

118TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 2477

To amend the Gun-Free School Zones Act of 1990 to permit qualified law enforcement officers, qualified retired law enforcement officers, and persons not prohibited by State law from carrying a concealed firearm to carry a firearm, and to discharge a firearm in defense of self or others, in a school zone.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 3, 2023

Mr. WEBER of Texas introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Protect Against School
5 Shootings Act” or the “PASS Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. USE OF FIREARMS IN SCHOOL ZONES BY QUALI-**
2 **FIED LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS, QUALI-**
3 **FIED RETIRED LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFI-**
4 **CERS, AND PERSONS NOT PROHIBITED BY**
5 **STATE LAW FROM CARRYING A CONCEALED**
6 **FIREARM.**

7 Section 922(q) of title 18, United States Code, is
8 amended—

9 (1) in paragraph (2)(B)—

10 (A) in clause (vi), by striking “or” at the
11 end;

12 (B) in clause (vii), by striking the period
13 at the end and inserting “; or”; and

14 (C) by adding at the end the following:

15 “(viii) by a person who, under section 926B or
16 926C or the law of a State, may carry a concealed
17 firearm.”; and

18 (2) in paragraph (3)(B)—

19 (A) in clause (iii), by striking “or” at the
20 end;

21 (B) in clause (iv), by striking the period at
22 the end and inserting “; or”; and

23 (C) by adding at the end the following:

1 “(v) by a person who, under section 926B or
2 926C or the law of a State, may carry a concealed
3 firearm.”.

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