



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 5451

LCO No. 1905



Referred to Committee on PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY

Introduced by:
(PS)

***AN ACT CONCERNING POSSESSION OF A FIREARM ON SCHOOL
GROUNDS BY A PEACE OFFICER.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 53a-217b of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

3 (a) A person is guilty of possession of a weapon on school grounds
4 when, knowing that such person is not licensed or privileged to do so,
5 such person possesses a firearm or deadly weapon, as defined in section
6 53a-3, (1) in or on the real property comprising a public or private
7 elementary or secondary school, or (2) at a school-sponsored activity as
8 defined in subsection (h) of section 10-233a.

9 (b) The provisions of subsection (a) of this section shall not apply to
10 the otherwise lawful possession of a firearm (1) by a person for use in a
11 program approved by school officials in or on such school property or
12 at such school-sponsored activity, (2) by a person in accordance with an
13 agreement entered into between school officials and such person or such
14 person's employer, (3) by a peace officer, as defined in subdivision (9) of
15 section 53a-3, [while engaged in the performance of such peace officer's

16 official duties,] or (4) by a person while traversing such school property
17 for the purpose of gaining access to public or private lands open to
18 hunting or for other lawful purposes, provided such firearm is not
19 loaded and the entry on such school property is permitted by the local
20 or regional board of education.

21 (c) Possession of a weapon on school grounds is a class D felony.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	October 1, 2026	53a-217b
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Statement of Purpose:

To allow a peace officer to possess a firearm on school grounds regardless of whether such officer is engaged in the performance of the officer's official duties.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]