## HB 2505 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

# **House Committee On Judiciary**

**Action Date:** 04/04/19

Action: Without recommendation as to passage and be referred to

Rules. **Vote:** 7-4-0-0

Yeas: 7 - Barker, Bynum, Gorsek, Greenlick, Piluso, Power, Williamson

Nays: 4 - Lewis, McLane, Sprenger, Stark

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued
Revenue: No revenue impact
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Meeting Dates: 4/4

#### WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires owner or possessor of firearm to secure firearm with trigger or cable lock or in locked container except in specified circumstances. Requires person to report loss or theft of firearm within 24 hours of time person knew or should have known of loss or theft. Punishes violation of requirement by maximum of \$1,000 fine. Requires person transferring firearm to minor to directly supervise minor's use of firearm unless minor is owner of firearm. Provides that person who does not supervise minor as required is strictly liable for injury to person or property caused by minor's use of firearm. Directs Attorney General to specify by rule minimum specifications for trigger and cable locks and locked containers. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

## **ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

Heard for purpose of moving to House Committee on Rules

#### **EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

## **BACKGROUND:**

Studies have found that adolescents' risk for suicide increases as their access to guns increases. Suicide attempts in children are more likely to be successful when they have access to lethal weapons: 90 percent of suicide attempts with guns are successful, compared to less than 5 percent of suicide attempts using less lethal means, like medications or sharp objects.

House Bill 2505 requires firearms to be secured by trigger lock or cable lock, except in specific circumstances.