

117TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 1567

To allow certain qualified law enforcement officers and retired law enforcement officers to carry a concealed firearm to protect children in a school zone.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 3, 2021

Mrs. HARTZLER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Police Officers Pro-  
5 tecting Children Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. CERTAIN QUALIFIED LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFI-**  
2 **CERS AND RETIRED LAW ENFORCEMENT OF-**  
3 **FICERS ALLOWED TO CARRY A CONCEALED**  
4 **FIREARM, AND DISCHARGE A FIREARM, IN A**  
5 **SCHOOL ZONE.**

6 Section 922(q) of title 18, United States Code, is  
7 amended—

8 (1) in paragraph (2)(B)—

9 (A) by striking “or” at the end of clause  
10 (vi); and

11 (B) by redesignating clause (vii) as clause  
12 (ix) and inserting after clause (vi) the following:

13 “(vii) by a qualified law enforcement offi-  
14 cer (as defined in section 926B) who is author-  
15 ized under such section to carry a concealed  
16 firearm, if the firearm is concealed;

17 “(viii) by a qualified retired law enforce-  
18 ment officer (as defined in section 926C) who  
19 is authorized under such section to carry a con-  
20 cealed firearm, if the firearm is concealed; or”;  
21 and

22 (2) in paragraph (3)(B)—

23 (A) by striking “or” at the end of clause  
24 (iii);

25 (B) by striking the period at the end of  
26 clause (iv) and inserting a semicolon; and

1 (C) by adding at the end the following:

2 “(v) by a qualified law enforcement officer  
3 (as defined in section 926B) who is authorized  
4 under such section to carry a concealed firearm;  
5 or

6 “(vi) by a qualified retired law enforcement  
7 officer (as defined in section 926C) who is au-  
8 thorized under such section to carry a concealed  
9 firearm.”.

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