

# HB316 INTRODUCED



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SYNOPSIS:

Under existing law, certain persons are prohibited from possessing a firearm. Existing law also prohibits possession of a firearm in certain places.

This bill would provide a criminal penalty against a parent or legal guardian when his or her minor child unlawfully possesses a firearm on the premises of a public school as a result of the parent or legal guardian's failure to reasonably secure the firearm, subject to exceptions.

A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

Relating to firearms; to provide firearm storage requirements; to provide a criminal penalty for a violation of these requirements that results in a minor possessing the firearm under certain circumstances; and to provide exceptions.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

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

(1) FIREARM. The term as defined in Section 13A-8-1,



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29 Code of Alabama 1975.

30 (2) MINOR. An individual that is 18 years of age or  
31 younger.

32 (3) PUBLIC SCHOOL. A public school composed of grades  
33 K-12, including a public school bus used for grades K-12.

34 (4) REASONABLY SECURE. Includes, but is not limited to,  
35 storing a firearm using a trigger lock or in a locked box or  
36 gun safe that requires a key, numerical or alphanumeric  
37 combination, or fingerprint to open.

38 (b) A parent or legal guardian of a minor shall store a  
39 firearm in his or her possession or under his or her control  
40 in a manner that reasonably secures the firearm from  
41 unauthorized or unlawful access by a minor.

42 (c) If a minor gains access to a firearm and unlawfully  
43 possesses the firearm on the premises of a public school as a  
44 proximate result of a violation of subsection (b), the parent  
45 or legal guardian is guilty of a Class A misdemeanor.

46 (d) This section shall not apply to any of the  
47 following:

48 (1) A minor in possession of a firearm pursuant to  
49 Section 13A-11-72 (f) or (g), Code of Alabama 1975.

50 (2) A minor in possession of a firearm that is in a  
51 motor vehicle while the vehicle is in a parking area owned or  
52 operated by a public school.

53 Section 2. This act shall become effective on October  
54 1, 2026.