

Department of Planning and Budget

2022 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB133

House of Origin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/>	Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/>	Engrossed
Second House	<input type="checkbox"/>	In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/>	Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/>	Enrolled

2. Patron: Cherry

3. Committee: Committee Referral Pending

4. Title: Possession of firearms or other weapons on school property.

5. Summary: Under current law, the list of schools where possession of a weapon or a firearm is prohibited includes the property of any child day center or public, private, or religious preschool, elementary, middle, or high school. The proposed legislation removes preschools and licensed child day centers, which are not operated at the provider's residence or the residence of any of the children enrolled in the preschools and licensed child day centers, from this list of schools.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary (see Item 8 below).

8. Fiscal Implications: Currently, possessing certain weapons on school property is a Class 1 misdemeanor. Anyone convicted of a Class 1 misdemeanor is subject to a sentence of up to 12 months in jail and a fine of not more than \$2,500, either or both. Possession of a firearm with the intent to use it or display a firearm in a threatening manner on school property is a Class 6 felony and carries a mandatory minimum term of imprisonment of five years to be served consecutively with any other sentence. By removing preschools and licensed child day centers from the list of schools where possession of a weapon or a firearm is prohibited, this proposal could reduce the number of offenders convicted of this crime. While this bill could potentially reduce the number of people sentenced to local or regional jails, any potential impact is indeterminate at this time.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: None

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: None