
SENATE COMMITTEE ON BUDGET AND FISCAL REVIEW

Senator Nancy Skinner, Chair

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Bill No:	AB 173	Hearing Date:	September 7, 2021
Author:	Committee on Budget		
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Urgency:	Yes	Fiscal:	Yes
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Subject: Public Safety

Summary: Provides for statutory changes necessary to enact public safety related provisions of the Budget Act of 2021.

Background: As part of the 2021-22 fiscal year budget package, AB 173 makes statutory changes to implement the budget act.

Proposed Law: This bill makes the following statutory changes:

- 1) ***Prohibitions of weapons at the State Capitol and State Office Buildings.*** Existing law prohibits the bringing or possession of, a loaded firearm or other specified weapon, to the State Capitol and legislative offices, as specified, punishable as either a misdemeanor or a felony. This bill includes the state office building located at 1021 O Street in the City of Sacramento within these prohibitions.
- 2) ***Information access for research institutions: firearms.*** Clarifies the process and parameters of disclosure of specified information to the California Firearm Violence Research Center at UC Davis (Research Center) by the Department of Justice (DOJ) for research or statistical activities. The DOJ may at its discretion, also disclose specified information, to other nonprofit bona fide research institutions that are accredited by the United State Department of Education or the Council for Higher Education Accreditation for the study of violence prevention in the matter prescribed. Requires that any material identifying individuals to only be used for research and statistical purposes and prohibits reports or publications derived from the material from identifying any specific individuals. Requires DOJ to establish procedures for these requests and allows researchers to be charged reasonable fees related to their requests.
- 3) ***Technical amendments.*** Includes double jointing amendments to avoid chaptering issues with Senate Bill 715 (Portantino, 2021). These amendments apply to Penal Code Sections 11106 and 28220. These changes are to be operative only if this bill and SB 715 are enacted and this trailer bill is enacted last.

Fiscal Effect: This bill appropriates \$10,000 General Fund to the Department of Justice to implement provisions related to firearm information access for the purposes of research.

Support: None on file.

Opposed: None on file.

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