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## SENATE BILL No. 169

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**Citations Affected:** IC 35-43; IC 35-47; IC 35-50.

**Synopsis:** Providing firearms to a felon. Makes it a Level 5 felony for a person to provide an individual with a firearm if the person knows that the individual: (1) is legally ineligible from possessing a firearm; or (2) intends to use the firearm to commit a crime. Increases the penalty to a Level 2 felony if the person uses the firearm to commit murder. Makes theft of a firearm a felony. Permits the state to seek a sentencing enhancement of from ten to 20 years if a person uses a firearm to commit: (1) a felony against the person that results in death or serious bodily injury; (2) kidnapping; or (3) criminal confinement as a Level 2 or Level 3 felony.

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January 8, 2014, read first time and referred to Committee on Corrections & Criminal Law.  
January 30, 2014, amended, reported favorably — Do Pass.  
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## SENATE BILL No. 169

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning criminal law and procedure.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1 SECTION 1. IC 35-43-4-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.158-2013,  
2 SECTION 463, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
3 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014]: Sec. 2. (a) A person who knowingly or  
4 intentionally exerts unauthorized control over property of another  
5 person, with intent to deprive the other person of any part of its value  
6 or use, commits theft, a Class A misdemeanor. However, the offense is:  
7 (1) a Level 6 felony if:  
8 (A) the value of the property is at least seven hundred fifty  
9 dollars (\$750) and less than fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000);  
10 **(B) the property is a firearm; or**  
11 ~~(B)~~ (C) the person has a prior unrelated conviction for:  
12 (i) theft under this section; or  
13 (ii) criminal conversion under section 3 of this chapter; and  
14 (2) a Level 5 felony if:  
15 (A) the value of the property is at least fifty thousand dollars  
16 (\$50,000); or

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- 1 (B) the property that is the subject of the theft is a valuable  
 2 metal (as defined in IC 25-37.5-1-1) and:  
 3 (i) relates to transportation safety;  
 4 (ii) relates to public safety; or  
 5 (iii) is taken from a hospital or other health care facility,  
 6 telecommunications provider, public utility (as defined in  
 7 IC 32-24-1-5.9(a)), or key facility;  
 8 and the absence of the property creates a substantial risk of  
 9 bodily injury to a person.
- 10 (b) In determining the value of property under this section, acts of  
 11 theft committed in a single episode of criminal conduct (as defined in  
 12 IC 35-50-1-2(b)) may be charged in a single count.
- 13 (c) For purposes of this section, "the value of property" means:  
 14 (1) the fair market value of the property at the time and place the  
 15 offense was committed; or  
 16 (2) if the fair market value of the property cannot be satisfactorily  
 17 determined, the cost to replace the property within a reasonable  
 18 time after the offense was committed.
- 19 A price tag or price marking on property displayed or offered for sale  
 20 constitutes prima facie evidence of the value of the property.
- 21 SECTION 2. IC 35-47-2-7, AS AMENDED BY P.L.158-2013,  
 22 SECTION 577, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
 23 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014]: Sec. 7. (a) Except an individual acting  
 24 within a parent-minor child or guardian-minor protected person  
 25 relationship or any other individual who is also acting in compliance  
 26 with IC 35-47-10 (**governing children and firearms**), a person may  
 27 not sell, give, or in any other manner transfer the ownership or  
 28 possession of a handgun or assault weapon to any person under  
 29 eighteen (18) years of age.
- 30 (b) ~~It is unlawful for a person to sell, give, or in any manner transfer~~  
 31 **A person who knowingly or intentionally sells, gives, or in any**  
 32 **other manner transfers** the ownership or possession of a handgun to  
 33 another person who the person **knows: has reasonable cause to believe:**  
 34 ~~(1) has been:~~  
 35 ~~(A) convicted of a felony; or~~  
 36 ~~(B) adjudicated a delinquent child for an act that would be a~~  
 37 ~~felony if committed by an adult; if the person seeking to obtain~~  
 38 ~~ownership or possession of the handgun is less than~~  
 39 ~~twenty-three (23) years of age;~~  
 40 ~~(2) is a drug abuser;~~  
 41 ~~(3) is an alcohol abuser; or~~  
 42 ~~(4) is mentally incompetent;~~



1           (1) is ineligible for any reason other than the person's age to  
 2           purchase or otherwise receive from a dealer a handgun; or  
 3           (2) intends to use the handgun to commit a crime;  
 4           commits criminal transfer of a handgun, a Level 5 felony.  
 5           However, the offense is a Level 2 felony if a person uses the  
 6           handgun to commit murder (IC 35-42-1-1).

