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Introduction and first reading
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OFFICIAL STATUS

1.1 A bill for an act
 1.2 relating to public safety; regulating visitor carrying of firearms on campuses of
 1.3 public postsecondary institutions; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section
 1.4 624.714, subdivision 18.

1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 624.714, subdivision 18, is amended to read:

1.7 Subd. 18. **Employers; public colleges and universities.** (a) An employer, whether
 1.8 public or private, may establish policies that restrict the carry or possession of firearms by
 1.9 its employees while acting in the course and scope of employment. Employment related
 1.10 civil sanctions may be invoked for a violation.

1.11 (b) A public postsecondary institution regulated under chapter 136F or 137 may establish
 1.12 policies that restrict the carry or possession of firearms by its students while on the
 1.13 institution's property. Academic sanctions may be invoked for a violation.

1.14 (c) A public postsecondary institution regulated under chapter 136F or 137 may establish
 1.15 policies that restrict the carry or possession of firearms by visitors while on the institution's
 1.16 property. A person carrying a firearm in violation of the public postsecondary institution
 1.17 policies may be ordered to leave the premises. A person who fails to leave when so requested
 1.18 is guilty of a petty misdemeanor. The fine for a first offense must not exceed \$500.
 1.19 Notwithstanding section 609.531, a firearm carried in violation of this subdivision is not
 1.20 subject to forfeiture.

1.21 ~~(e)~~ (d) Notwithstanding paragraphs (a) ~~and~~ (b), and (c), an employer or a postsecondary
 1.22 institution may not prohibit the lawful carry or possession of firearms in a parking facility
 1.23 or parking area.