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22-5-4.7. Additional student discipline policies; weapon-free schools.

- A. In addition to other student discipline policies, each school district shall adopt a policy providing for the expulsion from school, for a period of not less than one year, of any student who is determined to have knowingly brought a weapon to a school under the jurisdiction of the local board. The local school board or the superintendent of the school district may modify the expulsion requirement on a case-by-case basis.
- B. Student discipline policies shall also provide for placement in an alternative educational setting, for not more than forty-five days, of any student with a disability who is determined to have knowingly brought a weapon to a school under the jurisdiction of the local board. If a parent or guardian of the student requests a due process hearing, then the student shall remain in the alternative educational setting during the pendency of any proceeding, unless the parent or guardian and the school district agree otherwise.
 - C. For the purposes of this section, "weapon" means:
- (1) any firearm that is designed to, may readily be converted to or will expel a projectile by the action of an explosion; and
- (2) any destructive device that is an explosive or incendiary device, bomb, grenade, rocket having a propellent charge of more than four ounces, missile having an explosive or incendiary charge of more than one-quarter-ounce, mine or similar device.

History: 1978 Comp., § 22-5-4.7, enacted by Laws 1995, ch. 47, § 1.

30-7-16. Firearms or destructive devices; receipt, transportation or possession by a felon; penalty.

- A. It is unlawful for a felon to receive, transport or possess any firearm or destructive device in this state.
- B. Any person violating the provisions of this section shall be guilty of a fourth degree felony and shall be sentenced in accordance with the provisions of the Criminal Sentencing Act [31-18-12 NMSA 1978].
 - C. As used in this section:
 - (1) "destructive device" means:
- (a) any explosive, incendiary or poison gas: 1) bomb; 2) grenade; 3) rocket having a propellant charge of more than four ounces; 4) missile having an explosive or incendiary charge of more than one-fourth ounce; 5) mine; or 6) similar device;
- (b) any type of weapon by whatever name known that will, or that may be readily converted to, expel a projectile by the action of an explosive or other propellant, the barrel or barrels of which have a bore of more than one-half inch in diameter, except a shotgun or shotgun shell that is generally recognized as particularly suitable for sporting purposes; and
- (c) any combination of parts either designed or intended for use in converting any device into a destructive device as defined in this paragraph and from which a destructive device may be readily assembled.

The term "destructive device" does not include any device that is neither designed nor redesigned for use as a weapon or any device, although originally designed for use as a weapon, that is redesigned for use as a signaling, pyrotechnic, line throwing, safety or similar device;

(2) "felon" means a person convicted of a felony offense by a court of the United States or of any state or political subdivision thereof and:

- (a) less than ten years have passed since the person completed serving his sentence or period of probation for the felony conviction, whichever is later;
- (b) the person has not been pardoned for the felony conviction by the proper authority; and
 - (c) the person has not received a deferred sentence; and
- (3) "firearm" means any weapon that will or is designed to or may readily be converted to expel a projectile by the action of an explosion; the frame or receiver of any such weapon; or any firearm muffler or firearm silencer. "Firearm" includes any handgun, rifle or shotgun.

History: Laws 1981, ch. 225, § 1; 1987, ch. 202, § 1; 2001, ch. 89, § 1.

30-20A-2. Definitions.

As used in the Antiterrorism Act [30-20A-1 NMSA 1978]:

- A. "civil disorder" means any planned act of violence by an assemblage of two or more persons with the intent to cause damage or injury to another individual or his property;
 - B. "destructive device" means:
 - (1) any explosive, incendiary or poison gas:
 - (a) bomb;
 - (b) grenade;
 - (c) rocket having a propellant charge of more than four ounces;
 - (d) missile having an explosive or incendiary charge of more than one-quarter ounce;
 - (e) mine; or
 - (f) similar device;
- (2) any type of weapon that can expel or may be readily converted to expel a projectile by the action of an explosive or other propellant, the barrel or barrels of which have a bore of more than six-tenths inch in diameter, except a shotgun, shotgun shell or muzzle loading firearm that is generally recognized as particularly suitable for sporting purposes; or
- (3) any part or combination of parts either designed or intended for use in converting or assembling any device described in Paragraphs (1) and (2) of this subsection.

The term "destructive device" shall not include any device that is neither designed nor redesigned for use as a weapon;

- C. "firearm" means any weapon that can expel or is designed to or may readily be converted to expel a projectile by the action of an explosion, the frame or receiver of any such weapon, any firearm muffler or firearm silencer. "Firearm" includes any handgun, rifle or shotgun; and
- D. "law enforcement officer" means any employee of a police or public safety department administered by the state or any political subdivision of the state where the employee is responsible for the prevention and detection of crime and the enforcement of the penal, traffic or highway laws of this state. "Law enforcement officer" includes any member of the New Mexico national guard; any peace officer of the United States, any state, any political subdivision of a state or the District of Columbia; any member of the New Mexico mounted patrol or the national guard, as defined in 10 U.S.C. Sec. 101(9); any member of the organized militia of any state or territory of the United States, the commonwealth of Puerto Rico or the District of Columbia not included within the definition of national guard; and any member of the armed forces of the United States. "Law enforcement officer" also means any person or entity acting as a contractor for any other law enforcement officer, police or public safety department described in this section.

History: Laws 1990, ch. 66, § 2.