7           (c) A person who knowingly or intentionally violates this section  
 8           commits a Level 5 felony. A person who purchases a handgun with  
 9           the intent to:

10           (1) resell or otherwise provide the handgun to another person  
 11           who the person knows is ineligible for any reason to purchase  
 12           or otherwise receive from a dealer a handgun;

13           (2) resell or otherwise provide the handgun to another person  
 14           who the person knows intends to use the handgun to commit  
 15           a crime; or

16           (3) transport the handgun outside Indiana to be resold or  
 17           otherwise provided to another person who the transferor  
 18           knows:

19           (A) is ineligible to purchase or otherwise receive a  
 20           handgun; or

21           (B) intends to use the handgun to commit a crime;

22           commits the straw purchase of a handgun, a Level 5 felony.  
 23           However, the offense is a Level 2 felony if a person uses the  
 24           handgun to commit murder (IC 35-42-1-1).

25           SECTION 3. IC 35-47-2.5-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.190-2006,  
 26           SECTION 5, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 27           JULY 1, 2014]: Sec. 1. (a) Sections 2 through 5 of this chapter ~~does~~  
 28           do not apply to the following:

29           (1) Transactions between persons who are licensed as firearms  
 30           importers or collectors or firearms manufacturers or dealers under  
 31           18 U.S.C. 923.

32           (2) Purchases by or sales to a law enforcement officer or agent of  
 33           the United States, the state, or a county or local government.

34           (3) Indiana residents licensed to carry handguns under  
 35           IC 35-47-2-3.

36           (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, the state  
 37           shall participate in the NICS if federal funds are available to assist the  
 38           state in participating in the NICS. If:

39           (1) the state participates in the NICS; and

40           (2) there is a conflict between:

41           (A) a provision of this chapter; and

42           (B) a procedure required under the NICS;



1 the procedure required under the NICS prevails over the conflicting  
2 provision of this chapter.

3 SECTION 4. IC 35-47-2.5-14 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY  
4 1, 2014]. Sec. 14. (a) This section does not apply to a person who  
5 provides a handgun to the following:

6 (1) A child who is attending a hunters safety course or a firearms  
7 safety course or an adult who is supervising the child during the  
8 course:

9 (2) A child engaging in practice in using a firearm for target  
10 shooting at an established range or in an area where the discharge  
11 of a firearm is not prohibited or is supervised by:

12 (A) a qualified firearms instructor; or

13 (B) an adult who is supervising the child while the child is at  
14 the range:

15 (3) A child engaging in an organized competition involving the  
16 use of a firearm or participating in or practicing for a performance  
17 by an organized group under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal  
18 Revenue Code that uses firearms as a part of a performance or an  
19 adult who is involved in the competition or performance:

20 (4) A child who is hunting or trapping under a valid license issued  
21 to the child under IC 14-22:

22 (5) A child who is traveling with an unloaded firearm to or from  
23 an activity described in this section:

24 (6) A child who:

25 (A) is on real property that is under the control of the child's  
26 parent, an adult family member of the child, or the child's legal  
27 guardian; and

28 (B) has permission from the child's parent or legal guardian to  
29 possess a firearm:

30 (b) A person who purchases a handgun with the intent to:

31 (1) resell or otherwise provide the handgun to another person who  
32 the person knows or has reason to believe is ineligible for any  
33 reason to purchase or otherwise receive from a dealer a handgun;  
34 or

35 (2) transport the handgun out of the state to be resold or otherwise  
36 provided to another person who the transferor knows is ineligible  
37 to purchase or otherwise receive a firearm;

38 commits a Level 6 felony:

39 (c) If the violation of this section involves a transfer of more than  
40 one (1) handgun, the offense is a Level 5 felony:

41 SECTION 5. IC 35-47-2.5-15 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY  
42 1, 2014]. Sec. 15. (a) A person who is ineligible to purchase or



1 otherwise receive or possess a handgun in Indiana who knowingly or  
 2 intentionally solicits, employs, or assists any person in violating section  
 3 14 of this chapter commits a Level 6 felony.

