

## HB420 INTRODUCED



1 HB420  
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SYNOPSIS:

Under existing law, a person who discharges a firearm into an occupied school bus or school building is guilty of a Class B felony.

This bill would increase the penalty for discharging a firearm into an occupied school bus or school building to a Class A felony.

A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

Relating to crimes and offenses; to amend Section 13A-11-61.1, Code of Alabama 1975, to revise the penalties for discharging a firearm into an occupied school bus or school building.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. Section 13A-11-61.1, Code of Alabama 1975, is amended to read as follows:

"§13A-11-61.1

(a) No person shall shoot or discharge a firearm into an occupied or unoccupied school bus or school building.

(1) A person who shoots or discharges a firearm into an occupied school bus or school building shall be guilty of a



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29 ~~Class B~~ Class A felony.

30 (2) A person who shoots or discharges a firearm into an  
31 unoccupied school bus or school building shall be guilty of a  
32 Class C felony.

33 (b) No person shall shoot or discharge a firearm on  
34 school property.

35 (1) A person who shoots or discharges a firearm on  
36 school property during school hours or during school  
37 activities after school hours~~r~~ shall be guilty of a Class B  
38 felony.

39 (2) In circumstances other than those provided in  
40 subdivision (1), a person who shoots or discharges a firearm  
41 on school property shall be guilty of a Class C felony.

42 (c) A person shall not be in violation of this section  
43 if the person is justified in using physical force pursuant to  
44 Section 13A-3-23.

45 (d) A person shall not be in violation of this section  
46 if he or she is engaging in an organized competition or school  
47 ~~system-sanctioned~~ system-sanctioned event involving the use of  
48 a firearm or participating in or practicing for a performance  
49 by an organized group under 26 U.S.C. § 501(c)(3) which uses  
50 firearms as part of the performance or is on land leased from  
51 a school system.

52 (e) For the purposes of this section, "school property"  
53 does not include sixteenth section land or school lands,  
54 pursuant to Section 16-20-1, held in trust for the benefit of  
55 a school district, that do not have any school buildings~~r~~ and  
56 ~~that is~~ are not actively used for the purpose of providing



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educational or recreational activities to students.

(f) A person shall not be in violation of this section if he or she is under 19 years of age.

(g) This section shall not be construed to repeal other criminal laws. Whenever conduct prescribed by any provision of this section is also prescribed by any other provision of law, the provision which carries the more serious penalty shall be applied."

Section 2. This act shall become effective on October 1, 2026.