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## Introduction

The Gun-Free Schools Act (GFSA) states that each state receiving federal funds under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) must have a state law that requires all local educational agencies (LEAs) in the state to expel from school for at least one year any student found bringing a firearm to school. (See Appendix A for a copy of the GFSA.) State laws must also authorize the LEA chief administering officer to modify any such expulsion on a case-by-case basis. In addition, the GFSA states that it must be construed to be consistent with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).

The GFSA requires states to report information about the implementation of the act annually to the Secretary of Education. In order to meet this requirement and to monitor compliance with the GFSA, the Department of Education (ED) requires each state ${ }^{1}$ to submit an annual report that provides the number of students expelled (by type of firearm and school level), the number of expulsions that were modified on a case-by-case basis, the number of modified cases that were not for students with disabilities, and the number of expelled students who were referred to an alternative school or program. Two additional items regarding specific LEA compliance with the GFSA were reported but are not included in this report.

## Data Collection and Verification

Westat, under contract to ED, collected the data from each state department of education for 1995-96 and from all but one state for 1996-97 ${ }^{2}$.

- As each survey was received, it was reviewed for accuracy and entered into a database.
- In approximately 50 cases (over both years), Westat contacted the state to obtain a correction or clarification of the submitted data. For example, the data provider was contacted if the submitted forms were not internally consistent or if rows or columns did not add to printed totals.
- Once all of the data was received at Westat, all states were contacted and asked to provide a final verification of their data by fax. To date, 53 states have verified their data in this manner ${ }^{3}$.


## Organization of the Report

This report is divided into three sections and summarizes 1996-97 data submitted by the states. The 1995-96 data are not included in this report because, as it was the first year of the GFSA data collection, there were many problems with the quality of the data collected. The first section is a brief summary of the overall findings. The second section presents a summary

[^0]of the 1996-97 data in both tabular and graphic form. The tables in this section contain data notes that are critical to the correct interpretation of the data. The third section presents a page for each state. Each page contains the data submitted by the state as well as any caveats or data notes accompanying the data. Finally, a copy of the GFSA state data collection instrument can be found in Appendix B of this report.

## Data Quality and Interpretation of Findings

AII of the information contained in this report should be interpreted with caution. First, as noted on the summary tables and on the individual state pages, some states attached caveats and data notes to their data that should be considered. This is of particular importance when examining national totals, as they are not made up of data that are comparable from state to state in all cases (for example, some states submitted data on all weapons, not firearms). Second, some states submitted aggregate data that was not broken out by school level and/or type of weapon. The expulsions for these states are included in the overall summary totals but are not included in the figures by type of firearm or school level. This means that the total number of reported expulsions differs for each questionnaire item summarized in this report.

As with all new reporting efforts, we expect the quality of the data submitted under the GFSA will continue to improve. ED will work to assist the states in their data reporting to ensure this improvement.

Finally, this report is not designed to provide information to the reader regarding the rate at which students carry firearms to school. The data reported by the states concern disciplinary actions only.

## Summary

Overall, 55 states reported data under the GFSA for the 1996-97 school year. These states reported that they expelled an estimated total of 6,093 students from school for bringing a firearm ${ }^{4}$ to school out of a total 5 - to 17-year-old population of slightly over 51 million in 1996. However, not all states reported data for all of their districts and some states reported total expulsions for all weapons, not just firearms. Therefore, the figures reported by some states may either over- or underestimate the actual expulsions under the GFSA. Refer to Table 1 for more detailed information regarding these over- and underestimates as well as other data caveats.

Fifty-six percent of the expulsions reported by school level were students in high school, 34 percent were in junior high, and 9 percent were in elementary school. These data were reported by school level by 49 states. (See Table 2).

* Fifty-eight percent of the expulsions reported by type of firearm were for bringing a handgun to school. Seven percent of these expulsions were for bringing a rifle or shotgun to school and 35 percent were for some other type of firearm (such as bombs, grenades, or starter pistols). The data were reported by type of weapon by 47 states. (See Table 3).

[^1]Forty-three states reported on expulsions that were shortened to less than one year. In these states, 34 percent of expulsions were shortened to less than one year. (See Table 4).

Thirty-nine states reported on the disability status of students receiving shortened expulsions. In these states, 63 percent of shortened expulsions were for students who were not considered disabled. (See Table 5).

In the 41 states reporting data on alternative placements, 56 percent of the expelled students in these states were referred to an alternate school or placement. (See Table 6)

## Expulsions for Bringing a Firearm to School - Overview

Overall, 55 states provided data on the number of students expelled for bringing a firearm to school, for a total of 6,093 expulsions. California ${ }^{5}$, Ohio $^{6}$, and Texas were the only states with greater than 500 expulsions, and the District of Columbia, Hawaii, Oklahoma, Wyoming, Guam, and Puerto Rico reported that they had none during the 1996-97 school year. When viewed as the number of expulsions per 1,000 enrolled students, Colorado ${ }^{7}$, Ohio ${ }^{6}$, and Missouri ${ }^{8}$ had the highest number of expulsions per 1,000 students. However, not all states reported data for all of their districts and some states reported total expulsions for all weapons, not just firearms. Refer to Table 1 for more detailed information on these caveats.

## School Level

Forty-nine states provided data on their expulsions by school level. Over two-thirds of all reported expulsions were reported by school level $(4,125 \text { of } 6,093)^{9}$.
Of these 4,125 expulsions, over half ( 2,317 or 56 percent) were students in senior high schools, 34 percent $(1,416)$ were students in junior high, and 9 percent (391) were elementary school students. Note that the percentages may not add to 100 due to rounding. (See Figure 1 and Table 2)

Figure 1. Number and percentage of students expelled, by school level, 1996-97


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## Type of Firearm

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orty-seven states provided data differentiating the type of firearm brought to school by students. Almost 60 percent of all reported expulsions were reported by type of firearm (3,497 of 6,093).

Of these 3,497 expulsions, 58 percent $(2,043)$ involved handguns, 7 percent (247) involved rifles or shotguns, and the remaining 35 percent $(1,207)$ involved other types of firearms (such as bombs, grenades, starter pistols, and rockets). Note that the percentages may not add to 100 due to rounding. (See Figure 2 and Table 3)

Figure 2. Number and percentage of students expelled, by type of firearm, 1996-97


Data Notes:

- Percentages may not add to 100 due to rounding.
- See the detailed caveats on Table 3 for additional information regarding these data.
- The figures shown in this graph are based on data reported by 47 states.


## Shortened Expulsions and Students with Disabilities

The GFSA allows the LEA chief administering officer to modify any expulsion for firearm violations on a case-by-case basis (for example, by shortening the expulsion to less than one year). The purpose of this provision is to allow the chief administering officer in a school district to take unique circumstances into account as well as to ensure that the IDEA and GFSA requirements are implemented consistently. In order to capture these modifications, states are asked to report the number of students who had their period of expulsion shortened, as well as the number of these cases that were not for students with disabilities.

## Shortened Expulsions

Forty-three states reported the number of students whose expulsions were shortened to less than one year as part of the case-by-case review process.

Of the 3,155 expulsions in these states, 1,059 (or 34 percent) were shortened to less than one year. Note that the percentages may not add to 100 due to rounding. (See Figure 3 and Table 4)

Figure 3. One-year expulsions vs. expulsions shortened on a case-by-case basis, 1996-97


Data Notes:

- Percentages may not add to 100 due to rounding.
- See the detailed caveats on Table 4 for additional information regarding these data.
- The figures shown in this graph are based on data reported by 43 states.


## Disability Status of Students with Shortened Expulsions

Thirty-nine states reported on the disability status of the students with shortened expulsions. Among these 39 states, the overall number of shortened expulsions was 699 (compared to 1,059 for the 43 states shown in Table 4).

Of these 699 students, 441 (63 percent) were not considered disabled under section 602(a)(1) of IDEA. Note that the percentages may not add to 100 due to rounding. (See Figure 4 and Table 5)

## Referrals

The GFSA has in place provisions that allow local officials to refer expelled students to an alternative school or program. Forty-one states reported information for this data item and among these states, 1,901 students (56 percent) were referred for an alternative placement. Note that alternative placement. Note that 100 due to rounding. (See Figure 5 and Table 6)

Figure 4. Expulsions shortened on a case-by-case basis, students with and without disabilities, 1996-97

Students without disabilities (441)

## 63\%

Data Notes:

- Percentages may not add to 100 due to rounding.
- See the detailed caveats on Table 5 for additional information regarding these data.
- The figures shown in this graph are based on data reported by 39 states.

Figure 5. Expulsions referred to an alternative placement, 1996-97


- Percentages may not add to 100 due to rounding.
- See the detailed caveats on Table 6 for additional information regarding these data.
- The figures shown in this graph are based on data reported by 41 states.

Individual State Summaries

Table 1
Number of students expelled for GFSA violations per 1,000 students of the school-age population, 1996-97

| State | Number of students expelled in 1996-97 | $\begin{array}{r} \text { School-age } \\ \text { population } 1996 \end{array}$ | Expelled students per 1,000 of pop. | Data Caveats |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Alabama | 91 | 780,000 | 0.117 |  |
| Alaska | 19 | 135,000 | 0.141 |  |
| Arizona | 152 | 807,000 | 0.188 |  |
| Arkansas | 62 | 484,000 | 0.128 |  |
| California ${ }^{1}$ | 723 | 6,132,000 | 0.118 | This figure represents the total number of school crime incidents that involved a gun. |
| Colorado ${ }^{1}$ | 475 | 728,000 | 0.652 | Reported figures are expulsions for ALL weapons, not just firearms. |
| Connecticut | 19 | 575,000 | 0.033 |  |
| Delaware | 7 | 126,000 | 0.056 |  |
| District of Columbia | 0 | 75,000 | 0.000 | The District of Columbia SDFSCA coordinator reported that the District has a policy in place, but the policy was not enforced in 1996-97. The District is now surveying each school to determine whether the school had a policy of expulsions in place in 1996-97 and whether students were expelled. ${ }^{2}$ |
| Florida | 202 | 2,467,000 | 0.082 |  |
| Georgia | 244 | 1,401,000 | 0.174 |  |
| Hawaii | 0 | 215,000 | 0.000 |  |
| Idaho | 33 | 258,000 | 0.128 |  |
| Illinois | 250 | 2,241,000 | 0.112 |  |
| Indiana | 109 | 1,089,000 | 0.100 |  |
| lowa | 40 | 537,000 | 0.074 |  |
| Kansas | 43 | 507,000 | 0.085 |  |
| Kentucky | 70 | 710,000 | 0.099 |  |
| Louisiana | 88 | 906,000 | 0.097 |  |
| Maine | 13 | 228,000 | 0.057 |  |
| Maryland ${ }^{1}$ | 73 | 927,000 | 0.079 | Reported figure is for the number of incidents, rather than the number of expulsions. |
| Massachusetts | 54 | 1,031,000 | 0.052 |  |
| Michigan ${ }^{1}$ | 92 | 1,865,000 | 0.049 | Data are for the period Jan 1995 through June 1997 (a larger period of time than the 1996-97 school year). |
| Minnesota | 18 | 931,000 | 0.019 |  |
| Mississippi ${ }^{3}$ | 11 | 552,000 | 0.020 | Information submitted for handguns only. |
| Missouri ${ }^{1}$ | 318 | 1,027,000 | 0.310 | Reported figures may include other weapons such as knives, air guns, or brass knuckles. |
| Montana | 12 | 177,000 | 0.068 |  |
| Nebraska ${ }^{3}$ | 20 | 329,000 | 0.061 | Nebraska did not collect expulsion data from elementary schools. The school-age population figures are for all children aged 5 to 17. |
| Nevada | 54 | 293,000 | 0.184 |  |
| New Hampshire | 15 | 220,000 | 0.068 |  |
| New Jersey | 57 | 1,415,000 | 0.040 |  |
| New Mexico | 71 | 365,000 | 0.195 | Twenty expulsions were reported separately as an unknown firearm. These were added to the "other firearms" expulsions. |

