

By: Representatives Chism, Arnold

To: Education

HOUSE BILL NO. 177

1 AN ACT TO CREATE THE SCHOOL PROTECTION ACT; TO AUTHORIZE
2 SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS TO HAVE ACCESS TO A HANDGUN AT SCHOOL
3 PROVIDED CERTAIN LICENSING, TRAINING AND CONDITIONS ARE MET; AND
4 FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

6 **SECTION 1.** This act shall be known and may be cited as "The
7 School Protection Act."

8 **SECTION 2.** School administrators are authorized to have
9 access to a handgun at the school where they are employed. In
10 order for a school administrator to have such access to a handgun,
11 the school administrator must have a federal firearm license, must
12 be licensed under Section 45-9-101 to carry a concealed weapon and
13 must successfully complete an instructional course in the safe
14 handling and use of firearms offered by an instructor certified by
15 a nationally recognized organization that customarily offers
16 firearms training, or by any other organization approved by the
17 Department of Public Safety. The handgun must be a caliber
18 greater than .38 and only exploding ammunition which prevents
19 ricochet may be in the handgun. The handgun must stay locked in a



20 biometric gun safe in the school administrator's office and only
21 administrators trained and licensed as provided in this section
22 shall have access to the handgun. The handgun may be retrieved
23 and used only in instances when students and other persons at the
24 school are in immediate danger of death or serious bodily injury.

25 **SECTION 3.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
26 and after July 1, 2013.

