

otherwise transferring a firearm knowing or having reasonable cause to know that another will carry or otherwise possess or discharge or otherwise use the firearm in the commission of a violent felony, shall be—

“(I) fined under this title, imprisoned not more than 15 years, or both; or

“(II) fined under this title, imprisoned not more than 20 years, or both where the procurement is for a juvenile; and

“In this paragraph, the term ‘violent felony’ means conduct described in section 924(e)(2)(B) of this title and the term ‘juvenile’ has the same meaning as in section 922(x).”

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by this section shall take effect 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act.

**SEC. 4. JUVENILE WEAPONS PENALTIES.**

(a) JUVENILE WEAPONS PENALTIES.—Section 924(a) of title 18 United States Code, is amended—

“(1) in paragraph (4), by striking ‘Whoever’ and inserting ‘Except as provided in paragraph (6), whoever’; and

(2) by striking paragraph (6) and inserting the following:

“(6)(A) A juvenile who violates section 922(x) shall be fined under this title, imprisoned not more than 1 year, or both, except—

“(i) a juvenile shall be sentenced to probation on appropriate conditions and shall not be incarcerated unless the juvenile fails to comply with a condition of probation, if—

“(I) the offense of which the juvenile is charged is possession of a handgun or ammunition in violation of section 922(x)(2); and

“(II) the juvenile has not been convicted in any court of an offense (including an offense under section 922(x) or a similar State law, but not including any other offense consisting of conduct that if engaged in by an adult would not constitute an offense) or adjudicated as a juvenile delinquent for conduct that if engaged in by an adult would constitute an offense; or

“(ii) a juvenile shall be fined under this title, imprisoned not more than 20 years, or both, if—

“(I) the offense of which the juvenile is charged is possession of a handgun or ammunition in violation of section 922(x)(2); and

“(II) during the same course of conduct in violating section 992(x)(2), the juvenile violated section 922(q), with the intent to carry or otherwise possess or discharge or otherwise use the handgun or ammunition in the commission of a violent felony.

“(B) A person other than a juvenile who knowingly violates section 922(x)—

“(i) shall be fined under this title, imprisoned not more than 1 year, or both; and

“(ii) if the person sold, delivered, or otherwise transferred a handgun or ammunition to a juvenile knowing or having reasonable cause to know that the juvenile intended to carry or otherwise possess or discharge or otherwise use the handgun or ammunition in the commission of a violent felony, shall be fined under this title, imprisoned not more than 20 years, or both.

“(C) In this paragraph, the term ‘violent felony’ means conduct as described in section 924(e)(2)(B) of this title.

“(D) Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, in any case in which a juvenile is prosecuted in a district court of the United States, and the juvenile is subject to the penalties under paragraph (A)(ii), the juvenile shall be subject to the same laws, rules, and proceedings regarding sentencing (including the availability of probation, restitution, fines, forfeiture, imprisonment, and supervised release) that would be applicable in the case of an adult. No juvenile sentenced to a term of imprisonment shall be released from custody simply because the juvenile reaches the age of 18 years.”

(b) UNLAWFUL WEAPONS TRANSFERS TO JUVENILES.—Section 922(x) of title 18, United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

“(x)(1) It shall be unlawful for a person to sell, deliver, or otherwise transfer to a person who the transferor knows or has reasonable cause to believe is a juvenile—

“(A) a handgun; or

“(B) ammunition that is suitable for use only in a handgun.

“(2) It shall be unlawful for any person who is a juvenile to knowingly possess—

“(A) a handgun; or

“(B) ammunition that is suitable for use only in a handgun.

“(3) This subsection does not apply to the following:

“(A)(i) A temporary transfer of a handgun or ammunition to a juvenile or to the possession or use of a handgun or ammunition by a juvenile if the handgun or ammunition are possessed and used by the juvenile—

“(I) in the course of employment;

“(II) in the course of ranching or farming related to activities at the residence of the juvenile (or on property used for ranching or farming at which the juvenile, with the permission of the property owner or lessee, is performing activities related to the operation of the farm or ranch);

“(III) for target practice;

“(IV) for hunting; or

“(V) for a course of instruction in the safe and lawful use of a handgun.

