

HOUSE BILL 409

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-816, relative to employees carrying concealed weapons on the property of certain schools.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-816, is amended by deleting subdivisions (d)(1)(C) and (d)(1)(D) and substituting instead the following:

(C) Prior to carrying the concealed handgun on school property, successfully completes at least forty (40) hours of handgun instruction administered and taught by a local law enforcement agency. The handgun instruction curriculum shall be taken by the law enforcement agency from an existing curriculum that has been approved by the peace officers standards and training (POST) commission for use in training school resource officers and other law enforcement officers; and

(D) On an annual basis, completes at least sixteen (16) hours of continuing handgun instruction administered and taught by a local law enforcement agency.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-816, is further amended by deleting subdivision (d)(2) and substituting instead the following:

(2) Any handgun instruction curriculum that a law enforcement agency uses for school employees as provided in subdivision (d)(1)(C) shall include instruction designed to:

(A) Emphasize strategies for preventing school shootings and for securing the safety of potential victims of school shootings;

(B) Educate the employee about legal issues relating to the use of force or deadly force in the protection of others;

(C) Introduce the employee to effective school safety strategies and techniques;

(D) Improve the employee's proficiency with a handgun; and

(E) Enable the employee to respond to an emergency situation requiring deadly force, such as a situation involving an active shooter.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.