

**PRELIMINARY** STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

CARRIER:

Senate Committee on Judiciary

**REVENUE:** No revenue impact

**FISCAL:** May have fiscal impact, statement not yet issued

**SUBSEQUENT REFERRAL TO:**

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**Action:**

**Vote:**

Yeas:

Nays:

Exc.:

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**Meeting Dates:** 4/8

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Requires school districts to provide age appropriate firearms safety courses. States that courses must be minimum of one hour for students in kindergarten through fifth grade, and minimum two hours for grades six through twelve.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:** Senate Bill 170 creates a new law relating to firearms education course. The bill provides that each school district, including all elementary schools, secondary schools and public charter schools, must provide age appropriate firearms safety courses. The bill sets out the requirements for a qualifying safety course. These include, but are not limited to: 1) a minimum of one hour for students in kindergarten or grades one through five; 2) a minimum of two hours for students in grades six through twelve; 3) instruction on the appearance and workings of firearms; 4) proper emergency response; 5) handling of an unloaded firearm; and 6) being taught by a certified firearms instructor.