4 (b) If the violation involves a transfer of more than one (1) handgun,  
 5 the offense is a Level 5 felony.

6 SECTION 6. IC 35-47-2.5-16 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA  
 7 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
 8 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014]: **Sec. 16. (a) This section does not apply**  
 9 **to a person who complies with IC 35-47-10 (governing children and**  
 10 **firearms).**

11 (b) A person who provides a firearm to an individual who the  
 12 person knows:

13 (1) is ineligible to purchase or otherwise receive or possess a  
 14 firearm for any reason other than the person's age; or  
 15 (2) intends to use the firearm to commit a crime;  
 16 commits criminal transfer of a firearm, a Level 5 felony. However,  
 17 the offense is a Level 2 felony if a person uses the firearm to  
 18 commit murder (IC 35-42-1-1).

19 SECTION 7. IC 35-47-10-1 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
 20 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014]: Sec. 1. (a) **This section**  
 21 **does not apply to section 7 of this chapter.**

22 (b) **Except as provided in subsection (c),** this chapter does not  
 23 apply to the following:

24 (1) A child who is attending a hunters safety course or a firearms  
 25 safety course or an adult who is supervising the child during the  
 26 course.

27 (2) A child engaging in practice in using a firearm for target  
 28 shooting at an established range or in an area where the discharge  
 29 of a firearm is not prohibited or supervised by:

30 (A) a qualified firearms instructor; or

31 (B) an adult who is supervising the child while the child is at  
 32 the range.

33 (3) A child engaging in an organized competition involving the  
 34 use of a firearm or participating in or practicing for a performance  
 35 by an organized group under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal  
 36 Revenue Code that uses firearms as a part of a performance or an  
 37 adult who is involved in the competition or performance.

38 (4) A child who is hunting or trapping under a valid license issued  
 39 to the child under IC 14-22.

40 (5) A child who is traveling with an unloaded firearm to or from  
 41 an activity described in this section.

42 (6) A child who:



- 1 (A) is on real property that is under the control of the child's  
 2 parent, an adult family member of the child, or the child's legal  
 3 guardian; and  
 4 (B) has permission from the child's parent or legal guardian to  
 5 possess a firearm.  
 6 (7) A child who:  
 7 (A) is at the child's residence; and  
 8 (B) has the permission of the child's parent, an adult family  
 9 member of the child, or the child's legal guardian to possess a  
 10 firearm.

11 **(c) This chapter applies to a child, and to a person who provides**  
 12 **a firearm to a child, if the child:**

13 **(1) is ineligible to purchase or possess a firearm for any**  
 14 **reason other than the child's age; or**

15 **(2) if the child intends to use a firearm to commit a crime.**

16 SECTION 8. IC 35-47-10-5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.158-2013,  
 17 SECTION 602, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
 18 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014]: Sec. 5. **(a)** A child who knowingly,  
 19 intentionally, or recklessly

20 ~~(1)~~ possesses a firearm for any purpose other than a purpose  
 21 described in section 1 of this chapter ~~or~~

22 ~~(2) provides a firearm to another child with or without~~  
 23 ~~remuneration for any purpose other than a purpose described in~~  
 24 ~~section 1 of this chapter;~~

25 commits dangerous possession of a firearm, a Class A misdemeanor.  
 26 However, the offense is a Level 5 felony if the child has a prior  
 27 conviction under this section or has been adjudicated a delinquent for  
 28 an act that would be an offense under this section if committed by an  
 29 adult.

