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 <u>the</u> 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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1	space, and has one land-based casino. This shall include the area of the city of New
2	Orleans containing the boundaries of the French Quarter as provided in R.S.
3	25:799(B), the Downtown Development District as provided in R.S. 33:2740.3(A),
4	and the New Orleans Ernest N. Morial Convention Center as provided in R.S.
5	<u>33:130.862(A).</u>
6	(1) (2) "School" means any public or private elementary, secondary, high
7	school, or vocational-technical school, college, or university in this state.
8	(2) (3) "School campus" means all facilities and property within the
9	boundary of the school property.
10	(3) (4) "School bus" means any motor bus being used to transport children
11	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.

<u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u> 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))