



General Assembly

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**Raised Bill No. 7274**

LCO No. 4767

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Referred to Committee on Education

Introduced by:

(ED)

**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. (*Effective July 1, 2007*) (NEW) (a) Any student who  
2 possesses any knife, razor or cutting instrument, of which the edged  
3 portion of the blade is under four inches in length, while in or on the  
4 real property comprising a public or private elementary or secondary  
5 school or at a school-sponsored activity shall be fined not more than  
6 five hundred dollars or imprisoned not more than three months, or  
7 both.

8 (b) For purposes of this section, "school-sponsored activity" means  
9 any activity sponsored, recognized or authorized by a board of  
10 education in the case of a public school, or the supervisory agent of a  
11 private school, and includes activities conducted on or off school  
12 property.

13 (c) The provisions of subsection (a) of this section shall not apply to  
14 the otherwise lawful possession of a knife, razor or cutting instrument  
15 by a student for use in a program approved by school officials in or on

16 such school property or at such school-sponsored activity.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	New section

***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.]*