

118TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 1650

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

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 17, 2023

Mr. PFLUGER (for himself, Ms. MALLIOTAKIS, Mr. BACON, and Ms. TENNEY) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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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