNLOADED FIREARM OR REPLICA OF A FIREARM AT CERTAIN WAR REENACTMENTS AT SCHOOLS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING WAR REENACTMENTS AT SCHOOLS; AND TO PERMIT AN UNLOADED FIREARM OR REPLICA OF A FIREARM AT CERTAIN WAR REENACTMENTS AT SCHOOLS.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-5-501 is amended to read as follows:
6-5-501. Definitions.

As used in this subchapter:

(1) “Revolutionary War” means the insurrection of the thirteen (13) original American colonies that led to the formation of the United States of America and lasted from 1775-1783;

(2) “Civil War” means the 1861-1865 American Civil War;

~~(3) “Civil War era weapon” means an instrument used in offensive or defensive combat during the Civil War or a modern reproduction;~~

~~(4) “Civil War reenactor” means a member of an organized group acting out historical events from the Civil War and carrying an actual weapon from that era or a reproduction;~~

~~(5)~~(3) “French and Indian War” means the portion of the war



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between France and Great Britain that took place in what is now the United States of America from 1754-1763;

(4) "Mexican-American War" means the war between the United States and Mexico from 1846-1848;

(5) "School official" means a public school district superintendent or principal, a private school superintendent or principal, a president, chancellor, or dean of a publicly supported institution of higher education, or a president or dean of a private institution of higher education; and

(6) "School property" means any building, bus, campus, ground, recreational area, athletic field, or other area or structure owned or in the charge of a public school district, a private school, a publicly supported institution of higher education, or a private institution of higher education-;

(7) "War of 1812" means the conflict between the United States and Great Britain from 1812-1815;

(8) "War reenactor" means a member of an organized group acting out historical events from a war defined in this section and carrying an actual weapon from that era or a reproduction of a weapon from that era; and

(9) "War-era weapon" means an instrument used in offensive or defensive combat during a war defined in this section or a modern reproduction of such an instrument.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-5-502 is amended to read as follows:

6-5-502. Weapons.

(a) A person in this state who is a ~~Civil War~~ war reenactor as defined in § 6-5-501 may carry a ~~Civil War~~ war-era weapon on school property for educational purposes so long as a school official grants approval in advance and, if the weapon is a firearm, the firearm is unloaded.

(b) Subsection (a) of this section applies to the following wars:

(1) The Revolutionary War;

(2) The Civil War;

(3) The French and Indian War;

(4) The Mexican-American War; and

(5) The War of 1812.