Table 1 (cont'd)

| State | Number of students expelled in 1996-97 | School-age population 1996 | Expelled students per 1,000 of pop. | Data Caveats |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| New York ${ }^{3}$ | 128 | 3,220,000 | 0.040 | The data reported for 1996-97 represents 71\% of all LEAs. All 5 of the largest LEAs are included. The school-age population figures are for all children aged 5 to 17. |
| North Carolina | 163 | 1,321,000 | 0.123 |  |
| North Dakota | 1 | 127,000 | 0.008 |  |
| Ohio ${ }^{1}$ | 937 | 2,089,000 | 0.449 | The data submitted are for expulsions for the use/possession of weapons rather than firearms. |
| Oklahoma | 0 | 653,000 | 0.000 |  |
| Oregon | 85 | 597,000 | 0.142 |  |
| Pennsylvania | 200 | 2,133,000 | 0.094 |  |
| Rhode Island | 7 | 172,000 | 0.041 |  |
| South Carolina | 94 | 684,000 | 0.137 |  |
| South Dakota | 7 | 153,000 | 0.046 | The reported figure includes air guns. |
| Tennessee | 98 | 958,000 | 0.102 |  |
| Texas | 532 | 3,870,000 | 0.137 |  |
| Utah | 80 | 490,000 | 0.163 |  |
| Vermont | 5 | 111,000 | 0.045 |  |
| Virginia | 92 | 1,777,000 | 0.052 | Virginia does not differentiate between handguns and rifles. |
| Washington | 146 | 1,051,000 | 0.139 |  |
| West Virginia | 27 | 315,000 | 0.086 |  |
| Wisconsin | 54 | 1,006,000 | 0.054 |  |
| Wyoming | 0 | 102,000 | 0.000 |  |
| Puerto Rico | 0 | 852,354 | 0.000 |  |
| American Samoa | No data submitted for $1996-97$ | 13,629 | -- |  |
| Guam | 0 | 31,797 | 0.000 |  |
| Northern Marianas | 1 | 7,766 | 0.129 |  |
| Virgin Islands | 1 | 26,197 | 0.038 |  |
| Total | 6,093 | 51,293,743 | 0.119 | Because all states did not submit data in a uniform way, this total should be considered an estimate. Refer to the caveats shown on the individual state lines for a full picture of the data submitted under the GFSA. |
| Number of states: 55 |  |  |  |  |
| Data Notes: |  |  |  |  |
| The school-age po District of Columbia <br> The figure report <br> The U.S. Depart the policy is being The figure repor | figures are children age gures are for 1996. Fo <br> s state may overstate t Education is working to this year (1997-98) and s state may understate | d 5 to 17 , including Puerto Rico and he number of actua address this issue that so far, four stu the number of actua | both public and pri the other outlying ar <br> GFSA violations. <br> . The District of Col udents have been exp ual GFSA violations. | vate school students. For the 50 states and the eas, the figures shown are for 1990. <br> lumbia SDFSCA coordinator also reported that xpelled for firearms violations. |

Table 2
Number of students expelled for GFSA violations, by school level, 1996-97

| State | School Level |  |  |  |  |  | Total | Data Caveats |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Elementary | \% | Junior High | \% | Senior High | \% |  |  |
| Alabama | 12 |  | 31 |  | 48 |  | 91 |  |
| Alaska | 4 |  | 2 |  | 13 |  | 19 |  |
| Arizona | 32 |  | 38 |  | 81 |  | 152 | Row does not add to the total because one expulsion was from a non-graded school. |
| Arkansas | 10 |  | 40 |  | 12 |  | 62 |  |
| Colorado ${ }^{1}$ | 44 |  | 202 |  | 229 |  | 475 | Reported figures are expulsions for ALL weapons, not just firearms. |
| Connecticut | 0 |  | 3 |  | 16 |  | 19 |  |
| Delaware | 1 |  | 0 |  | 6 |  | 7 |  |
| District of Columbia ${ }^{2}$ | 0 |  | 0 |  | 0 |  | 0 | The District of Columbia SDFSCA coordinator reported that the District has a policy in place, but the policy was not enforced in 1996-97. The District is now surveying each school to determine whether the school had a policy of expulsions in place in 1996-97 and whether students were expelled. ${ }^{2}$ |
| Florida | 8 |  | 73 |  | 121 |  | 202 |  |
| Georgia | 11 |  | 82 |  | 151 |  | 244 |  |
| Hawaii | 0 |  | 0 |  | 0 |  | 0 |  |
| Illinois | 39 |  | 62 |  | 149 |  | 250 |  |
| Indiana | 3 |  | 46 |  | 60 |  | 109 |  |
| lowa | 4 |  | 18 |  | 18 |  | 40 |  |
| Kansas | 3 |  | 10 |  | 30 |  | 43 |  |
| Kentucky | 4 |  | 30 |  | 36 |  | 70 |  |
| Louisiana | 16 |  | 30 |  | 42 |  | 88 |  |
| Maine | 1 |  | 2 |  | 10 |  | 13 |  |
| Maryland ${ }^{1}$ | 4 |  | 13 |  | 56 |  | 73 | Reported figure is for the number of incidents, rather than the number of expulsions. |
| Massachusetts | 3 |  | 23 |  | 28 |  | 54 |  |
| Minnesota | 0 |  | 7 |  | 11 |  | 18 |  |
| Mississippi ${ }^{3}$ | 0 |  | 4 |  | 7 |  | 11 | Information submitted for handguns only. |
| Missouri ${ }^{1}$ | 43 |  | 134 |  | 141 |  | 318 | Reported figures may include other weapons such as knives, air guns, or brass knuckles. |
| Montana | 3 |  | 2 |  | 7 |  | 12 |  |
| Nebraska ${ }^{3}$ | MD |  | 6 |  | 14 |  | 20 | Nebraska did not collect expulsion data from elementary schools. |
| Nevada | 2 |  | 20 |  | 32 |  | 54 |  |
| New Hampshire | 0 |  | 7 |  | 8 |  | 15 |  |
| New Jersey | 7 |  | 23 |  | 27 |  | 57 |  |
| New Mexico | 3 |  | 24 |  | 44 |  | 71 | Twenty expulsions were reported separately as an unknown firearm. These were added to the "other firearms" expulsions. |
| New York ${ }^{3}$ | 4 |  | 48 |  | 76 |  | 128 | The data reported for 1996-97 represents $71 \%$ of all LEAs. All 5 of the largest LEAs are included. |
| North Carolina | 5 |  | 54 |  | 104 |  | 163 |  |
| North Dakota | 0 |  | 0 |  | 1 |  | 1 |  |

Table 2 (cont'd)


Table 3
Number of students expelled for GFSA violations, by type of firearm, 1996-97

| State | Type of Firearm |  |  |  |  |  | Total | Data Caveats |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Hand- } \\ & \text { gun } \end{aligned}$ | \% | $\begin{gathered} \text { Rifile/ } \\ \text { Shotgun } \end{gathered}$ | \% | Other | \% |  |  |
| Alabama | 84 |  | 3 |  | 4 |  | 91 |  |
| Alaska | 11 |  | 6 |  | 2 |  | 19 | The figures reported under rifles and shotguns include any "generic" guns reported by districts. |
| Arizona | 103 |  | 18 |  | 31 |  | 152 |  |
| Arkansas | 53 |  | 4 |  | 5 |  | 62 |  |
| Connecticut | 12 |  | 3 |  | 4 |  | 19 |  |
| Delaware | 6 |  | 1 |  | 0 |  | 7 |  |
| District of Columbia | 0 |  | 0 |  | 0 |  | 0 | The District of Columbia SDFSCA coordinator reported that the District has a policy in place, but the policy was not enforced in 1996-97. The District is now surveying each school to determine whether the school had a policy of expulsions in place in 1996-97 and whether students were expelled. ${ }^{2}$ |
| Florida | 174 |  | 6 |  | 22 |  | 202 |  |
| Georgia | 165 |  | 16 |  | 63 |  | 244 |  |
| Hawaii | 0 |  | 0 |  | 0 |  | 0 |  |
| Idaho | 8 |  | 3 |  | 22 |  | 33 |  |
| Illinois | 104 |  | 6 |  | 140 |  | 250 |  |
| Indiana | 77 |  | 11 |  | 21 |  | 109 |  |
| lowa | 18 |  | 3 |  | 19 |  | 40 |  |
| Kansas | 30 |  | 7 |  | 6 |  | 43 |  |
| Kentucky | 56 |  | 4 |  | 10 |  | 70 |  |
| Maine | 9 |  | 2 |  | 2 |  | 13 |  |
| Maryland ${ }^{1}$ | 52 |  | 4 |  | 17 |  | 73 | Reported figure is for the number of incidents, rather than the number of expulsions. |
| Massachusetts | 36 |  | 0 |  | 18 |  | 54 |  |
| Minnesota | 6 |  | 1 |  | 11 |  | 18 |  |
| Mississippi ${ }^{3}$ | 11 |  | 0 |  | 0 |  | 11 | Information submitted for handguns only. |
| Missouri ${ }^{1}$ | 8 |  | 2 |  | 308 |  | 318 | Reported figures may include other weapons such as knives, air guns, or brass knuckles. |
| Montana | 7 |  | 1 |  | 4 |  | 12 |  |
| Nevada | 35 |  | 2 |  | 17 |  | 54 |  |
| New Hampshire | 11 |  | 3 |  | 1 |  | 15 |  |
| New Jersey | 27 |  | 2 |  | 28 |  | 57 |  |
| New Mexico | 26 |  | 7 |  | 38 |  | 71 | Twenty expulsions were reported separately as an unknown firearm. These were added to the "other firearms" expulsions. |
| New York ${ }^{3}$ | 78 |  | 10 |  | 40 |  | 128 | The data reported for 1996-97 represents $71 \%$ of all LEAs. All 5 of the largest LEAs are included. |
| North Dakota | 0 |  | 0 |  | 1 |  | 1 |  |
| Oklahoma | 0 |  | 0 |  | 0 |  | 0 |  |
| Oregon | 55 |  | 8 |  | 22 |  | 85 |  |
| Pennsylvania | 84 |  | 15 |  | 101 |  | 200 |  |
| Rhode Island | 7 |  | 0 |  | 0 |  | 7 |  |

