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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Weapons on School Property - Exceptions**

3 FOR the purpose of adding certain exceptions to the prohibition against carrying or
4 possessing certain weapons on certain school property; making certain stylistic
5 changes; and generally relating to weapons on school property.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
7 Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments
8 Section 36A
9 Annotated Code of Maryland
10 (1992 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

11 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
12 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

13 **Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments**

14 36A.

15 (a) No person, unless otherwise excepted in this section, shall carry or possess any
16 rifle, gun, knife, or deadly weapon of any kind on any public school property in this State.

17 (b) Nothing in this section shall be construed to apply to [law]:

18 (1) LAW enforcement officers in the regular course of their duty[, or to any
19 persons];

20 (2) PERSONS hired by the boards of education in the counties and
21 Baltimore City specifically for the purpose of guarding public school property[, or to
22 persons];

23 (3) PERSONS engaged in organized shooting activity for educational
24 purposes; OR

25 (4) PERSONS WHO, WITH A WRITTEN INVITATION FROM THE SCHOOL
26 PRINCIPAL, DISPLAY OR ENGAGE IN HISTORICAL DEMONSTRATIONS USING
27 WEAPONS OR REPLICAS OF WEAPONS FOR EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES.

28 (c) Any person who violates this section shall, upon conviction, be guilty of a
29 misdemeanor and shall be sentenced to pay a fine of no more than [one thousand dollars

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1 (\$1,000.00),] \$1,000 or shall be sentenced to the Maryland Department of Correction for
2 a period of not more than [three (3)] 3 years. Any such person who shall be found to
3 carry a handgun in violation of this section[,] shall be sentenced as provided in § 36B of
4 this article.

5 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
6 October 1, 1996.