
SENATE BILL 5678

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By Senators Wagoner and L. Wilson

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1 AN ACT Relating to voluntary firearms safety instruction for
2 students; and adding a new section to chapter 28A.300 RCW.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.300
5 RCW to read as follows:

6 (1) The office of the superintendent of public instruction must
7 develop two voluntary programs of instruction for firearms safety for
8 students.

9 (a) One voluntary program must focus on teaching students in
10 prekindergarten through grade six the fundamentals of firearms safety
11 that emphasize correct safety practices through age-appropriate
12 activities and materials to help prevent firearms accidents among
13 children. This program may be a gun accident prevention program
14 developed by a task force of educators, school administrators,
15 curriculum specialists, urban housing safety officials, clinical
16 psychologists, law enforcement officials, and firearms safety experts
17 and offered by a national organization.

18 (b) One voluntary program must focus on teaching students in
19 grades seven through 12 the safe and responsible handling of firearms
20 and firearms safety. This instruction may be combined with the hunter
21 education training program established under RCW 77.32.155.

1 (2) These programs of instruction may be a stand-alone course or
2 integrated into other relevant courses, or an existing course may be
3 repurposed to include this instruction.

4 (3) School districts providing these programs of instruction are
5 encouraged to seek partnerships with public and private entities to
6 help provide this instruction.

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