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BILL SUMMARY

Stun Guns and College Campuses SF 188

Status of Bill: House Calendar
Committee: Public Safety (12-9); Senate (39-9)
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Bill Summary

Currently, individuals 18 yrs. or older may carry a dangerous weapon that directs an electric current, impulsive, waive, or beam that produces a high-voltage pulse designed to immobilize a person (stun guns). However, this weapon may not generate a projectile that directs an electric current, impulse, wave, or beam that produces a high-voltage pulse designed to immobilize a person (taser gun). Both of these weapons are prohibited from being used in the commission of a public offense.

SF 188 prohibits the Board of Regents and Community Colleges from adopting or enforcing any policies or rules that limits the carrying, transporting, or possessing of stun guns in college buildings or campus grounds. However, this bill would not affect current law relating to taser guns or use of these weapons in the commission of a public offense.

This bill passed the Senate 39-9 and is supported by the Iowa Firearms Coalition.

Amendment Summary

SF188.1856 to SF 188 (Thede): This amendment would create an exception to allow Community Colleges and Regent Universities to prohibit individuals from carrying stun guns on campus who have been arrested or cited for the following criminal offenses: rape, sexual assault, aggravated assault, simple assault, robbery/theft, harassment, and stalking.

SF188.1857 to SF 188 (Thede): This amendment would prohibit private colleges and universities from regulating stun guns on campuses.

SF188.1865 to SF 188 (Bennett): This amendment would require all public colleges and universities to provide education on affirmative consent and dating violence.

SF188.1866 to SF 188 (Bennett): This amendment would create an interim committee to study and make recommendations on how to identify at-risk populations for committing rape and suggest interventions to discourage the commission of the crime.

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