Table 3 (cont'd)

| State | Type of Firearm |  |  | Total | Data Caveats |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Hand- } \\ & \text { gun } \end{aligned}$ | Rifile/ Shotgun | Other |  |  |
| South Carolina | 69 | 6 | 19 | 94 |  |
| South Dakota | 1 | 1 | 5 | 7 | The reported figure includes air guns. |
| Texas | 324 | 50 | 158 | 532 |  |
| Utah | 68 | 3 | 9 | 80 |  |
| Vermont | 4 | 1 | 0 | 5 |  |
| Virginia | 56 | MD | 36 | 92 | Virginia does not differentiate between handguns and rifles. |
| Washington | 111 | 32 | 3 | 146 |  |
| West Virginia | 13 | 5 | 9 | 27 |  |
| Wisconsin | 42 | 1 | 11 | 54 |  |
| Wyoming | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  |
| Puerto Rico | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  |
| Guam | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  |
| Northern Marianas | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |  |
| Virgin Islands | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |  |
| Total | 2,043 | 247 | 1,207 | 3,497 | Refer to the caveats shown on the individual state lines for a full picture of the data submitted under the GFSA. |
| Data Notes: <br> MD=Missing Data <br> " The figure reported by this state may overstate the number of actual GFSA violations. <br> ${ }^{2 /}$ The U.S. Department of Education is working to address this issue. The District of Columbia SDFSCA coordinator also reported that the policy is being enforced this year (1997-98) and that so far, four students have been expelled for firearms violations. <br> ${ }^{3 / 3}$ The figure reported by this state may understate the number of actual GFSA violations. |  |  |  |  |  |
| Percent of expulsions reported by type of weapon: |  |  |  | 57\% |  |

## Table 4

Number and percent of expulsions for GFSA violations shortened on a case-by-case basis, 1996-97

| State | Total Expulsions | Total <br> Number Shortened | Overall Percent Shortened | Data Caveats |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Alabama | 91 | 19 | 21\% |  |
| Arizona | 152 | 34 | 22\% |  |
| Arkansas | 62 | 20 | 32\% |  |
| Connecticut | 19 | 5 | 26\% |  |
| Delaware | 7 | 1 | 14\% |  |
| District of Columbia | 0 | NA | 0\% | The District of Columbia SDFSCA coordinator reported that the District has a policy in place, but the policy was not enforced in 1996-97. The District is now surveying each school to determine whether the school had a policy of expulsions in place in 1996-97 and whether students were expelled. ${ }^{2}$ |
| Florida | 202 | 28 | 14\% |  |
| Georgia | 244 | 47 | 19\% |  |
| Hawaii | 0 | NA | 0\% |  |
| Idaho | 33 | 12 | 36\% |  |
| Indiana | 109 | 92 | 84\% |  |
| lowa | 40 | 18 | 45\% |  |
| Kansas | 43 | 11 | 26\% |  |
| Kentucky | 70 | 17 | 24\% |  |
| Maine | 13 | 6 | 46\% |  |
| Massachusetts | 54 | 37 | 69\% |  |
| Minnesota | 18 | 12 | 67\% |  |
| Missouri ${ }^{1}$ | 318 | 33 | 10\% | Reported figures may include other weapons such as knives, air guns, or brass knuckles. |
| Montana | 12 | 7 | 58\% |  |
| Nebraska ${ }^{3}$ | 20 | 7 | 35\% | Nebraska did not collect expulsion data from elementary schools. |
| Nevada | 54 | 3 | 6\% |  |
| New Hampshire | 15 | 9 | 60\% |  |
| New Jersey | 57 | 20 | 35\% |  |
| New Mexico | 71 | 12 | 17\% | Twenty expulsions were reported separately as an unknown firearm. These were added to the "other firearms" expulsions. |
| New York ${ }^{3}$ | 128 | 47 | 37\% | The data reported for 1996-97 represents $71 \%$ of all LEAs. All 5 of the largest LEAs are included. |
| North Carolina | 163 | 64 | 39\% | North Carolina reported that the figures for this question are based on estimates. |
| North Dakota | 1 | 1 | 100\% |  |
| Oklahoma | 0 | NA | 0\% |  |
| Oregon | 85 | 37 | 44\% |  |
| Pennsylvania | 200 | 141 | 71\% |  |
| Rhode Island | 7 | 7 | 100\% |  |
| South Carolina | 94 | 16 | 17\% |  |
| South Dakota | 7 | 3 | 43\% | The reported figure includes air guns. |
| Texas | 532 | 167 | 31\% |  |
| Vermont | 5 | 4 | 80\% |  |
| Washington | 146 | 103 | 71\% |  |
| West Virginia | 27 | 8 | 30\% |  |

Table 4 (cont'd)

| State | Total Expulsions | Total <br> Number Shortened | Overall Percent Shortened | Data Caveats |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Wisconsin | 54 | 11 | 20\% |  |
| Wyoming | 0 |  | 0\% |  |
| Puerto Rico | 0 |  | 0\% |  |
| Guam | 0 |  | 0\% |  |
| Northern Marianas | 1 | 0 | 0\% |  |
| Virgin Islands | 1 | 0 | 0\% |  |
| Total | 3,155 | 1,059 | 34\% | wn on the individ tted under the |
| Number of states reporting the number of expulsions that were shortened on a case-by-case basis: |  |  |  |  |
| Data Notes: <br> The GFSA includes example by shorten <br> ${ }^{1 /}$ The figure report <br> ${ }^{2 /}$ The U.S. Departm policy is being enfor <br> ${ }^{3 /}$ The figure report | at authorize ion to less th may overs tion is workin (1997-98) an may under | LEA chief one year). the number to address that so far, four te the numb | ministering <br> f actual GF s issue. The students h of actual G | A expulsion on <br> FSCA coordina arms violations |

Table 5
Number and percent of expulsions for GFSA violations shortened for non-disabled students on a case-by-case basis, 1996-97

| State | Total Number Shortened | Number Nondisabled Shortened | Percentage Nondisabled Shortened | Data Caveats |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Alabama | 19 | 9 | 47\% |  |
| Arizona | 34 | 16 | 47\% |  |
| Arkansas | 20 | 15 | 75\% |  |
| Connecticut | 5 | 4 | 80\% |  |
| Delaware | 1 | 0 | 0\% |  |
| District of Columbia | NA | NA | 0\% | The District of Columbia SDFSCA coordinator reported that the District has a policy in place, but the policy was not enforced in 1996-97. The District is now surveying each school to determine whether the school had a policy of expulsions in place in 1996-97 and whether students were expelled. ${ }^{2}$ |
| Florida | 28 | 13 | 46\% |  |
| Georgia | 47 | 19 | 40\% |  |
| Hawaii | NA | NA | 0\% |  |
| Idaho | 12 | 0 | 0\% |  |
| lowa | 18 | 14 | 78\% |  |
| Kansas | 11 | 10 | 91\% |  |
| Kentucky | 17 | 13 | 76\% |  |
| Maine | 6 | 3 | 50\% |  |
| Massachusetts | 37 | 28 | 76\% |  |
| Minnesota | 12 | 12 | 100\% |  |
| Missouri ${ }^{1}$ | 33 | 5 | 15\% | Reported figures may include other weapons such as knives, air guns, or brass knuckles. |
| Montana | 7 | 6 | 86\% |  |
| Nebraska ${ }^{3}$ | 7 | 5 | 71\% | Nebraska did not collect expulsion data from elementary schools. |
| Nevada | 3 | 1 | 33\% |  |
| New Hampshire | 9 | 4 | 44\% |  |
| New Jersey | 20 | 20 | 100\% |  |
| New Mexico | 12 | 12 | 100\% | Twenty expulsions were reported separately as an unknown firearm. These were added to the "other firearms" expulsions. |
| New York ${ }^{3}$ | 47 | 13 | 28\% | The data reported for 1996-97 represents $71 \%$ of all LEAs. All 5 of the largest LEAs are included. |
| North Dakota | 1 | 1 | 100\% |  |
| Oklahoma | NA | NA | 0\% |  |
| Pennsylvania | 141 | 118 | 84\% |  |
| Rhode Island | 7 | 6 | 86\% |  |
| South Carolina | 16 | 12 | 75\% |  |
| South Dakota | 3 | 1 | 33\% | The reported figure includes air guns. |
| Vermont | 4 | 4 | 100\% |  |
| Washington | 103 | 62 | 60\% |  |
| West Virginia | 8 | 7 | 88\% |  |

Table 5 (cont'd)

| State | Total Number Shortened | Number Nondisabled Shortened | ntage Nondisabled Shortened | Data Caveats |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Wisconsin | 11 | 8 | 73\% |  |
| Wyoming | NA | NA | 0\% |  |
| Puerto Rico | NA | NA | 0\% |  |
| Guam | NA | NA | 0\% |  |
| Northern Marianas | 0 | 0 | 0\% |  |
| Virgin Islands | 0 | NA | 0\% |  |
| Total | 699 | 441 | 63\% | Refer to the caveats shown on the individual state lines for a full picture of the data submitted under the GFSA. |
| Number of states reporting the number of shortened expulsions that were not disabled: |  |  | 39 |  |
| ${ }^{2 /}$ The U.S. Department of Education is working to address this issue. The District of Columbia SDFSCA coordinator also reported that the policy is being enforced this year (1997-98) and that so far, four students have been expelled for firearms violations. <br> ${ }^{3 /}$ The figure reported by this state may understate the number of actual GFSA violations. |  |  |  |  |

