

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 498

BY REPRESENTATIVE KNOX

CRIME: Provides relative to firearm-free zones

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 14:95.6(A) and (C), relative to firearm-free zones; to provide for
3 what a firearm-free zone encompasses; to provide for a definition; and to provide for
4 related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 14:95.6(A) and (C) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as
7 follows:

8 §95.6. Firearm-free zone; notice; signs; crime; penalties

9 A. A "firearm-free zone" is ~~an~~ any of the following:

10 (1) An area inclusive of any school campus and within one thousand feet of
11 any such school campus, and within a school bus, wherein the possession of firearms
12 is prohibited, except as specifically set forth in Subsection B of this Section and R.S.
13 14:95.2(C).

14 (2) A major entertainment district.

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16 C. For the purposes of this Section:

17 (1) "A major entertainment district" means the public spaces within an area
18 that traditionally hosts more than fifteen million people annually, contains a venue
19 for sports and entertainment with a capacity for more than seventy-five thousand
20 people, a convention center with more than one million square feet of exhibition

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space, and has one land-based casino. This shall include the area of the city of New

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Orleans containing the boundaries of the French Quarter as provided in R.S.

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25:799(B), the Downtown Development District as provided in R.S. 33:2740.3(A),

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and the New Orleans Ernest N. Morial Convention Center as provided in R.S.

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33:130.862(A).

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(~~1~~) (2) "School" means any public or private elementary, secondary, high

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school, or vocational-technical school, college, or university in this state.

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(~~2~~) (3) "School campus" means all facilities and property within the

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boundary of the school property.

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(~~3~~) (4) "School bus" means any motor bus being used to transport children

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to and from school or in connection with school activities.

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DIGEST

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Abstract: Includes major entertainment districts in the definition of a firearm-free zone.

Present law provides for firearm-free zones.

Proposed law retains present law and adds a major entertainment district as a firearm-free zone.

Present law provides for definitions.

Proposed law retains present law and adds a definition for "a major entertainment district".

(Amends R.S. 14:95.6(A) and (C))