

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

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AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, HOUSE OF  
REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, APRIL 30, 1996

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania  
2 Consolidated Statutes, further providing for the offense <—  
3 OFFENSES of possessing instruments of crime AND CORRUPTION OF <—  
4 MINORS.

5 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
6 hereby enacts as follows:

7 Section 1. ~~Section 907~~ SECTIONS 907 AND 6301(A) of Title 18 <—  
8 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes ~~is~~ ARE amended to <—  
9 read:

10 § 907. Possessing instruments of crime.

11 (a) Criminal instruments generally.--A person commits a  
12 misdemeanor of the first degree if he possesses any instrument  
13 of crime with intent to employ it criminally.

14 (b) Possession of weapon.--A person commits a misdemeanor of  
15 the first degree if he possesses a firearm or other weapon  
16 concealed upon his person with intent to employ it criminally.

17 (c) Unlawful body armor.--A person commits a felony of the

1 third degree if in the course of the commission of a felony, or  
2 in the attempt to commit a felony, he uses or wears body armor  
3 or has in his control, custody or possession any body armor.

4 [(c)] (d) Definitions.--As used in this section, the  
5 following words and phrases shall have the meanings given to  
6 them in this subsection:

7 "Body armor." Any protective covering for the body, or parts  
8 thereof, made of any polyaramid fiber or any resin-treated glass  
9 fiber cloth or any material, or combination of materials, made  
10 or designed to prevent, resist, deflect or deter the penetration  
11 thereof by ammunition, knife, cutting or piercing instrument, or  
12 any other weapon.

13 "Instrument of crime." Any of the following:

14 (1) Anything specially made or specially adapted for  
15 criminal use[; or].

16 (2) [anything] Anything commonly used for criminal  
17 purposes and possessed by the actor under circumstances not  
18 manifestly appropriate for lawful uses it may have.

19 "Weapon." Anything readily capable of lethal use and  
20 possessed under circumstances not manifestly appropriate for  
21 lawful uses which it may have. The term includes a firearm which  
22 is not loaded or lacks a clip or other component to render it  
23 immediately operable, and components which can readily be  
24 assembled into a weapon.

25 § 6301. CORRUPTION OF MINORS.

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26 (A) OFFENSE DEFINED.--

27 (1) WHOEVER, BEING OF THE AGE OF 18 YEARS AND UPWARDS,  
28 BY ANY ACT CORRUPTS OR TENDS TO CORRUPT THE MORALS OF ANY  
29 MINOR LESS THAN 18 YEARS OF AGE, OR WHO AIDS, ABETS, ENTICES  
30 OR ENCOURAGES ANY SUCH MINOR IN THE COMMISSION OF ANY CRIME,

1 OR WHO KNOWINGLY ASSISTS OR ENCOURAGES SUCH MINOR IN  
2 VIOLATING HIS OR HER PAROLE OR ANY ORDER OF COURT, [IS GUILTY  
3 OF] COMMITTS A MISDEMEANOR OF THE FIRST DEGREE.

4 (2) ANY PERSON WHO KNOWINGLY AIDS, ABETS, ENTICES OR  
5 ENCOURAGES A MINOR YOUNGER THAN 18 YEARS OF AGE TO COMMIT  
6 TRUANCY COMMITTS A SUMMARY OFFENSE. ANY PERSON WHO VIOLATES  
7 THIS PARAGRAPH WITHIN ONE YEAR OF THE DATE OF A FIRST  
8 CONVICTION UNDER THIS SECTION COMMITTS A MISDEMEANOR OF THE  
9 THIRD DEGREE. A CONVICTION UNDER THIS PARAGRAPH SHALL NOT,  
10 HOWEVER, CONSTITUTE A PROHIBITION UNDER § 6105 (RELATING TO  
11 PERSONS NOT TO POSSESS, USE, MANUFACTURE, CONTROL, SELL OR  
12 TRANSFER FIREARMS).

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14 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.