

No Child Left Behind Act of 2001
Title IV: Twenty First Century Schools
Part A: Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities
Subpart 3 — Gun Possession

SEC. 4141. GUN-FREE REQUIREMENTS.

- (a) **SHORT TITLE-** This subpart may be cited as the Gun-Free Schools Act'.
- (b) **REQUIREMENTS-**
- (1) **IN GENERAL-** Each State receiving Federal funds under any title of this Act shall have in effect a State law requiring local educational agencies to expel from school for a period of not less than 1 year a student who is determined to have brought a firearm to a school, or to have possessed a firearm at a school, under the jurisdiction of local educational agencies in that State, except that such State law shall allow the chief administering officer of a local educational agency to modify such expulsion requirement for a student on a case-by-case basis if such modification is in writing.
 - (2) **CONSTRUCTION-** Nothing in this subpart shall be construed to prevent a State from allowing a local educational agency that has expelled a student from such a student's regular school setting from providing educational services to such student in an alternative setting.
 - (3) **DEFINITION-** For the purpose of this section, the term firearm' has the same meaning given such term in section 921(a) of title 18, United States Code.
- (c) **SPECIAL RULE-** The provisions of this section shall be construed in a manner consistent with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.
- (d) **REPORT TO STATE-** Each local educational agency requesting assistance from the State educational agency that is to be provided from funds made available to the State under any title of this Act shall provide to the State, in the application requesting such assistance —
- (1) an assurance that such local educational agency is in compliance with the State law required by subsection (b); and
 - (2) a description of the circumstances surrounding any expulsions imposed under the State law required by subsection (b), including —
 - (A) the name of the school concerned;
 - (B) the number of students expelled from such school; and
 - (C) the type of firearms concerned.
- (e) **REPORTING-** Each State shall report the information described in subsection (d) to the Secretary on an annual basis.
- (f) **DEFINITION-** For the purpose of subsection (d), the term school' means any setting that is under the control and supervision of the local educational agency for the purpose of student activities approved and authorized by the local educational agency.
- (g) **EXCEPTION-** Nothing in this section shall apply to a firearm that is lawfully stored inside a locked vehicle on school property, or if it is for activities approved and authorized by the local educational agency and the local educational agency adopts appropriate safeguards to ensure student safety.
- (h) **POLICY REGARDING CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM REFERRAL-**
- (1) **IN GENERAL-** No funds shall be made available under any title of this Act to any local educational agency unless such agency has a policy requiring referral to the criminal justice or juvenile delinquency system of any student who brings a firearm or weapon to a school served by such agency.
 - (2) **DEFINITION-** For the purpose of this subsection, the term school' has the same meaning given to such term by section 921(a) of title 18, United States Code.