30 **(b) A child who knowingly or intentionally provides a firearm**  
 31 **to another child whom the child knows:**

32 **(1) is ineligible for any reason to purchase or otherwise**  
 33 **receive from a dealer a firearm; or**

34 **(2) intends to use the firearm to commit a crime;**  
 35 **commits a Level 5 felony. However, the offense is a Level 2 felony**  
 36 **if a person uses the firearm to commit murder (IC 35-42-1-1).**

37 SECTION 9. IC 35-47-10-6, AS AMENDED BY P.L.158-2013,  
 38 SECTION 603, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
 39 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014]: Sec. 6. An adult who knowingly ~~or~~  
 40 intentionally ~~or recklessly~~ provides a firearm to a child for any purpose  
 41 other than those described in section 1 of this chapter, with or without  
 42 remuneration, whom the adult knows:





1           **(1) is ineligible for any reason to purchase or otherwise**  
 2           **receive from a dealer a firearm; or**

3           **(2) intends to use the firearm to commit a crime;**

4           commits dangerous control of a firearm, a Level 5 felony. However, the  
 5           offense is a Level 4 felony if the adult has a prior conviction under this  
 6           section, **and a Level 2 felony if a person, including the child, uses**  
 7           **the firearm to commit murder (IC 35-42-1-1).**

8           SECTION 10. IC 35-47-10-7, AS AMENDED BY P.L.158-2013,  
 9           SECTION 604, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
 10          [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014]: Sec. 7. A child's parent or legal guardian  
 11          who knowingly, intentionally, or recklessly permits the child to possess  
 12          a firearm:

13           (1) while:

14               (A) aware of a substantial risk that the child will use the  
 15               firearm to commit a felony; and

16               (B) failing to make reasonable efforts to prevent the use of a  
 17               firearm by the child to commit a felony; or

18           (2) when the child has been convicted of a crime of violence or  
 19           has been adjudicated as a juvenile for an offense that would  
 20           constitute a crime of violence if the child were an adult;

21          commits dangerous control of a child, a Level 5 felony. However, the  
 22          offense is a Level 4 felony if the child's parent or legal guardian has a  
 23          prior conviction under this section, **and a Level 2 felony if a person**  
 24          **uses the firearm to commit murder (IC 35-42-1-1).**

25          SECTION 11. IC 35-50-2-11, AS AMENDED BY P.L.158-2013,  
 26          SECTION 665, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
 27          [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014]: Sec. 11. (a) As used in this section,  
 28          "firearm" has the meaning set forth in IC 35-47-1-5.

29          (b) As used in this section, "offense" means:

30               (1) a felony under IC 35-42 that resulted in death or serious bodily  
 31               injury;

32               (2) kidnapping; or

33               (3) criminal confinement as a Level 2 or Level 3 felony.

34          (c) The state may seek, on a page separate from the rest of a  
 35          charging instrument, to have a person who allegedly committed an  
 36          offense sentenced to an additional fixed term of imprisonment if the  
 37          state can show beyond a reasonable doubt that the person knowingly or  
 38          intentionally used a firearm in the commission of the offense.

39          (d) If the person was convicted of the offense in a jury trial, the jury  
 40          shall reconvene to hear evidence in the enhancement hearing. If the  
 41          trial was to the court, or the judgment was entered on a guilty plea, the  
 42          court alone shall hear evidence in the enhancement hearing.



1           (e) If the jury (if the hearing is by jury) or the court (if the hearing  
2 is to the court alone) finds that the state has proved beyond a  
3 reasonable doubt that the person knowingly or intentionally used a  
4 firearm in the commission of the offense, the court may sentence the  
5 person to an additional fixed term of imprisonment of ~~five (5)~~ **between**  
6 **ten (10) and twenty (20)** years.



