



General Assembly

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**Raised Bill No. 5524**

LCO No. 1308

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

Introduced by:  
(JUD)

**AN ACT CONCERNING POSSESSION OF EDGED WEAPONS AT SCHOOL.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2002*) (a) As used in this  
2 section, "edged weapon" means any knife, razor or cutting instrument,  
3 the edged portion of the blade of which is under four inches in length.

4 (b) Any local or regional board of education and any nonpublic  
5 elementary or secondary school may prohibit the possession by  
6 students of edged weapons while on school grounds or at a school-  
7 sponsored activity. Any such board or nonpublic school that prohibits  
8 the possession of edged weapons may compile a list of the specific  
9 edged weapons that are prohibited and post, publish or otherwise  
10 notify the students of such list.

11 (c) If a local or regional board of education or nonpublic elementary  
12 or secondary school has compiled a list in accordance with subsection  
13 (b) of this section of specific edged weapons that are prohibited on  
14 school grounds or at a school-sponsored activity, and has posted,  
15 published or otherwise notified the students of such list, any student

16 who, knowing that he or she is not licensed or privileged to do so,  
17 possesses on school grounds or at a school-sponsored activity any  
18 edged weapon on such list shall be fined not more than five hundred  
19 dollars or imprisoned not more than three months, or both.

20 (d) The provisions of subsection (c) of this section shall not apply to  
21 the otherwise lawful possession of an edged weapon by a student for  
22 use in a program approved by school officials on school grounds or at  
23 a school-sponsored activity.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2002</i>

***Statement of Purpose:***

To prohibit students possessing edged weapons on school grounds or at school-sponsored activities.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*