Table 6
Percentage of students expelled for GFSA violations referred to an alternative placement, 1996-97

| State | Total Expulsions | Referred | Percent Referred | Data Caveats |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Alabama | 91 | 37 | 41\% |  |
| Alaska | 19 | 2 | 11\% |  |
| Arizona | 152 | 68 | 45\% |  |
| Arkansas | 62 | 6 | 10\% |  |
| California | 723 | 723 | 100\% | This figure represents the total number of school crime incidents that involved a gun. |
| Connecticut | 19 | 14 | 74\% |  |
| Delaware | 7 | 3 | 43\% |  |
| District of Columbia | 0 | NA | 0\% | The District of Columbia SDFSCA coordinator reported that the District has a policy in place, but the policy was not enforced in 1996-97. The District is now surveying each school to determine whether the school had a policy of expulsions in place in 1996-97 and whether students were expelled. ${ }^{2}$ |
| Florida | 202 | 110 | 54\% |  |
| Georgia | 244 | 130 | 53\% |  |
| Hawaii | 0 | NA | 0\% |  |
| Idaho | 33 | 3 | 9\% |  |
| Kansas | 43 | 22 | 51\% |  |
| Kentucky | 70 | 21 | 30\% |  |
| Maine | 13 | 5 | 38\% |  |
| Maryland ${ }^{1}$ | 73 | 21 | 29\% | Reported figure is for the number of incidents, rather than the number of expulsions. |
| Massachusetts | 54 | 30 | 56\% |  |
| Minnesota | 18 | 12 | 67\% |  |
| Montana | 12 | 4 | 33\% |  |
| Nebraska ${ }^{3}$ | 20 | 15 | 75\% | Nebraska did not collect expulsion data from elementary schools. |
| Nevada | 54 | 42 | 78\% |  |
| New Hampshire | 15 | 4 | 27\% |  |
| New Jersey | 57 | 15 | 26\% |  |
| New Mexico | 71 | 5 | 7\% | Twenty expulsions were reported separately as an unknown firearm. These were added to the "other firearms" expulsions. |
| New York ${ }^{3}$ | 128 | 65 | 51\% | The data reported for 1996-97 represents $71 \%$ of all LEAs. All 5 of the largest LEAs are included. |
| North Carolina | 163 | 21 | 13\% | North Carolina reported that the figures for this question are based on estimates. |
| North Dakota | 1 | 0 | 0\% |  |
| Oklahoma | 0 | NA | 0\% |  |
| Pennsylvania | 200 | 78 | 39\% |  |
| Rhode Island | 7 | 0 | 0\% |  |
| South Carolina | 94 | 36 | 38\% |  |
| South Dakota | 7 | 3 | 43\% | The reported figure includes air guns. |
| Texas | 532 | 322 | 61\% |  |
| Vermont | 5 | 1 | 20\% |  |
| Washington | 146 | 61 | 42\% |  |
| West Virginia | 27 | 9 | 33\% |  |

Table 6 (cont'd)


## Alabama

1. Number of students expelled in Alabama under Alabama's state law that requires a oneyear expulsion for a student who brings a firearm to school.

| School Level | Handguns | Rifles/ <br> Shotguns | Other <br> Firearms | Total |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Elementary | 12 | 0 | 0 | 12 |
| Junior High | 27 | 1 | 3 | 31 |
| Senior High | 45 | 2 | 1 | 48 |
| Total | 84 | 3 | 4 | 91 |

2. Number of expulsions reported in item \#1 that were shortened to a term of less than one year by the chief administering officer of an LEA under the case-by-case modification provisions of Section 14601(b)(1) of the GFSA:
3. How many of the modifications reported in item \#2 were for students who are NOT students with disabilities as defined in Section 602(a)(1) of the IDEA?
9
4. How many of the expulsions reported in item \#1 resulted in a referral of the expelled student to an alternative school or program?

37

Caveats or notes on the data collection: For 1996-97 the SDFSC System Coordinators collected their own data. For the 1998-99 school year, the data will be collected state-wide through an electronic data collection.

## Alaska

## Gun-Free Schools Act - 1996-97 Data

1. Number of students expelled in Alaska under Alaska's state law that requires a one-year expulsion for a student who brings a firearm to school.

| School Level | Handguns | Rifles/ <br> Shotguns | Other <br> Firearms | Total |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Elementary | 1 | 3 | 0 | 4 |
| Junior High | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| Senior High | 9 | 2 | 2 | 13 |
| Total | 11 | 6 | 2 | 19 |

2. Number of expulsions reported in item \#1 that were shortened to a term of less than one year by the chief administering officer of an LEA under the case-by-case modification provisions of Section 14601(b)(1) of the GFSA:

MD
3. How many of the modifications reported in item \#2 were for students who are NOT students with disabilities as defined in Section 602(a)(1) of the IDEA?

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4. How many of the expulsions reported in item \#1 resulted in a referral of the expelled student to an alternative school or program?


Caveats or notes on the data collection: The figures included under rifles and shotguns include any "generic" guns reported by districts.

[^3]
## Arizona

1. Number of students expelled in Arizona under Arizona's state law that requires a oneyear expulsion for a student who brings a firearm to school.

| School Level | Handguns | Rifles/ <br> Shotguns | Other <br> Firearms | Total |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Elementary | 14 | 9 | 9 | 32 |
| Junior High | 23 | 2 | 13 | 38 |
| Senior High | 65 | 7 | 9 | 81 |
| Total | 103 | 18 | 31 | 152 |

2. Number of expulsions reported in item \#1 that were shortened to a term of less than one year by the chief administering officer of an LEA under the case-by-case modification provisions of Section 14601(b)(1) of the GFSA:
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34
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3. How many of the modifications reported in item \#2 were for students who are NOT students with disabilities as defined in Section 602(a)(1) of the IDEA?
16
4. How many of the expulsions reported in item \#1 resulted in a referral of the expelled student to an alternative school or program?

68

Caveats or notes on the data collection: One expulsion for bringing a handgun to school was for a student in an ungraded school. Therefore the handgun column does not add to the total (102 vs. 103).

## Arkansas

1. Number of students expelled in Arkansas under Arkansas's state law that requires a oneyear expulsion for a student who brings a firearm to school.

| School Level | Handguns | Rifles/ <br> Shotguns | Other <br> Firearms | Total |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Elementary | 8 | 1 | 1 | 10 |
| Junior High | 35 | 1 | 4 | 40 |
| Senior High | 10 | 2 | 0 | 12 |
| Total | 53 | 4 | 5 | 62 |

2. Number of expulsions reported in item \#1 that were shortened to a term of less than one year by the chief administering officer of an LEA under the case-by-case modification provisions of Section 14601(b)(1) of the GFSA:

20
3. How many of the modifications reported in item \#2 were for students who are NOT students with disabilities as defined in Section 602(a)(1) of the IDEA?

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4. How many of the expulsions reported in item \#1 resulted in a referral of the expelled student to an alternative school or program?
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6

Caveats or notes on the data collection: None.

## California

1. Number of students expelled in California under California's state law that requires a one-year expulsion for a student who brings a firearm to school.

| School Level | Handguns | Rifles/ <br> Shotguns | Other <br> Firearms | Total |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Elementary | MD | MD | MD | 52 |
| Junior High | MD | MD | MD | 51 |
| Senior High | MD | MD | MD | 97 |
| Total | MD | MD | MD | 723 |

2. Number of expulsions reported in item \#1 that were shortened to a term of less than one year by the chief administering officer of an LEA under the case-by-case modification provisions of Section 14601(b)(1) of the GFSA:

MD
3. How many of the modifications reported in item \#2 were for students who are NOT students with disabilities as defined in Section 602(a)(1) of the IDEA?
MD
4. How many of the expulsions reported in item \#1 resulted in a referral of the expelled student to an alternative school or program?

Caveats or notes on the data collection: The reported figure is the total number of school crime incidents that involved a gun. Information was reported for 1,057 districts but was available by school level for only 557 of these districts. Therefore, the total column does not add to the printed total (199 vs. 723).

Note: $\mathrm{MD}=$ missing data .

## Colorado

1. Number of students expelled in Colorado under Colorado's state law that requires a oneyear expulsion for a student who brings a firearm to school.

| School Level | Handguns | Rifles/ <br> Shotguns | Other <br> Firearms | Total |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Elementary | MD | MD | MD | 44 |
| Junior High | MD | MD | MD | 202 |
| Senior High | MD | MD | MD | 229 |
| Total | MD | MD | MD | 475 |

2. Number of expulsions reported in item \#1 that were shortened to a term of less than one year by the chief administering officer of an LEA under the case-by-case modification provisions of Section 14601(b)(1) of the GFSA:

MD
3. How many of the modifications reported in item \#2 were for students who are NOT students with disabilities as defined in Section 602(a)(1) of the IDEA?
MD
4. How many of the expulsions reported in item \#1 resulted in a referral of the expelled student to an alternative school or program?
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MD

Caveats or notes on the data collection: Reported figures are expulsions for ALL weapons, not just firearms.

[^4]
## Connecticut

1. Number of students expelled in Connecticut under Connecticut's state law that requires a one-year expulsion for a student who brings a firearm to school.

| School Level | Handguns | Rifles/ <br> Shotguns | Other <br> Firearms | Total |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Elementary | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Junior High | 2 | 1 | 0 | 3 |
| Senior High | 10 | 2 | 4 | 16 |
| Total | 12 | 3 | 4 | 19 |

2. Number of expulsions reported in item \#1 that were shortened to a term of less than one year by the chief administering officer of an LEA under the case-by-case modification provisions of Section 14601(b)(1) of the GFSA:

3. How many of the modifications reported in item \#2 were for students who are NOT students with disabilities as defined in Section 602(a)(1) of the IDEA?
4
4. How many of the expulsions reported in item \#1 resulted in a referral of the expelled student to an alternative school or program?

14

Caveats or notes on the data collection: None.

## Delaware

1. Number of students expelled in Delaware under Delaware's state law that requires a oneyear expulsion for a student who brings a firearm to school.

| School Level | Handguns | Rifles/ <br> Shotguns | Other <br> Firearms | Total |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Elementary | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Junior High | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Senior High | 5 | 1 | 0 | 6 |
| Total | 6 | 1 | 0 | 7 |

2. Number of expulsions reported in item \#1 that were shortened to a term of less than one year by the chief administering officer of an LEA under the case-by-case modification provisions of Section 14601(b)(1) of the GFSA:

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3. How many of the modifications reported in item \#2 were for students who are NOT students with disabilities as defined in Section 602(a)(1) of the IDEA?
0
4. How many of the expulsions reported in item \#1 resulted in a referral of the expelled student to an alternative school or program?


Caveats or notes on the data collection: None.

## District of

1. Number of students expelled in District of Columbia under District of Columbia's state law that requires a one-year expulsion for a student who brings a firearm to school.

| School Level | Handguns | Rifles/ <br> Shotguns | Other <br> Firearms | Total |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Elementary | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Junior High | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Senior High | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

2. Number of expulsions reported in item \#1 that were shortened to a term of less than one year by the chief administering officer of an LEA under the case-by-case modification provisions of Section 14601(b)(1) of the GFSA:

NA
3. How many of the modifications reported in item \#2 were for students who are NOT students with disabilities as defined in Section 602(a)(1) of the IDEA?
NA
4. How many of the expulsions reported in item \#1 resulted in a referral of the expelled student to an alternative school or program?

| NA |
| :--- |

Caveats or notes on the data collection: The District of Columbia SDFSCA coordinator reported that the District has a policy in place, but the policy was not enforced in 1996-97. The District is now surveying each school to determine whether the school had a policy of expulsions in place in 1996-97 and whether students were expelled. The U.S. Department of Education is working to address this issue. The District of Columbia SDFSCA coordinator also reported that the policy is being enforced this year (1997-98) and that so far, four students have been expelled for firearms violations.

Note: NA = not applicable.