## COMMITTEE REPORT

Madam President: The Senate Committee on Corrections and Criminal Law, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 169, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said bill be AMENDED as follows:

Page 1, between the enacting clause and line 1, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"SECTION 1. IC 35-43-4-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.158-2013, SECTION 463, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014]: Sec. 2. (a) A person who knowingly or intentionally exerts unauthorized control over property of another person, with intent to deprive the other person of any part of its value or use, commits theft, a Class A misdemeanor. However, the offense is:

- (1) a Level 6 felony if:
  - (A) the value of the property is at least seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750) and less than fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000);
  - (B) the property is a firearm; or**
  - ~~(B)~~ (C) the person has a prior unrelated conviction for:
    - (i) theft under this section; or
    - (ii) criminal conversion under section 3 of this chapter; and
- (2) a Level 5 felony if:
  - (A) the value of the property is at least fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000); or
  - (B) the property that is the subject of the theft is a valuable metal (as defined in IC 25-37.5-1-1) and:
    - (i) relates to transportation safety;
    - (ii) relates to public safety; or
    - (iii) is taken from a hospital or other health care facility, telecommunications provider, public utility (as defined in IC 32-24-1-5.9(a)), or key facility;

and the absence of the property creates a substantial risk of bodily injury to a person.
- (b) In determining the value of property under this section, acts of theft committed in a single episode of criminal conduct (as defined in IC 35-50-1-2(b)) may be charged in a single count.
- (c) For purposes of this section, "the value of property" means:
  - (1) the fair market value of the property at the time and place the offense was committed; or
  - (2) if the fair market value of the property cannot be satisfactorily determined, the cost to replace the property within a reasonable



time after the offense was committed.

A price tag or price marking on property displayed or offered for sale constitutes prima facie evidence of the value of the property.

SECTION 2. IC 35-47-2-7, AS AMENDED BY P.L.158-2013, SECTION 577, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014]: Sec. 7. (a) Except an individual acting within a parent-minor child or guardian-minor protected person relationship or any other individual who is also acting in compliance with IC 35-47-10 (**governing children and firearms**), a person may not sell, give, or in any other manner transfer the ownership or possession of a handgun or assault weapon to any person under eighteen (18) years of age.

(b) ~~It is unlawful for a person to sell, give, or in any manner transfer~~ **A person who knowingly or intentionally sells, gives, or in any other manner transfers** the ownership or possession of a handgun to another person who the person **knows or** has reasonable cause to believe:

(1) ~~has been:~~

(A) ~~convicted of a felony; or~~

(B) ~~adjudicated a delinquent child for an act that would be a felony if committed by an adult; if the person seeking to obtain ownership or possession of the handgun is less than twenty-three (23) years of age;~~

(2) ~~is a drug abuser;~~

(3) ~~is an alcohol abuser; or~~

(4) ~~is mentally incompetent;~~

**(1) is ineligible for any reason other than the person's age to purchase or otherwise receive from a dealer a handgun; or**

**(2) intends to use the handgun to commit a crime;**

**commits criminal transfer of a handgun, a Level 5 felony. However, the offense is a Level 2 felony if a person uses the handgun to commit murder (IC 35-42-1-1).**

(c) ~~A person who knowingly or intentionally violates this section commits a Level 5 felony. A person who purchases a handgun with the intent to:~~

**(1) resell or otherwise provide the handgun to another person who the person knows or has reasonable cause to believe is ineligible for any reason to purchase or otherwise receive from a dealer a handgun;**

**(2) resell or otherwise provide the handgun to another person who the person knows or has reasonable cause to believe intends to use the handgun to commit a crime; or**



**(3) transport the handgun outside Indiana to be resold or otherwise provided to another person who the transferor knows or has reasonable cause to believe:**

**(A) is ineligible to purchase or otherwise receive a handgun; or**

**(B) intends to use the handgun to commit a crime; commits the straw purchase of a handgun, a Level 5 felony. However, the offense is a Level 2 felony if a person uses the handgun to commit murder (IC 35-42-1-1)."**

Page 2, delete lines 5 through 42, begin a new paragraph and insert:  
 "SECTION 3. IC 35-47-2.5-14 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014]. Sec. 14. (a) This section does not apply to a person who provides a handgun to the following:

(1) A child who is attending a hunters safety course or a firearms safety course or an adult who is supervising the child during the course.

(2) A child engaging in practice in using a firearm for target shooting at an established range or in an area where the discharge of a firearm is not prohibited or is supervised by:

(A) a qualified firearms instructor; or

(B) an adult who is supervising the child while the child is at the range.

(3) A child engaging in an organized competition involving the use of a firearm or participating in or practicing for a performance by an organized group under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code that uses firearms as a part of a performance or an adult who is involved in the competition or performance.

