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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 7002**

**BILL NUMBER: HB 1473**

**NOTE PREPARED: Jan 12, 2013**

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Possession of Firearms on School Property.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Rep. Lucas

**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**BILL STATUS:** As Introduced

**FUNDS AFFECTED:**  **GENERAL**  
 **DEDICATED**  
 **FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** State & Local

**Summary of Legislation:** This bill has the following provisions:

- A. It provides that for purposes of the law concerning possession of firearms on school property: (1) school property does not include grounds adjacent to and owned or rented in common with a building or other structure owned or rented by a school; (2) property that is being used by a school for a school function if the property is being used exclusively by the school for the school function, the property is not accessible to the general public during the school function, and a notice conspicuously posted at each entrance to the property states that the property is being used by a school for a school function; and (3) the law does not apply to a person who may legally possess a firearm and possesses a firearm that is locked in the trunk of the person's motor vehicle, kept in the glove compartment of the person's locked motor vehicle, or stored out of plain sight in the person's locked motor vehicle.
- B. It removes a provision from the law concerning firearms in locked vehicles that allows a person to adopt a policy or rule that prohibits an employee of the person from possessing a firearm or ammunition in or on school property, in or on property that is being used by a school for a school function, or on a school bus in violation of: (1) student discipline laws concerning possession of firearms; or (2) the law concerning possession of firearms on school property and school buses.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2013.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** This bill would have minimal effect on the Department of Correction (DOC) population. Under current law, IC 35-47-9-2, people commit a Class D felony if they possess a firearm in or on school property, property that is being used by a school for a school function, or on a school

bus. LSA found four persons who were committed to DOC facilities between 2009 and 2012 for possession of a handgun around a school

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:**

**Local Agencies Affected:** School corporations, private schools, charter schools, pre-schools, and day care centers.

**Information Sources:** Department of Correction Offender Information System.

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