## Florida

1. Number of students expelled in Florida under Florida's state law that requires a one-year expulsion for a student who brings a firearm to school.

| School Level | Handguns | Rifles/ <br> Shotguns | Other <br> Firearms | Total |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Elementary | 5 | 0 | 3 | 8 |
| Junior High | 63 | 0 | 10 | 73 |
| Senior High | 106 | 6 | 9 | 121 |
| Total | 174 | 6 | 22 | 202 |

2. Number of expulsions reported in item \#1 that were shortened to a term of less than one year by the chief administering officer of an LEA under the case-by-case modification provisions of Section 14601(b)(1) of the GFSA:
28
3. How many of the modifications reported in item \#2 were for students who are NOT students with disabilities as defined in Section 602(a)(1) of the IDEA?

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13
$$

4. How many of the expulsions reported in item \#1 resulted in a referral of the expelled student to an alternative school or program?

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110
$$

Caveats or notes on the data collection: None.

## Georgia

1. Number of students expelled in Georgia under Georgia's state law that requires a oneyear expulsion for a student who brings a firearm to school.

| School Level | Handguns | Rifles/ <br> Shotguns | Other <br> Firearms | Total |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Elementary | 9 | 0 | 2 | 11 |
| Junior High | 52 | 4 | 26 | 82 |
| Senior High | 104 | 12 | 35 | 151 |
| Total | 165 | 16 | 63 | 244 |

2. Number of expulsions reported in item \#1 that were shortened to a term of less than one year by the chief administering officer of an LEA under the case-by-case modification provisions of Section 14601(b)(1) of the GFSA:
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3. How many of the modifications reported in item \#2 were for students who are NOT students with disabilities as defined in Section 602(a)(1) of the IDEA?
4. How many of the expulsions reported in item \#1 resulted in a referral of the expelled student to an alternative school or program?

Caveats or notes on the data collection: None.

## Hawaii

1. Number of students expelled in Hawaii under Hawaii's state law that requires a one-year expulsion for a student who brings a firearm to school.

| School Level | Handguns | Rifles/ <br> Shotguns | Other <br> Firearms | Total |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Elementary | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Junior High | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Senior High | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

2. Number of expulsions reported in item \#1 that were shortened to a term of less than one year by the chief administering officer of an LEA under the case-by-case modification provisions of Section 14601(b)(1) of the GFSA:

## NA

3. How many of the modifications reported in item \#2 were for students who are NOT students with disabilities as defined in Section 602(a)(1) of the IDEA?
NA
4. How many of the expulsions reported in item \#1 resulted in a referral of the expelled student to an alternative school or program?
NA

Caveats or notes on the data collection: None.

Note: NA = not applicable.

## Idaho

1. Number of students expelled in Idaho under Idaho's state law that requires a one-year expulsion for a student who brings a firearm to school.

| School Level | Handguns | Rifles/ <br> Shotguns | Other <br> Firearms | Total |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Elementary | MD | MD | MD | MD |
| Junior High | MD | MD | MD | MD |
| Senior High | MD | MD | MD | MD |
| Total | 8 | 3 | 22 | 33 |

2. Number of expulsions reported in item \#1 that were shortened to a term of less than one year by the chief administering officer of an LEA under the case-by-case modification provisions of Section 14601(b)(1) of the GFSA:
12
3. How many of the modifications reported in item \#2 were for students who are NOT students with disabilities as defined in Section 602(a)(1) of the IDEA?
0
4. How many of the expulsions reported in item \#1 resulted in a referral of the expelled student to an alternative school or program?


Caveats or notes on the data collection: Information was provided on the data collection instrument by type of weapon but not by school level.

[^5]1. Number of students expelled in Illinois under Illinois's state law that requires a one-year expulsion for a student who brings a firearm to school.

| School Level | Handguns | Rifles/ <br> Shotguns | Other <br> Firearms | Total |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Elementary | 14 | 0 | 25 | 39 |
| Junior High | 22 | 1 | 39 | 62 |
| Senior High | 68 | 5 | 76 | 149 |
| Total | 104 | 6 | 140 | 250 |

2. Number of expulsions reported in item \#1 that were shortened to a term of less than one year by the chief administering officer of an LEA under the case-by-case modification provisions of Section 14601(b)(1) of the GFSA:

MD
3. How many of the modifications reported in item \#2 were for students who are NOT students with disabilities as defined in Section 602(a)(1) of the IDEA?
MD
4. How many of the expulsions reported in item \#1 resulted in a referral of the expelled student to an alternative school or program?
$\square$
MD

Caveats or notes on the data collection: None.

Note: $\mathrm{MD}=$ missing data .

## Indiana

1. Number of students expelled in Indiana under Indiana's state law that requires a one-year expulsion for a student who brings a firearm to school.

| School Level | Handguns | Rifles/ <br> Shotguns | Other <br> Firearms | Total |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Elementary | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| Junior High | 24 | 5 | 17 | 46 |
| Senior High | 50 | 6 | 4 | 60 |
| Total | 77 | 11 | 21 | 109 |

2. Number of expulsions reported in item \#1 that were shortened to a term of less than one year by the chief administering officer of an LEA under the case-by-case modification provisions of Section 14601(b)(1) of the GFSA:

92
3. How many of the modifications reported in item \#2 were for students who are NOT students with disabilities as defined in Section 602(a)(1) of the IDEA?
MD
4. How many of the expulsions reported in item \#1 resulted in a referral of the expelled student to an alternative school or program?
$\square$
MD

Caveats or notes on the data collection: None.

Note: $\mathrm{MD}=$ missing data .

1. Number of students expelled in Iowa under Iowa's state law that requires a one-year expulsion for a student who brings a firearm to school.

| School Level | Handguns | Rifles/ <br> Shotguns | Other <br> Firearms | Total |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Elementary | 1 | 0 | 3 | 4 |
| Junior High | 9 | 2 | 7 | 18 |
| Senior High | 8 | 1 | 9 | 18 |
| Total | 18 | 3 | 19 | 40 |

2. Number of expulsions reported in item \#1 that were shortened to a term of less than one year by the chief administering officer of an LEA under the case-by-case modification provisions of Section 14601(b)(1) of the GFSA:
3. How many of the modifications reported in item \#2 were for students who are NOT students with disabilities as defined in Section 602(a)(1) of the IDEA?
14
4. How many of the expulsions reported in item \#1 resulted in a referral of the expelled student to an alternative school or program?


Caveats or notes on the data collection: None.

Note: $\mathrm{MD}=$ missing data .

## Kansas

1. Number of students expelled in Kansas under Kansas's state law that requires a one-year expulsion for a student who brings a firearm to school.

| School Level | Handguns | Rifles/ <br> Shotguns | Other <br> Firearms | Total |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Elementary | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| Junior High | 7 | 0 | 3 | 10 |
| Senior High | 20 | 7 | 3 | 30 |
| Total | 30 | 7 | 6 | 43 |

2. Number of expulsions reported in item \#1 that were shortened to a term of less than one year by the chief administering officer of an LEA under the case-by-case modification provisions of Section 14601(b)(1) of the GFSA:

## 11

3. How many of the modifications reported in item \#2 were for students who are NOT students with disabilities as defined in Section 602(a)(1) of the IDEA?
10
4. How many of the expulsions reported in item \#1 resulted in a referral of the expelled student to an alternative school or program?

Caveats or notes on the data collection: None.

1. Number of students expelled in Kentucky under Kentucky's state law that requires a oneyear expulsion for a student who brings a firearm to school.

| School Level | Handguns | Rifles/ <br> Shotguns | Other <br> Firearms | Total |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Elementary | 4 | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| Junior High | 26 | 1 | 3 | 30 |
| Senior High | 26 | 3 | 7 | 36 |
| Total | 56 | 4 | 10 | 70 |

2. Number of expulsions reported in item \#1 that were shortened to a term of less than one year by the chief administering officer of an LEA under the case-by-case modification provisions of Section 14601(b)(1) of the GFSA:

## 17

3. How many of the modifications reported in item \#2 were for students who are NOT students with disabilities as defined in Section 602(a)(1) of the IDEA?

13
4. How many of the expulsions reported in item \#1 resulted in a referral of the expelled student to an alternative school or program?
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Caveats or notes on the data collection: None.

## Louisiana

1. Number of students expelled in Louisiana under Louisiana's state law that requires a oneyear expulsion for a student who brings a firearm to school.

| School Level | Handguns | Rifles/ <br> Shotguns | Other <br> Firearms | Total |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Elementary | MD | MD | MD | 16 |
| Junior High | MD | MD | MD | 30 |
| Senior High | MD | MD | MD | 42 |
| Total | MD | MD | MD | 88 |

2. Number of expulsions reported in item \#1 that were shortened to a term of less than one year by the chief administering officer of an LEA under the case-by-case modification provisions of Section 14601(b)(1) of the GFSA:

MD
3. How many of the modifications reported in item \#2 were for students who are NOT students with disabilities as defined in Section 602(a)(1) of the IDEA?
MD
4. How many of the expulsions reported in item \#1 resulted in a referral of the expelled student to an alternative school or program?
$\square$
MD

## Caveats or notes on the data collection: None.

Note: $\mathrm{MD}=$ missing data .

## Maine

1. Number of students expelled in Maine under Maine's state law that requires a one-year expulsion for a student who brings a firearm to school.

| School Level | Handguns | Rifles/ <br> Shotguns | Other <br> Firearms | Total |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Elementary | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Junior High | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Senior High | 6 | 2 | 2 | 10 |
| Total | 9 | 2 | 2 | 13 |

2. Number of expulsions reported in item \#1 that were shortened to a term of less than one year by the chief administering officer of an LEA under the case-by-case modification provisions of Section 14601(b)(1) of the GFSA:

3. How many of the modifications reported in item \#2 were for students who are NOT students with disabilities as defined in Section 602(a)(1) of the IDEA?

3
4. How many of the expulsions reported in item \#1 resulted in a referral of the expelled student to an alternative school or program?
$\square$
5

Caveats or notes on the data collection: None.

## Maryland

1. Number of students expelled in Maryland under Maryland's state law that requires a oneyear expulsion for a student who brings a firearm to school.

| School Level | Handguns | Rifles/ <br> Shotguns | Other <br> Firearms | Total |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Elementary | 2 | 0 | 2 | 4 |
| Junior High | 7 | 0 | 6 | 13 |
| Senior High | 43 | 4 | 9 | 56 |
| Total | 52 | 4 | 17 | 73 |

2. Number of expulsions reported in item \#1 that were shortened to a term of less than one year by the chief administering officer of an LEA under the case-by-case modification provisions of Section 14601(b)(1) of the GFSA:

MD
3. How many of the modifications reported in item \#2 were for students who are NOT students with disabilities as defined in Section 602(a)(1) of the IDEA?

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\overline{\mathrm{MD}}
$$

4. How many of the expulsions reported in item \#1 resulted in a referral of the expelled student to an alternative school or program?

Caveats or notes on the data collection: Reported figure is for the number of incidents, rather than the number of expulsions.