(4) A child who is hunting or trapping under a valid license issued to the child under IC 14-22.

(5) A child who is traveling with an unloaded firearm to or from an activity described in this section.

(6) A child who:

(A) is on real property that is under the control of the child's parent; an adult family member of the child; or the child's legal guardian; and

(B) has permission from the child's parent or legal guardian to possess a firearm.

(b) A person who purchases a handgun with the intent to:

(1) resell or otherwise provide the handgun to another person who the person knows or has reason to believe is ineligible for any reason to purchase or otherwise receive from a dealer a handgun;

or



(2) transport the handgun out of the state to be resold or otherwise provided to another person who the transferor knows is ineligible to purchase or otherwise receive a firearm;  
 commits a Level 6 felony:

(c) If the violation of this section involves a transfer of more than one (1) handgun, the offense is a Level 5 felony:

SECTION 4. IC 35-47-2.5-15 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014]. Sec. 15. (a) A person who is ineligible to purchase or otherwise receive or possess a handgun in Indiana who knowingly or intentionally solicits, employs, or assists any person in violating section 14 of this chapter commits a Level 6 felony:

(b) If the violation involves a transfer of more than one (1) handgun, the offense is a Level 5 felony."

Page 3, delete lines 1 through 4.

Page 3, line 8, delete "provides a firearm to the following:" and insert "**complies with IC 35-47-10 (governing children and firearms).**".

Page 3, delete lines 9 through 33.

Page 3, line 35, delete "reason" and insert "**reasonable cause**".

Page 3, line 37, delete "due to the commission of a crime" and insert "**for any reason other than the person's age**".

Page 3, line 39, delete "Level 6" and insert "**Level 5**".

Page 3, line 39, after "felony." insert "**However, the offense is a Level 2 felony if a person uses the firearm to commit murder (IC 35-42-1-1).**".

Page 3, delete lines 40 through 42, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"SECTION 6. IC 35-47-10-1 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014]: Sec. 1. (a) **This section does not apply to section 7 of this chapter.**

(b) **Except as provided in subsection (c),** this chapter does not apply to the following:

(1) A child who is attending a hunters safety course or a firearms safety course or an adult who is supervising the child during the course.

(2) A child engaging in practice in using a firearm for target shooting at an established range or in an area where the discharge of a firearm is not prohibited or supervised by:

(A) a qualified firearms instructor; or

(B) an adult who is supervising the child while the child is at the range.

(3) A child engaging in an organized competition involving the



use of a firearm or participating in or practicing for a performance by an organized group under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code that uses firearms as a part of a performance or an adult who is involved in the competition or performance.

(4) A child who is hunting or trapping under a valid license issued to the child under IC 14-22.

(5) A child who is traveling with an unloaded firearm to or from an activity described in this section.

(6) A child who:

(A) is on real property that is under the control of the child's parent, an adult family member of the child, or the child's legal guardian; and

(B) has permission from the child's parent or legal guardian to possess a firearm.

(7) A child who:

(A) is at the child's residence; and

(B) has the permission of the child's parent, an adult family member of the child, or the child's legal guardian to possess a firearm.

**(c) This chapter applies to a child, and to a person who provides a firearm to a child, if the child:**

**(1) is ineligible to purchase or possess a firearm for any reason other than the child's age; or**

**(2) if the child intends to use a firearm to commit a crime.**

SECTION 7. IC 35-47-10-5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.158-2013, SECTION 602, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014]: Sec. 5. **(a)** A child who knowingly, intentionally, or recklessly

~~(1) possesses a firearm for any purpose other than a purpose described in section 1 of this chapter or~~

~~(2) provides a firearm to another child with or without remuneration for any purpose other than a purpose described in section 1 of this chapter;~~

commits dangerous possession of a firearm, a Class A misdemeanor. However, the offense is a Level 5 felony if the child has a prior conviction under this section or has been adjudicated a delinquent for an act that would be an offense under this section if committed by an adult.

