

January 24, 2007

S 8. EXPAND SAFE ZONES/SCHOOLS/ PARKS, CHILD CTRS. Filed 1/24/07. *TO INCREASE THE "SAFE ZONES" NEAR CHILD CARE CENTERS AND SCHOOL GROUNDS REGARDING ILLEGAL DRUG SALES FROM THREE HUNDRED FEET TO ONE THOUSAND FEET, TO EXPAND THE "SAFE ZONE" FOR PUBLIC PARKS TO INCLUDE ALL PUBLIC PARKS, NOT JUST THOSE WITH PLAYGROUNDS AND TO INCREASE THE DISTANCE OF THOSE SAFE ZONES TO ONE THOUSAND FEET, TO INCREASE THE PENALTIES FOR CARRYING A DEADLY WEAPON ON EDUCATIONAL PROPERTY, AND TO MAKE IT A CRIMINAL OFFENSE TO POSSESS OR CARRY A GUN, RIFLE, OR PISTOL IN A PUBLIC PARK, IN ANY CHILD CARE CENTER, OR ON ANY PLAYGROUND.* Amends GS 90-95(e) to increase safe zones near child care centers and school grounds to 1,000 feet (was, 300). Expands public parks affected to include all public parks (was, public parks with playgrounds). Amends GS 14-269.2 (Weapons on campus or other educational property) to raise by one class the class of each offense. Amends GS Chapter 14, Article 35 (Offenses Against the Public Peace) by adding a new GS 14-269.5, which makes it a Class 1 misdemeanor to possess or carry a gun, rifle, or pistol in any public park, or child care center or on a playground. Exempts those exempt from the concealed weapons prohibition under GS 14-269(b), and firefighters, emergency personnel, Forest Service personnel, and private police or security employed by the owner or operator of the facility. Effective December 1, 2007.

Intro. by Boseman.

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May 22, 2007

S 8. EXPAND SAFE ZONES/SCHOOLS, PARKS, CHILD CTRS. Filed 1/24/07. Senate committee substitute makes the following changes to 1st edition. Deletes the proposed amendments to GS 14-269.2 (increasing the penalties for weapons on campus or other educational property) and deletes proposed new GS 14-269.5 (prohibiting possessing or carrying firearms in public parks, in child care centers, or on playgrounds). Makes a conforming title change.

August 27, 2007

SL 2007-375 (S 8). EXPAND SAFE ZONES/SCHOOLS, PARKS, CHILD CENTERS. AN ACT TO INCREASE THE "SAFE ZONES" NEAR CHILD CARE CENTERS AND SCHOOL GROUNDS REGARDING ILLEGAL DRUG SALES FROM THREE HUNDRED FEET TO ONE THOUSAND FEET, AND TO EXPAND THE "SAFE ZONE" FOR PUBLIC PARKS TO INCLUDE ALL PUBLIC PARKS, NOT JUST THOSE WITH PLAYGROUNDS, AND TO INCREASE THE DISTANCE OF THOSE SAFE ZONES TO ONE THOUSAND FEET. Summarized in *Daily Bulletin* 1/24/07 and 5/22/07. Enacted August 19, 2007. Effective December 1, 2007.