

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 586

BY REPRESENTATIVE COX

WEAPONS/FIREARMS: Creates the crime of allowing a minor child to access a readily dischargeable firearm

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 14:95.11, relative to offenses affecting the public safety; to create the crime  
3 of allowing a minor child to access a readily dischargeable firearm; to provide for  
4 penalties; to provide for exceptions; to provide for definitions; and to provide for  
5 related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 14:95.11 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 §95.11. Allowing a minor child to access to a readily dischargeable firearm

9 A. No person shall fail to secure or leave a readily dischargeable firearm in  
10 a place where the person knew or reasonably should have known that a minor child  
11 could gain access to the readily dischargeable firearm and, as a result, a minor child  
12 obtains possession of the readily dischargeable firearm and does either of the  
13 following:

14 (1) Discharges the firearm and causes death or bodily injury to himself or  
15 another person.

16 (2) Exhibits the firearm in a threatening, careless, or angry manner in a  
17 public building, public place, or school as defined by R.S. 40:1291.3.

18 B. Whoever violates the provisions of this Section shall be imprisoned for  
19 not more than six months, fined not more than one thousand dollars, or both.

1           C. The provisions of this Section do not apply in any of the following  
2           circumstances:

3           (1) When a minor child unlawfully enters a dwelling or vehicle and takes or  
4           misappropriates the firearm.

5           (2) When a minor child obtains access to and uses the firearm for the  
6           purpose of hunting or sporting activities.

7           (3) When a minor child accesses a firearm to engage in the lawful defense  
8           of a person or property.

9           (4) When a person is carrying a firearm on his person.

10           D. No peace officer nor any other person shall arrest a person for a violation  
11           of this Section before the seventh day following the date when the offense is alleged  
12           to have been committed if both of the following circumstances exist:

13           (1) The offender is a member of the family of the minor child who  
14           discharged the firearm.

15           (2) The minor child has caused death or serious injury to himself through  
16           discharge of the firearm.

17           E. For the purposes of this Section, the following terms have the following  
18           meanings:

19           (1) "Firearm" means any pistol, revolver, rifle, shotgun, machine gun,  
20           submachine gun, or block powder weapon, that is designed to fire or is capable of  
21           firing fixed cartridge ammunition or from which a shot or projectile is discharged by  
22           an explosive.

23           (2) "Minor child" means a person who is fifteen years of age or younger.

24           (3) "Readily dischargeable firearm" means a firearm that is loaded with  
25           ammunition, whether or not a round is in the chamber.

26           (4) "Secure" means to take the steps of a reasonable person under the  
27           circumstances to prevent a minor child from accessing a readily dischargeable  
28           firearm. For purposes of this Section, "secure" includes but is not limited to the

- 1        placing of a firearm in a locked container or temporarily rendering the firearm
- 2        inoperable by a trigger lock or other means.
- 3        Section 2. This Act shall be cited and referred to as "Noah's Law".

DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Creates the crime of allowing a minor child to access to a readily dischargeable firearm.

Proposed law creates the crime of allowing a minor child to access to a readily dischargeable firearm and provides for conduct that constitutes this offense.

Proposed law provides for a penalty for violations that consists of imprisonment for not more than six months, a maximum fine of \$1,000, or both.

Proposed law provides for exceptions.

Proposed law provides for particular circumstances when an immediate arrest for a violation of proposed law is prohibited.

Proposed law defines the terms "firearm", "minor child", "readily dischargeable firearm", and "secure".

Proposed law shall be cited and referred to as "Noah's Law".

(Adds R.S. 14:95.11)