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

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

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT Relating to public K-12 education; authorizing each local board of education to allow persons employed as school security personnel, school resource officers, or administrative personnel to carry a pistol or stun gun while
on school property; and requiring that such employees have
certain qualifications.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

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

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

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

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

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

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

(2) Annually completes and passes the firearm
re-qualification required of law enforcement officers by the
Alabama Peace Officers' Standards and Training Commission.
(c) During a board meeting held on or near the first day of each academic school year, the local board of education shall determine, by school, which employees and school administrators may carry a pistol or stun gun for that academic school year. This section may not be interpreted as requiring a local board of education to authorize an otherwise qualified employee or school administrator to carry a pistol or stun gun on school property for an academic school year or as prohibiting a local board of education from rescinding an authorization previously granted.

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