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8 SYNOPSIS: Under existing law, law enforcement officers
9 and certain persons issued a license to carry a
10 concealed weapon are permitted to carry a deadly
11 weapon, or firearm, on K-12 school property.

12 This bill would authorize a local board of
13 education to allow persons employed as school
14 security personnel, school resource officers, and
15 administrative personnel, with certain
16 qualifications, to carry a pistol or stun gun while
17 on school property.

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19 A BILL

20 TO BE ENTITLED

21 AN ACT

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23 Relating to public K-12 education; authorizing each
24 local board of education to allow persons employed as school
25 security personnel, school resource officers, or
26 administrative personnel to carry a pistol or stun gun while

1 on school property; and requiring that such employees have
2 certain qualifications.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

4 Section 1. (a) For the purposes of this section, the
5 following terms shall have the following meanings:

6 (1) PISTOL. Any firearm with a barrel less than 12
7 inches in length.

8 (2) SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR. A local superintendent of
9 education or the principal or vice principal of a public K-12
10 school.

11 (3) STUN GUN. A portable device or weapon from which
12 an electric current, impulse, wave, or beam may be directed,
13 which current, impulse, wave, or beam is designed to
14 incapacitate temporarily, injure, momentarily stun, knock out,
15 cause mental disorientation, or paralyze.

16 (b) A local board of education may allow any person
17 employed by the board as school security personnel or as a
18 school resource officer or school administrator to carry a
19 pistol or stun gun while on school property if the employee
20 satisfies all of the following qualifications:

21 (1) Has attended 16 hours of firearm training in a
22 program approved by the Alabama Peace Officers' Standards and
23 Training Commission.

24 (2) Annually completes and passes the firearm
25 re-qualification required of law enforcement officers by the
26 Alabama Peace Officers' Standards and Training Commission.

1 (c) During a board meeting held on or near the first
2 day of each academic school year, the local board of education
3 shall determine, by school, which employees and school
4 administrators may carry a pistol or stun gun for that
5 academic school year. This section may not be interpreted as
6 requiring a local board of education to authorize an otherwise
7 qualified employee or school administrator to carry a pistol
8 or stun gun on school property for an academic school year or
9 as prohibiting a local board of education from rescinding an
10 authorization previously granted.

11 Section 2. This act shall become effective on the
12 first day of the third month following its passage and
13 approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.