**(b) A child who knowingly or intentionally provides a firearm to another child whom the child knows or has reasonable cause to believe:**

**(1) is ineligible for any reason to purchase or otherwise**



receive from a dealer a firearm; or  
**(2) intends to use the firearm to commit a crime;**  
**commits a Level 5 felony. However, the offense is a Level 2 felony if a person uses the firearm to commit murder (IC 35-42-1-1).**

SECTION 8. IC 35-47-10-6, AS AMENDED BY P.L.158-2013, SECTION 603, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014]: Sec. 6. An adult who knowingly or intentionally or recklessly provides a firearm to a child for any purpose other than those described in section † of this chapter, with or without remuneration; whom the adult knows or has reasonable cause to believe:

**(1) is ineligible for any reason to purchase or otherwise receive from a dealer a firearm; or**

**(2) intends to use the firearm to commit a crime;**

commits dangerous control of a firearm, a Level 5 felony. However, the offense is a Level 4 felony if the adult has a prior conviction under this section, **and a Level 2 felony if a person, including the child, uses the firearm to commit murder (IC 35-42-1-1).**

SECTION 9. IC 35-47-10-7, AS AMENDED BY P.L.158-2013, SECTION 604, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014]: Sec. 7. A child's parent or legal guardian who knowingly, intentionally, or recklessly permits the child to possess a firearm:

(1) while:

(A) aware of a substantial risk that the child will use the firearm to commit a felony; and

(B) failing to make reasonable efforts to prevent the use of a firearm by the child to commit a felony; or

(2) when the child has been convicted of a crime of violence or has been adjudicated as a juvenile for an offense that would constitute a crime of violence if the child were an adult;

commits dangerous control of a child, a Level 5 felony. However, the offense is a Level 4 felony if the child's parent or legal guardian has a prior conviction under this section, **and a Level 2 felony if a person uses the firearm to commit murder (IC 35-42-1-1).**

SECTION 10. IC 35-50-2-11, AS AMENDED BY P.L.158-2013, SECTION 665, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014]: Sec. 11. (a) As used in this section, "firearm" has the meaning set forth in IC 35-47-1-5.

(b) As used in this section, "offense" means:

(1) a felony under IC 35-42 that resulted in death or serious bodily injury;





(2) kidnapping; or

(3) criminal confinement as a Level 2 or Level 3 felony.

(c) The state may seek, on a page separate from the rest of a charging instrument, to have a person who allegedly committed an offense sentenced to an additional fixed term of imprisonment if the state can show beyond a reasonable doubt that the person knowingly or intentionally used a firearm in the commission of the offense.

(d) If the person was convicted of the offense in a jury trial, the jury shall reconvene to hear evidence in the enhancement hearing. If the trial was to the court, or the judgment was entered on a guilty plea, the court alone shall hear evidence in the enhancement hearing.

(e) If the jury (if the hearing is by jury) or the court (if the hearing is to the court alone) finds that the state has proved beyond a reasonable doubt that the person knowingly or intentionally used a firearm in the commission of the offense, the court may sentence the person to an additional fixed term of imprisonment of ~~five (5)~~ **between ten (10) and twenty (20) years**."

Delete pages 4 through 5.

Renumber all SECTIONS consecutively.

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to SB 169 as introduced.)

YOUNG R MICHAEL, Chairperson

Committee Vote: Yeas 8, Nays 1.

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SENATE MOTION

Madam President: I move that Senate Bill 169 be amended to read as follows:

Page 2, line 33, delete "knows or" and insert "**knows:**".

Page 2, line 33, strike "has reasonable cause to".

Page 2, strike line 34.

Page 3, line 12, delete "or has reasonable cause to believe".

Page 3, line 16, delete "or has reasonable cause to believe".

Page 3, line 20, delete "knows or has reasonable cause to believe:" and insert "**knows:**".

Page 5, line 14, delete "knows or has reasonable cause to believe:" and insert "**knows:**".

Page 6, line 33, delete "knows or has reasonable cause to" and insert

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**"knows:".**

Page 6, delete line 34.

Page 7, line 3, delete "knows or has reasonable cause to" and insert

**"knows:".**

Page 7, delete line 4.

(Reference is to SB 169 as printed January 31, 2014.)

YOUNG R MICHAEL