[^6]
## Massachusetts

1. Number of students expelled in Massachusetts under Massachusetts's state law that requires a one-year expulsion for a student who brings a firearm to school.

| School Level | Handguns | Rifles/ <br> Shotguns | Other <br> Firearms | Total |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Elementary | 1 | 0 | 2 | 3 |
| Junior High | 20 | 0 | 3 | 23 |
| Senior High | 15 | 0 | 13 | 28 |
| Total | 36 | 0 | 18 | 54 |

2. Number of expulsions reported in item \#1 that were shortened to a term of less than one year by the chief administering officer of an LEA under the case-by-case modification provisions of Section 14601(b)(1) of the GFSA:

37
3. How many of the modifications reported in item \#2 were for students who are NOT students with disabilities as defined in Section 602(a)(1) of the IDEA?

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28
$$

4. How many of the expulsions reported in item \#1 resulted in a referral of the expelled student to an alternative school or program?
$\square$
30

Caveats or notes on the data collection: None.

## Michigan

1. Number of students expelled in Michigan under Michigan's state law that requires a oneyear expulsion for a student who brings a firearm to school.

| School Level | Handguns | Rifles/ <br> Shotguns | Other <br> Firearms | Total |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Elementary | MD | MD | MD | MD |
| Junior High | MD | MD | MD | MD |
| Senior High | MD | MD | MD | MD |
| Total | MD | MD | MD | 92 |

2. Number of expulsions reported in item \#1 that were shortened to a term of less than one year by the chief administering officer of an LEA under the case-by-case modification provisions of Section 14601(b)(1) of the GFSA:

MD
3. How many of the modifications reported in item \#2 were for students who are NOT students with disabilities as defined in Section 602(a)(1) of the IDEA?
MD
4. How many of the expulsions reported in item \#1 resulted in a referral of the expelled student to an alternative school or program?
MD

Caveats or notes on the data collection: Information submitted as a cumulative total only, not broken out by type of weapon or school level. Data are for the period from January 1995 through June 1997.

[^7]
## Minnesota

1. Number of students expelled in Minnesota under Minnesota's state law that requires a one-year expulsion for a student who brings a firearm to school.

| School Level | Handguns | Rifles/ <br> Shotguns | Other <br> Firearms | Total |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Elementary | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Junior High | 0 | 0 | 7 | 7 |
| Senior High | 6 | 1 | 4 | 11 |
| Total | 6 | 1 | 11 | 18 |

2. Number of expulsions reported in item \#1 that were shortened to a term of less than one year by the chief administering officer of an LEA under the case-by-case modification provisions of Section 14601(b)(1) of the GFSA:
12
3. How many of the modifications reported in item \#2 were for students who are NOT students with disabilities as defined in Section 602(a)(1) of the IDEA?
12
4. How many of the expulsions reported in item \#1 resulted in a referral of the expelled student to an alternative school or program?
12

Caveats or notes on the data collection: None.

## Mississippi

1. Number of students expelled in Mississippi under Mississippi's state law that requires a one-year expulsion for a student who brings a firearm to school.

| School Level | Handguns | Rifles/ <br> Shotguns | Other <br> Firearms | Total |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Elementary | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Junior High | 4 | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| Senior High | 7 | 0 | 0 | 7 |
| Total | 11 | 0 | 0 | 11 |

2. Number of expulsions reported in item \#1 that were shortened to a term of less than one year by the chief administering officer of an LEA under the case-by-case modification provisions of Section 14601(b)(1) of the GFSA:

MD
3. How many of the modifications reported in item \#2 were for students who are NOT students with disabilities as defined in Section 602(a)(1) of the IDEA?
MD
4. How many of the expulsions reported in item \#1 resulted in a referral of the expelled student to an alternative school or program?
$\square$
MD

* Caveats or notes on the data collection: Information submitted for handguns only.

[^8]
## Missouri

1. Number of students expelled in Missouri under Missouri's state law that requires a oneyear expulsion for a student who brings a firearm to school.

| School Level | Handguns | Rifles/ <br> Shotguns | Other <br> Firearms | Total |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Elementary | 0 | 0 | 43 | 43 |
| Junior High | 1 | 0 | 133 | 134 |
| Senior High | 7 | 2 | 132 | 141 |
| Total | 8 | 2 | 308 | 318 |

2. Number of expulsions reported in item \#1 that were shortened to a term of less than one year by the chief administering officer of an LEA under the case-by-case modification provisions of Section 14601(b)(1) of the GFSA:

33
3. How many of the modifications reported in item \#2 were for students who are NOT students with disabilities as defined in Section 602(a)(1) of the IDEA?
5
4. How many of the expulsions reported in item \#1 resulted in a referral of the expelled student to an alternative school or program?
MD

Caveats or notes on the data collection: Reported figures may include other weapons such as knives, air guns, or brass knuckles.

[^9]
## Montana

1. Number of students expelled in Montana under Montana's state law that requires a oneyear expulsion for a student who brings a firearm to school.

| School Level | Handguns | Rifles/ <br> Shotguns | Other <br> Firearms | Total |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Elementary | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| Junior High | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| Senior High | 3 | 1 | 3 | 7 |
| Total | 7 | 1 | 4 | 12 |

2. Number of expulsions reported in item \#1 that were shortened to a term of less than one year by the chief administering officer of an LEA under the case-by-case modification provisions of Section 14601(b)(1) of the GFSA:

3. How many of the modifications reported in item \#2 were for students who are NOT students with disabilities as defined in Section 602(a)(1) of the IDEA?
6
4. How many of the expulsions reported in item \#1 resulted in a referral of the expelled student to an alternative school or program?
$\square$
4

Caveats or notes on the data collection: None.

## Nebraska

1. Number of students expelled in Nebraska under Nebraska's state law that requires a oneyear expulsion for a student who brings a firearm to school.

| School Level | Handguns | Rifles/ <br> Shotguns | Other <br> Firearms | Total |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Elementary | MD | MD | MD | MD |
| Junior High | MD | MD | MD | 6 |
| Senior High | MD | MD | MD | 14 |
| Total | MD | MD | MD | 20 |

2. Number of expulsions reported in item \#1 that were shortened to a term of less than one year by the chief administering officer of an LEA under the case-by-case modification provisions of Section 14601(b)(1) of the GFSA:

3. How many of the modifications reported in item \#2 were for students who are NOT students with disabilities as defined in Section 602(a)(1) of the IDEA?

5
4. How many of the expulsions reported in item \#1 resulted in a referral of the expelled student to an alternative school or program?

Caveats or notes on the data collection: Information reported for all firearms combined, not broken out by type of weapon. Nebraska did not collect expulsion data from elementary schools.

[^10]
## Nevada

1. Number of students expelled in Nevada under Nevada's state law that requires a one-year expulsion for a student who brings a firearm to school.

| School Level | Handguns | Rifles/ <br> Shotguns | Other <br> Firearms | Total |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Elementary | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| Junior High | 12 | 0 | 8 | 20 |
| Senior High | 23 | 2 | 7 | 32 |
| Total | 35 | 2 | 17 | 54 |

2. Number of expulsions reported in item \#1 that were shortened to a term of less than one year by the chief administering officer of an LEA under the case-by-case modification provisions of Section 14601(b)(1) of the GFSA:
3
3. How many of the modifications reported in item \#2 were for students who are NOT students with disabilities as defined in Section 602(a)(1) of the IDEA?
1
4. How many of the expulsions reported in item \#1 resulted in a referral of the expelled student to an alternative school or program?
42

Caveats or notes on the data collection: None.

## New

## Hampshire

1. Number of students expelled in New Hampshire under New Hampshire's state law that requires a one-year expulsion for a student who brings a firearm to school.

| School Level | Handguns | Rifles/ <br> Shotguns | Other <br> Firearms | Total |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Elementary | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Junior High | 6 | 0 | 1 | 7 |
| Senior High | 5 | 3 | 0 | 8 |
| Total | 11 | 3 | 1 | 15 |

2. Number of expulsions reported in item \#1 that were shortened to a term of less than one year by the chief administering officer of an LEA under the case-by-case modification provisions of Section 14601(b)(1) of the GFSA:

3. How many of the modifications reported in item \#2 were for students who are NOT students with disabilities as defined in Section 602(a)(1) of the IDEA?
4
4. How many of the expulsions reported in item \#1 resulted in a referral of the expelled student to an alternative school or program?
$\square$
4

Caveats or notes on the data collection: None.

## New Jersey

1. Number of students expelled in New Jersey under New Jersey's state law that requires a one-year expulsion for a student who brings a firearm to school.

| School Level | Handguns | Rifles/ <br> Shotguns | Other <br> Firearms | Total |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Elementary | 4 | 0 | 3 | 7 |
| Junior High | 10 | 0 | 13 | 23 |
| Senior High | 13 | 2 | 12 | 27 |
| Total | 27 | 2 | 28 | 57 |

2. Number of expulsions reported in item \#1 that were shortened to a term of less than one year by the chief administering officer of an LEA under the case-by-case modification provisions of Section 14601(b)(1) of the GFSA:
20
3. How many of the modifications reported in item \#2 were for students who are NOT students with disabilities as defined in Section 602(a)(1) of the IDEA?

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20
$$

4. How many of the expulsions reported in item \#1 resulted in a referral of the expelled student to an alternative school or program?

Caveats or notes on the data collection: None.

## New Mexico

1. Number of students expelled in New Mexico under New Mexico's state law that requires a one-year expulsion for a student who brings a firearm to school.

| School Level | Handguns | Rifles/ <br> Shotguns | Other <br> Firearms | Total |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Elementary | 0 | 0 | 3 | 3 |
| Junior High | 7 | 0 | 17 | 24 |
| Senior High | 19 | 7 | 18 | 44 |
| Total | 26 | 7 | 38 | 71 |

2. Number of expulsions reported in item \#1 that were shortened to a term of less than one year by the chief administering officer of an LEA under the case-by-case modification provisions of Section 14601(b)(1) of the GFSA:

12
3. How many of the modifications reported in item \#2 were for students who are NOT students with disabilities as defined in Section 602(a)(1) of the IDEA?

$$
12
$$

4. How many of the expulsions reported in item \#1 resulted in a referral of the expelled student to an alternative school or program?
$\square$
5

Caveats or notes on the data collection: 20 expulsions were reported separately as an unknown firearm. These were added to the "other firearms" expulsions.

## New York

1. Number of students expelled in New York under New York's state law that requires a one-year expulsion for a student who brings a firearm to school.

| School Level | Handguns | Rifles/ <br> Shotguns | Other <br> Firearms | Total |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Elementary | 2 | 0 | 2 | 4 |
| Junior High | 25 | 4 | 19 | 48 |
| Senior High | 51 | 6 | 19 | 76 |
| Total | 78 | 10 | 40 | 128 |

2. Number of expulsions reported in item \#1 that were shortened to a term of less than one year by the chief administering officer of an LEA under the case-by-case modification provisions of Section 14601(b)(1) of the GFSA:
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4 7
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3. How many of the modifications reported in item \#2 were for students who are NOT students with disabilities as defined in Section 602(a)(1) of the IDEA?

