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**By: Senator Ferguson**

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Weapons on School Property - Safety Training**

3 FOR the purpose of excluding persons engaged in certain safety training from the  
4 prohibition against carrying or possessing certain weapons on certain school  
5 property; making certain stylistic changes; and generally relating to weapons on  
6 school property.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
8 Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments  
9 Section 36A  
10 Annotated Code of Maryland  
11 (1992 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

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

14 **Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments**

15 36A.

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

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

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

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

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

26 (4) PERSONS ENGAGED IN HUNTER SAFETY TRAINING OR FIREARMS  
27 SAFETY TRAINING.

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1           (c) Any person who violates this section shall, upon conviction, be guilty of a  
2 misdemeanor, and shall be sentenced to pay a fine of no more than [one thousand dollars  
3 (\$1,000.00),] \$1,000 or shall be sentenced to the Maryland Department of Correction for  
4 a period of not more than [three (3)] 3 years. Any such person who shall be found to  
5 carry a handgun in violation of this section[,] shall be sentenced as provided in § 36B of  
6 this article.

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