“(ii) Clause (i) shall apply only if the juvenile’s possession and use of a handgun or ammunition under this subparagraph are in accordance with State and local law and the following conditions are met:

“(I)(aa) Except when a parent or guardian of the juvenile is in the immediate and supervisory presence of the juvenile, the juvenile shall have in the juvenile’s possession at all times when a handgun or ammunition is in the possession of the juvenile, the prior written consent of the juvenile’s parent or guardian who is not prohibited by Federal, State, or local law from possessing a firearm or ammunition; and

“(bb) during transportation by the juvenile directly from the place of transfer to a place at which an activity described in division (aa) is to take place the handgun shall be unloaded and in a locked container or case, and during the transportation by the juvenile of that firearm, directly from the place at which such an activity took place to the transferor, the handgun shall also be unloaded and in a locked container or case; or

“(II) With respect to ranching or farming activities as described in subparagraph (A), a juvenile may possess and use a handgun or ammunition with the prior written approval of the juvenile’s parent or legal guardian, if such approval is on file with the adult who is not prohibited by Federal, State, or local law from possessing a firearm or ammunition and that person is directing the ranching or farming activities of the juvenile.

“(B) A juvenile who is a member of the Armed Forces of the United States or the National Guard who possesses or is armed with a handgun or ammunition in the line of duty.

“(C) A transfer by inheritance of title (but not possession) of a handgun or ammunition to a juvenile.

“(D) The possession of a handgun or ammunition taken in defense of the juvenile or other persons against an intruder into the residence of the juvenile or a residence in which the juvenile is an invited guest.

“(4) A handgun or ammunition, the possession of which is transferred to a juvenile in circumstances in which the transferor is not in violation of this subsection, shall not be subject to permanent confiscation by the Government if its possession by the juvenile

subsequently becomes unlawful because of the conduct of the juvenile, but shall be returned to the lawful owner when such handgun or ammunition is no longer required by the Government for the purposes of investigation or prosecution.

“(5) In this subsection, the term ‘juvenile’ means a person who is less than 18 years of age.

“(6) In a prosecution of a violation of this subsection, the court—

“(A) shall require the presence of a juvenile defendant’s parent or legal guardian at all proceedings;

“(B) may use the contempt power to enforce subparagraph (A); and

“(C) may excuse attendance of a parent or legal guardian of a juvenile defendant at a proceeding in a prosecution of a violation of this subsection for good cause shown.”

(c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by this section shall take effect 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act.

**ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS**

S. 135

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. LIEBERMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 135, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the deduction for the health insurance costs of self-employed individuals, and for other purposes.

S. 172

At the request of Mr. MOYNIHAN, the names of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KERRY] and the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 172, a bill to reduce acid deposition under the Clean Air Act, and for other purposes.

S. 331

At the request of Mr. JEFFORDS, the name of the Senator from Virginia [Mr. WARNER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 331, a bill to amend the Social Security Act to expand the availability of health care coverage for working individuals with disabilities, to establish a Ticket to Work and Self-Sufficiency Program in the Social Security Administration to provide such individuals with meaningful opportunities to work, and for other purposes.

S. 429

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KERRY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 429, a bill to designate the legal public holiday of “Washington’s Birthday” as “Presidents’ Day” in honor of George Washington, Abraham Lincoln, and Franklin Roosevelt and in recognition of the importance of the institution of the Presidency and the contributions that Presidents have made to the development of our Nation and the principles of freedom and democracy.

S. 459

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Nebraska [Mr. HAGEL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 459, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the State ceiling on private activity bonds.

S. 484

At the request of Mr. CAMPBELL, the name of the Senator from Colorado

[Mr. ALLARD] was added as a cosponsor of S. 484, a bill to provide for the granting of refugee status in the United States to nationals of certain foreign countries in which American Vietnam War POW/MIA or American Korean War POW/MIA may be present, if those nationals assist in the return to the United States of those POW/MIA alive.

S. 496

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. WELLSTONE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 496, a bill to provide for the establishment of an assistance program for health insurance consumers.

S. 537

At the request of Mr. LUGAR, the name of the Senator from Texas [Mrs. HUTCHISON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 537, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to adjust the exemption amounts used to calculate the individual alternative minimum tax for inflation since 1993.

S. 660

At the request of Mr. CRAIG, the name of the Senator from Iowa [Mr. GRASSLEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 660, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage under part B of the medicare program of medical nutrition therapy services furnished by registered dietitians and nutrition professionals.