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13
$$

4. How many of the expulsions reported in item \#1 resulted in a referral of the expelled student to an alternative school or program?
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6 5
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Caveats or notes on the data collection: The data reported for 1996-97 represents $71 \%$ of all LEAs. All of the 5 largest LEAs are included.

## North Carolina

1. Number of students expelled in North Carolina under North Carolina's state law that requires a one-year expulsion for a student who brings a firearm to school.

| School Level | Handguns | Rifles/ <br> Shotguns | Other <br> Firearms | Total |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Elementary | MD | MD | MD | 5 |
| Junior High | MD | MD | MD | 54 |
| Senior High | MD | MD | MD | 104 |
| Total | MD | MD | MD | 163 |

2. Number of expulsions reported in item \#1 that were shortened to a term of less than one year by the chief administering officer of an LEA under the case-by-case modification provisions of Section 14601(b)(1) of the GFSA:

64
3. How many of the modifications reported in item \#2 were for students who are NOT students with disabilities as defined in Section 602(a)(1) of the IDEA?
MD
4. How many of the expulsions reported in item \#1 resulted in a referral of the expelled student to an alternative school or program?
21

Caveats or notes on the data collection: North Carolina reported that the information submitted was broken out by school level but not by type of firearm. North Carolina also reported that the responses to items 2 and 4 are estimates.

[^11]
## North Dakota

1. Number of students expelled in North Dakota under North Dakota's state law that requires a one-year expulsion for a student who brings a firearm to school.

| School Level | Handguns | Rifles/ <br> Shotguns | Other <br> Firearms | Total |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Elementary | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Junior High | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Senior High | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Total | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |

2. Number of expulsions reported in item \#1 that were shortened to a term of less than one year by the chief administering officer of an LEA under the case-by-case modification provisions of Section 14601(b)(1) of the GFSA:
1
3. How many of the modifications reported in item \#2 were for students who are NOT students with disabilities as defined in Section 602(a)(1) of the IDEA?
1
4. How many of the expulsions reported in item \#1 resulted in a referral of the expelled student to an alternative school or program?
$\square$
0

Caveats or notes on the data collection: None.

## Ohio

1. Number of students expelled in Ohio under Ohio's state law that requires a one-year expulsion for a student who brings a firearm to school.

| School Level | Handguns | Rifles/ <br> Shotguns | Other <br> Firearms | Total |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Elementary | MD | MD | MD | MD |
| Junior High | MD | MD | MD | MD |
| Senior High | MD | MD | MD | MD |
| Total | MD | MD | MD | 937 |

2. Number of expulsions reported in item \#1 that were shortened to a term of less than one year by the chief administering officer of an LEA under the case-by-case modification provisions of Section 14601(b)(1) of the GFSA:

MD
3. How many of the modifications reported in item \#2 were for students who are NOT students with disabilities as defined in Section 602(a)(1) of the IDEA?
MD
4. How many of the expulsions reported in item \#1 resulted in a referral of the expelled student to an alternative school or program?
MD

Caveats or notes on the data collection: 1996-97 data submitted as a single aggregate figure only and are expulsions for the use/possession of weapons rather than firearms only.

[^12]
## Oklahoma

1. Number of students expelled in Oklahoma under Oklahoma's state law that requires a one-year expulsion for a student who brings a firearm to school.

| School Level | Handguns | Rifles/ <br> Shotguns | Other <br> Firearms | Total |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Elementary | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Junior High | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Senior High | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

2. Number of expulsions reported in item \#1 that were shortened to a term of less than one year by the chief administering officer of an LEA under the case-by-case modification provisions of Section 14601(b)(1) of the GFSA:

NA
3. How many of the modifications reported in item \#2 were for students who are NOT students with disabilities as defined in Section 602(a)(1) of the IDEA?
NA
4. How many of the expulsions reported in item \#1 resulted in a referral of the expelled student to an alternative school or program?
$\square$
NA

Caveats or notes on the data collection: None.

Note: NA = not applicable.

## Oregon

1. Number of students expelled in Oregon under Oregon's state law that requires a one-year expulsion for a student who brings a firearm to school.

| School Level | Handguns | Rifles/ <br> Shotguns | Other <br> Firearms | Total |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Elementary | MD | MD | MD | MD |
| Junior High | MD | MD | MD | MD |
| Senior High | MD | MD | MD | MD |
| Total | 55 | 8 | 22 | 85 |

2. Number of expulsions reported in item \#1 that were shortened to a term of less than one year by the chief administering officer of an LEA under the case-by-case modification provisions of Section 14601(b)(1) of the GFSA:

## 37

3. How many of the modifications reported in item \#2 were for students who are NOT students with disabilities as defined in Section 602(a)(1) of the IDEA?
MD
4. How many of the expulsions reported in item \#1 resulted in a referral of the expelled student to an alternative school or program?
$\square$
MD

Caveats or notes on the data collection: Information submitted by type of weapon but not broken out by school level.

[^13]
## Pennsylvania

1. Number of students expelled in Pennsylvania under Pennsylvania's state law that requires a one-year expulsion for a student who brings a firearm to school.

| School Level | Handguns | Rifles/ <br> Shotguns | Other <br> Firearms | Total |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Elementary | 4 | 0 | 15 | 19 |
| Junior High | 12 | 2 | 36 | 50 |
| Senior High | 68 | 13 | 50 | 131 |
| Total | 84 | 15 | 101 | 200 |

2. Number of expulsions reported in item \#1 that were shortened to a term of less than one year by the chief administering officer of an LEA under the case-by-case modification provisions of Section 14601(b)(1) of the GFSA:

141
3. How many of the modifications reported in item \#2 were for students who are NOT students with disabilities as defined in Section 602(a)(1) of the IDEA?
118
4. How many of the expulsions reported in item \#1 resulted in a referral of the expelled student to an alternative school or program?

Caveats or notes on the data collection: None.

## Rhode Island

1. Number of students expelled in Rhode Island under Rhode Island's state law that requires a one-year expulsion for a student who brings a firearm to school.

| School Level | Handguns | Rifles/ <br> Shotguns | Other <br> Firearms | Total |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Elementary | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Junior High | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Senior High | 5 | 0 | 0 | 5 |
| Total | 7 | 0 | 0 | 7 |

2. Number of expulsions reported in item \#1 that were shortened to a term of less than one year by the chief administering officer of an LEA under the case-by-case modification provisions of Section 14601(b)(1) of the GFSA:

3. How many of the modifications reported in item \#2 were for students who are NOT students with disabilities as defined in Section 602(a)(1) of the IDEA?
6
4. How many of the expulsions reported in item \#1 resulted in a referral of the expelled student to an alternative school or program?
0

Caveats or notes on the data collection: None.

## South Carolina

1. Number of students expelled in South Carolina under South Carolina's state law that requires a one-year expulsion for a student who brings a firearm to school.

| School Level | Handguns | Rifles/ <br> Shotguns | Other <br> Firearms | Total |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Elementary | 4 | 0 | 1 | 5 |
| Junior High | 28 | 0 | 12 | 40 |
| Senior High | 37 | 6 | 6 | 49 |
| Total | 69 | 6 | 19 | 94 |

2. Number of expulsions reported in item \#1 that were shortened to a term of less than one year by the chief administering officer of an LEA under the case-by-case modification provisions of Section 14601(b)(1) of the GFSA:
16
3. How many of the modifications reported in item \#2 were for students who are NOT students with disabilities as defined in Section 602(a)(1) of the IDEA?
12
4. How many of the expulsions reported in item \#1 resulted in a referral of the expelled student to an alternative school or program?
36

Caveats or notes on the data collection: None.

## South <br> Dakota

1. Number of students expelled in South Dakota under South Dakota's state law that requires a one-year expulsion for a student who brings a firearm to school.

| School Level | Handguns | Rifles/ <br> Shotguns | Other <br> Firearms | Total |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Elementary | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Junior High | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| Senior High | 1 | 1 | 3 | 5 |
| Total | 1 | 1 | 5 | 7 |

2. Number of expulsions reported in item \#1 that were shortened to a term of less than one year by the chief administering officer of an LEA under the case-by-case modification provisions of Section 14601(b)(1) of the GFSA:

3. How many of the modifications reported in item \#2 were for students who are NOT students with disabilities as defined in Section 602(a)(1) of the IDEA?
1
4. How many of the expulsions reported in item \#1 resulted in a referral of the expelled student to an alternative school or program?


Caveats or notes on the data collection: The reported figures include air guns.

## Tennessee

1. Number of students expelled in Tennessee under Tennessee's state law that requires a one-year expulsion for a student who brings a firearm to school.

| School Level | Handguns | Rifles/ <br> Shotguns | Other <br> Firearms | Total |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Elementary | MD | MD | MD | MD |
| Junior High | MD | MD | MD | MD |
| Senior High | MD | MD | MD | MD |
| Total | MD | MD | MD | 98 |

2. Number of expulsions reported in item \#1 that were shortened to a term of less than one year by the chief administering officer of an LEA under the case-by-case modification provisions of Section 14601(b)(1) of the GFSA:

MD
3. How many of the modifications reported in item \#2 were for students who are NOT students with disabilities as defined in Section 602(a)(1) of the IDEA?
MD
4. How many of the expulsions reported in item \#1 resulted in a referral of the expelled student to an alternative school or program?
MD

Caveats or notes on the data collection: The information was submitted as an aggregate figure only. It was not broken out by type of weapon or school level.

[^14]
## Texas

1. Number of students expelled in Texas under Texas's state law that requires a one-year expulsion for a student who brings a firearm to school.

| School Level | Handguns | Rifles/ <br> Shotguns | Other <br> Firearms | Total |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Elementary | 43 | 0 | 29 | 72 |
| Junior High | 104 | 1 | 66 | 171 |
| Senior High | 177 | 49 | 63 | 289 |
| Total | 324 | 50 | 158 | 532 |

2. Number of expulsions reported in item \#1 that were shortened to a term of less than one year by the chief administering officer of an LEA under the case-by-case modification provisions of Section 14601(b)(1) of the GFSA:

167
3. How many of the modifications reported in item \#2 were for students who are NOT students with disabilities as defined in Section 602(a)(1) of the IDEA?
MD
4. How many of the expulsions reported in item \#1 resulted in a referral of the expelled student to an alternative school or program?

Caveats or notes on the data collection: None.

Note: $\mathrm{MD}=$ missing data .

1. Number of students expelled in Utah under Utah's state law that requires a one-year expulsion for a student who brings a firearm to school.

| School Level | Handguns | Rifles/ <br> Shotguns | Other <br> Firearms | Total |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Elementary | 9 | 0 | 5 | 14 |
| Junior High | 29 | 2 | 1 | 32 |
| Senior High | 30 | 1 | 3 | 34 |
| Total | 68 | 3 | 9 | 80 |

2. Number of expulsions reported in item \#1 that were shortened to a term of less than one year by the chief administering officer of an LEA under the case-by-case modification provisions of Section 14601(b)(1) of the GFSA:

MD
3. How many of the modifications reported in item \#2 were for students who are NOT students with disabilities as defined in Section 602(a)(1) of the IDEA?
MD
4. How many of the expulsions reported in item \#1 resulted in a referral of the expelled student to an alternative school or program?


