

HB420 ENROLLED



1 HB420
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1 Enrolled, An Act,

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3 Relating to crimes and offenses; to amend Section

4 13A-11-61.1, Code of Alabama 1975, to revise the penalties for
5 discharging a firearm into an occupied school bus or school
6 building.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

8 Section 1. Section 13A-11-61.1, Code of Alabama 1975,
9 is amended to read as follows:

10 "§13A-11-61.1

11 (a) No person shall shoot or discharge a firearm into
12 an occupied or unoccupied school bus or school building.

13 (1) A person who shoots or discharges a firearm into an
14 occupied school bus or school building shall be guilty of a
15 ~~Class B~~ Class A felony.

16 (2) A person who shoots or discharges a firearm into an
17 unoccupied school bus or school building shall be guilty of a
18 Class C felony.

19 (b) No person shall shoot or discharge a firearm on
20 school property.

21 (1) A person who shoots or discharges a firearm on
22 school property during school hours or during school
23 activities after school hours, shall be guilty of a Class B
24 felony.

25 (2) In circumstances other than those provided in
26 subdivision (1), a person who shoots or discharges a firearm
27 on school property shall be guilty of a Class C felony.

28 (c) A person shall not be in violation of this section



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29 if the person is justified in using physical force pursuant to
30 Section 13A-3-23.

31 (d) A person shall not be in violation of this section
32 if he or she is engaging in an organized competition or school
33 ~~system sanctioned~~ system-sanctioned event involving the use of
34 a firearm or participating in or practicing for a performance
35 by an organized group under 26 U.S.C. § 501(c)(3) which uses
36 firearms as part of the performance or is on land leased from
37 a school system.

38 (e) For the purposes of this section, "school property"
39 does not include sixteenth section land or school lands,
40 pursuant to Section 16-20-1, held in trust for the benefit of
41 a school district, that do not have any school buildings, and
42 ~~that is~~ are not actively used for the purpose of providing
43 educational or recreational activities to students.

44 ~~(f) A person shall not be in violation of this section~~
45 ~~if he or she is under 19 years of age.~~

46 ~~(g)~~ (f) This section shall not be construed to repeal
47 other criminal laws. Whenever conduct prescribed by any
48 provision of this section is also prescribed by any other
49 provision of law, the provision which carries the more serious
50 penalty shall be applied."

51 Section 2. This act shall become effective on October
52 1, 2026.

