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A Bill

SENATE BILL 138

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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING WAR REENACTMENTS
10 AT SCHOOLS; TO PERMIT AN UNLOADED FIREARM OR REPLICA
11 OF A FIREARM AT CERTAIN WAR REENACTMENTS AT SCHOOLS;
12 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

15 TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING WAR
16 REENACTMENTS AT SCHOOLS; AND TO PERMIT
17 AN UNLOADED FIREARM OR REPLICA OF A
18 FIREARM AT CERTAIN WAR REENACTMENTS AT
19 SCHOOLS.
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22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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24 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-5-501 is amended to read as follows:
25 6-5-501. Definitions.

26 As used in this subchapter:

27 (1) “Revolutionary War” means the insurrection of the thirteen
28 (13) original American colonies that led to the formation of the United
29 States of America and lasted from 1775-1783;

30 (2) “Civil War” means the 1861-1865 American Civil War;

31 ~~(3) “Civil War era weapon” means an instrument used in offensive~~
32 ~~or defensive combat during the Civil War or a modern reproduction;~~

33 ~~(4) “Civil War reenactor” means a member of an organized group~~
34 ~~acting out historical events from the Civil War and carrying an actual weapon~~
35 ~~from that era or a reproduction;~~

36 ~~(5)~~(3) “French and Indian War” means the portion of the war



1 between France and Great Britain that took place in what is now the United
 2 States of America from 1754-1763;

3 (4) "Mexican-American War" means the war between the United
 4 States and Mexico from 1846-1848;

5 (5) "School official" means a public school district
 6 superintendent or principal, a private school superintendent or principal, a
 7 president, chancellor, or dean of a publicly supported institution of higher
 8 education, or a president or dean of a private institution of higher
 9 education; and

10 (6) "School property" means any building, bus, campus, ground,
 11 recreational area, athletic field, or other area or structure owned or in the
 12 charge of a public school district, a private school, a publicly supported
 13 institution of higher education, or a private institution of higher
 14 education-;

15 (7) "War of 1812" means the conflict between the United States
 16 and Great Britain from 1812-1815;

17 (8) "War reenactor" means a member of an organized group acting
 18 out historical events from a war defined in this section and carrying an
 19 actual weapon from that era or a reproduction of a weapon from that era; and

20 (9) "War-era weapon" means an instrument used in offensive or
 21 defensive combat during a war defined in this section or a modern
 22 reproduction of such an instrument.

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 24 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-5-502 is amended to read as follows:
 25 6-5-502. Weapons.

26 (a) A person in this state who is a ~~Civil War~~ war reenactor as defined
 27 in § 6-5-501 may carry a ~~Civil War~~ war-era weapon on school property for
 28 educational purposes so long as a school official grants approval in advance
 29 and, if the weapon is a firearm, the firearm is unloaded.

30 (b) Subsection (a) of this section applies to the following wars:

31 (1) The Revolutionary War;

32 (2) The Civil War;

33 (3) The French and Indian War;

34 (4) The Mexican-American War; and

35 (5) The War of 1812.

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