Caveats or notes on the data collection: None.

Note: $\mathrm{MD}=$ missing data .

## Vermont

1. Number of students expelled in Vermont under Vermont's state law that requires a oneyear expulsion for a student who brings a firearm to school.

| School Level | Handguns | Rifles/ <br> Shotguns | Other <br> Firearms | Total |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Elementary | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Junior High | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Senior High | 2 | 1 | 0 | 3 |
| Total | 4 | 1 | 0 | 5 |

2. Number of expulsions reported in item \#1 that were shortened to a term of less than one year by the chief administering officer of an LEA under the case-by-case modification provisions of Section 14601(b)(1) of the GFSA:

3. How many of the modifications reported in item \#2 were for students who are NOT students with disabilities as defined in Section 602(a)(1) of the IDEA?
4
4. How many of the expulsions reported in item \#1 resulted in a referral of the expelled student to an alternative school or program?


Caveats or notes on the data collection: None.

## Virginia

1. Number of students expelled in Virginia under Virginia's state law that requires a oneyear expulsion for a student who brings a firearm to school.

| School Level | Handguns | Rifles/ <br> Shotguns | Other <br> Firearms | Total |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Elementary | 2 | MD | 5 | 7 |
| Junior High | 10 | MD | 11 | 21 |
| Senior High | 44 | MD | 20 | 64 |
| Total | 56 | MD | 36 | 92 |

2. Number of expulsions reported in item \#1 that were shortened to a term of less than one year by the chief administering officer of an LEA under the case-by-case modification provisions of Section 14601(b)(1) of the GFSA:

MD
3. How many of the modifications reported in item \#2 were for students who are NOT students with disabilities as defined in Section 602(a)(1) of the IDEA?
MD
4. How many of the expulsions reported in item \#1 resulted in a referral of the expelled student to an alternative school or program?
$\square$
MD

Caveats or notes on the data collection: Virginia does not differentiate between handguns and rifles.

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## Washington

1. Number of students expelled in Washington under Washington's state law that requires a one-year expulsion for a student who brings a firearm to school.

| School Level | Handguns | Rifles/ <br> Shotguns | Other <br> Firearms | Total |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Elementary | 5 | 1 | 0 | 6 |
| Junior High | 30 | 8 | 1 | 39 |
| Senior High | 76 | 23 | 2 | 101 |
| Total | 111 | 32 | 3 | 146 |

2. Number of expulsions reported in item \#1 that were shortened to a term of less than one year by the chief administering officer of an LEA under the case-by-case modification provisions of Section 14601(b)(1) of the GFSA:
3. How many of the modifications reported in item \#2 were for students who are NOT students with disabilities as defined in Section 602(a)(1) of the IDEA?

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4. How many of the expulsions reported in item \#1 resulted in a referral of the expelled student to an alternative school or program?
$\square$

Caveats or notes on the data collection: None.

## West

1. Number of students expelled in West Virginia under West Virginia's state law that requires a one-year expulsion for a student who brings a firearm to school.

| School Level | Handguns | Rifles/ <br> Shotguns | Other <br> Firearms | Total |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Elementary | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Junior High | 5 | 0 | 2 | 7 |
| Senior High | 8 | 5 | 7 | 20 |
| Total | 13 | 5 | 9 | 27 |

2. Number of expulsions reported in item \#1 that were shortened to a term of less than one year by the chief administering officer of an LEA under the case-by-case modification provisions of Section 14601(b)(1) of the GFSA:

3. How many of the modifications reported in item \#2 were for students who are NOT students with disabilities as defined in Section 602(a)(1) of the IDEA?
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4. How many of the expulsions reported in item \#1 resulted in a referral of the expelled student to an alternative school or program?


Caveats or notes on the data collection: None.

1. Number of students expelled in Wisconsin under Wisconsin's state law that requires a one-year expulsion for a student who brings a firearm to school.

| School Level | Handguns | Rifles/ <br> Shotguns | Other <br> Firearms | Total |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Elementary | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Junior High | 14 | 1 | 3 | 18 |
| Senior High | 28 | 0 | 8 | 36 |
| Total | 42 | 1 | 11 | 54 |

2. Number of expulsions reported in item \#1 that were shortened to a term of less than one year by the chief administering officer of an LEA under the case-by-case modification provisions of Section 14601(b)(1) of the GFSA:

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3. How many of the modifications reported in item \#2 were for students who are NOT students with disabilities as defined in Section 602(a)(1) of the IDEA?
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4. How many of the expulsions reported in item \#1 resulted in a referral of the expelled student to an alternative school or program?

Caveats or notes on the data collection: None.

1. Number of students expelled in Wyoming under Wyoming's state law that requires a one-year expulsion for a student who brings a firearm to school.

| School Level | Handguns | Rifles/ <br> Shotguns | Other <br> Firearms | Total |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Elementary | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Junior High | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Senior High | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

2. Number of expulsions reported in item \#1 that were shortened to a term of less than one year by the chief administering officer of an LEA under the case-by-case modification provisions of Section 14601(b)(1) of the GFSA:

NA
3. How many of the modifications reported in item \#2 were for students who are NOT students with disabilities as defined in Section 602(a)(1) of the IDEA?
NA
4. How many of the expulsions reported in item \#1 resulted in a referral of the expelled student to an alternative school or program?

NA

Caveats or notes on the data collection: The information submitted was broken out by school level but not by type of weapon.

## Note: NA = not applicable.

## Puerto Rico

1. Number of students expelled in Puerto Rico under Puerto Rico's state law that requires a one-year expulsion for a student who brings a firearm to school.

| School Level | Handguns | Rifles/ <br> Shotguns | Other <br> Firearms | Total |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Elementary | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Junior High | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Senior High | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

2. Number of expulsions reported in item \#1 that were shortened to a term of less than one year by the chief administering officer of an LEA under the case-by-case modification provisions of Section 14601(b)(1) of the GFSA:

NA
3. How many of the modifications reported in item \#2 were for students who are NOT students with disabilities as defined in Section 602(a)(1) of the IDEA?
NA
4. How many of the expulsions reported in item \#1 resulted in a referral of the expelled student to an alternative school or program?
$\square$
NA

Caveats or notes on the data collection: None.

Note: NA = not applicable.

## American Samoa

1. Number of students expelled in American Samoa under American Samoa's state law that requires a one-year expulsion for a student who brings a firearm to school.

| School Level | Handguns | Rifles/ <br> Shotguns | Other <br> Firearms | Total |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Elementary | MD | MD | MD | MD |
| Junior High | MD | MD | MD | MD |
| Senior High | MD | MD | MD | MD |
| Total | MD | MD | MD | MD |

2. Number of expulsions reported in item \#1 that were shortened to a term of less than one year by the chief administering officer of an LEA under the case-by-case modification provisions of Section 14601(b)(1) of the GFSA:

MD
3. How many of the modifications reported in item \#2 were for students who are NOT students with disabilities as defined in Section 602(a)(1) of the IDEA?
MD
4. How many of the expulsions reported in item \#1 resulted in a referral of the expelled student to an alternative school or program?
$\square$
MD

* Caveats or notes on the data collection: No data submitted for 1996-97.

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## Guam

1. Number of students expelled in Guam under Guam's state law that requires a one-year expulsion for a student who brings a firearm to school.

| School Level | Handguns | Rifles/ <br> Shotguns | Other <br> Firearms | Total |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Elementary | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Junior High | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Senior High | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

2. Number of expulsions reported in item \#1 that were shortened to a term of less than one year by the chief administering officer of an LEA under the case-by-case modification provisions of Section 14601(b)(1) of the GFSA:

NA
3. How many of the modifications reported in item \#2 were for students who are NOT students with disabilities as defined in Section 602(a)(1) of the IDEA?
NA
4. How many of the expulsions reported in item \#1 resulted in a referral of the expelled student to an alternative school or program?
$\square$
NA

Caveats or notes on the data collection: None.

Note: NA = not applicable.

## Northern Marianas

1. Number of students expelled in Northern Marianas under Northern Marianas's state law that requires a one-year expulsion for a student who brings a firearm to school.

| School Level | Handguns | Rifles/ <br> Shotguns | Other <br> Firearms | Total |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Elementary | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Junior High | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Senior High | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Total | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |

2. Number of expulsions reported in item \#1 that were shortened to a term of less than one year by the chief administering officer of an LEA under the case-by-case modification provisions of Section 14601(b)(1) of the GFSA:
0
3. How many of the modifications reported in item \#2 were for students who are NOT students with disabilities as defined in Section 602(a)(1) of the IDEA?
0
4. How many of the expulsions reported in item \#1 resulted in a referral of the expelled student to an alternative school or program?
$\square$
0

Caveats or notes on the data collection: None.

## Virgin <br> Islands

1. Number of students expelled in Virgin Islands under Virgin Islands's state law that requires a one-year expulsion for a student who brings a firearm to school.

| School Level | Handguns | Rifles/ <br> Shotguns | Other <br> Firearms | Total |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Elementary | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Junior High | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Senior High | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Total | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |

2. Number of expulsions reported in item \#1 that were shortened to a term of less than one year by the chief administering officer of an LEA under the case-by-case modification provisions of Section 14601(b)(1) of the GFSA:
0
3. How many of the modifications reported in item \#2 were for students who are NOT students with disabilities as defined in Section 602(a)(1) of the IDEA?
NA
4. How many of the expulsions reported in item \#1 resulted in a referral of the expelled student to an alternative school or program?
$\square$
MD

Caveats or notes on the data collection: None.

Note: $\mathrm{MD}=$ missing data, $\mathrm{NA}=$ not applicable.


[^0]:    ${ }^{1}$ For the remainder of this report, the term "states" refers to all 56 of the jurisdictions (states and territories) covered under the GunFree Schools Act.
    ${ }^{2}$ The state that has yet to submit 1996-97 GFSA information is American Samoa. Westat continues to work to obtain a completed survey instrument from this state.
    ${ }^{3}$ The states that have yet to verify their data are Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.

[^1]:    ${ }^{4}$ Please see Appendices A and B for a detailed definition.

[^2]:    ${ }^{5}$ The expulsions reported by California represent the total number of school crime incidents that involved a gun.
    ${ }^{6}$ The data submitted by Ohio are for expulsions for the use/possession of weapons, rather than just firearms.
    ${ }^{7}$ Colorado reported figures that represent expulsions for all weapons, not just firearms.
    ${ }^{8}$ The expulsions reported by Missouri may include expulsions for other weapons such as knives, air guns, or brass knuckles.
    ${ }^{9}$ One expulsion was from a non-graded school.

[^3]:    Note: $\mathrm{MD}=$ missing data .

[^4]:    Note: MD = missing data .

[^5]:    Note: $\mathrm{MD}=$ missing data .

[^6]:    Note: $\mathrm{MD}=$ missing data .

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