S. 676

At the request of Mr. CAMPBELL, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Mr. KOHL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 676, a bill to locate and secure the return of Zachary Baumel, a citizen of the United States, and other Israeli soldiers missing in action.

S. 680

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. JEFFORDS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 680, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend the research credit, and for other purposes.

S. 712

At the request of Mr. LOTT, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 712, a bill to amend title 39, United States Code, to allow postal patrons to contribute to funding for highway-rail grade crossing safety through the voluntary purchase of certain specially issued United States postage stamps.

S. 717

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. LEAHY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 717, a bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to provide that the reductions in social security benefits which are required in the case of spouses and surviving spouses who are also receiving certain Government pensions shall be equal to the amount by which two-thirds of the total amount of the combined monthly benefit (before reduction) and monthly pension exceeds \$1,200, adjusted for inflation.

S. 763

At the request of Mr. THURMOND, the names of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN], the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. CONRAD], the Senator from Montana [Mr. BURNS], and the Senator from Georgia [Mr. CLELAND] were added as cosponsors of S. 763, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to increase the minimum Survivor Benefit Plan basic annuity for surviving spouses age 62 and older, and for other purposes.

S. 781

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 781, a bill to amend section 2511 of title 18, United States Code, to revise the consent exception to the prohibition on the interception of oral, wire, or electronic communications that is applicable to telephone communications.

S. 783

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 783, a bill to limit access to body armor by violent felons and to facilitate the donation of Federal surplus body armor to State and local law enforcement agencies.

S. 792

At the request of Mr. MOYNIHAN, the names of the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY], the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. AKAKA], and the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] were added as cosponsors of S. 792, a bill to amend title IV of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 to provide States with the option to allow legal immigrant pregnant women, children, and blind or disabled medically needy individuals to be eligible for medical assistance under the medicaid program, and for other purposes.

S. 850

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mrs. LINCOLN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 850, a bill to make schools safer by waiving the local matching requirement under the Community Policing program for the placement of law enforcement officers in local schools.

S. 868

At the request of Mr. GRAHAM, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 868, a bill to make forestry insurance plans available to owners and operators of private forest land, to encourage the use of prescribed burning and fuel treatment methods on private forest land, and for other purposes.

S. 892

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 892, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend the subpart F exemption for active financing income.

S. 918

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. THURMOND] was added as a cosponsor of S. 918, a bill to authorize the Small Business Administration to provide financial and business development assistance to military reservists' small business, and for other purposes.

S. 965

At the request of Mr. JEFFORDS, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. CHAFEE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 965, a bill to restore a United States voluntary contribution to the United Nations Population Fund.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 22

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Concurrent Resolution 22, a concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress with respect to promoting coverage of individuals under long-term care insurance.

SENATE RESOLUTION 98—DESIGNATING THE WEEK BEGINNING OCTOBER 17, 1999, AND THE WEEK BEGINNING OCTOBER 15, 2000, AS "NATIONAL CHARACTER COUNTS WEEK"

Mr. DOMENICI (for himself, Mr. DODD, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. FRIST, Mr. DORGAN, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. COVERDELL, Mr. CLELAND, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. ENZI, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. BURNS, Mr. KOHL, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. DEWINE, Ms. COLLINS, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. BOND, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. SMITH of Oregon, Mr. REID, Mr. WELLSTONE, Mr. CHAFEE, Mr. GREGG, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. KENNEDY, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. THURMOND, Mr. HUTCHINSON, Mr. BREAUX, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. BYRD, Mr. WARNER, Mr. MURKOWSKI, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. GORTON, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. NICKLES, Mr. LOTT, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. MACK, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. BIDEN, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. GRAMS, Mr. FITZGERALD, and Mr. MOYNIHAN) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

S. RES. 98

Whereas young people will be the stewards of our communities, the United States, and the world in critical times, and the present and future well-being of our society requires an involved, caring citizenry with good character;

Whereas concerns about the character training of children have taken on a new sense of urgency as violence by and against youth threatens the physical and psychological well-being of people of the United States;

Whereas more than ever, children need strong and constructive guidance from their families and their communities, including schools, youth organizations, religious institutions, and civic groups;

Whereas the character of a nation is only as strong as the character of its individual citizens;