

House Bill 3118

Sponsored by Representative OSBORNE

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Authorizes public schools to provide firearm safety and accident prevention class to students in first grade.

Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2023.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to firearm safety instruction at public schools; and declaring an emergency.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1. (1) Each school district and public charter school may provide a firearm**
5 **safety and accident prevention class to students in the first grade. The class may be offered**
6 **each school term of the school year for a total of at least 30 minutes.**

7 (2) The class must be taught by a school resource officer, a law enforcement officer, a
8 first responder or a person certified by a national firearms organization on the safe and
9 proper use of firearms.

10 (3) The curriculum of the class must include:

11 (a) The proper steps a student should take upon encountering an unsecured firearm;

12 (b) The differences between video game violence and real-life violence; and

13 (c) The dangers of confusing toy guns and real guns.

14 (4) The class must be nonpolitical and may not encourage or discourage possession or
15 ownership of firearms.

16 (5) At no time may any real firearms or live ammunition be used or possessed during the
17 class.

18 (6) A school must provide written or electronic notice of the class to all the parents or
19 legal guardians of students in first grade at least seven days before the class is scheduled
20 to take place. Parents or legal guardians of students may elect through written or electronic
21 communication to not have a student attend the class. Educational materials described in
22 subsection (9) of this section must be provided to students who do not attend the class.

23 (7) The class must occur during recess to enable students not participating in the class
24 to leave the classroom.

25 (8) Students who attend the class must be tested on the curriculum after completion of
26 the class.

27 (9) Students must be given educational materials to take home to parents or legal
28 guardians. The educational materials must address the importance of repeatedly thinking
29 about firearm safety and accident prevention and safe storage practices for firearms in the
30 home.

31 (10) The Department of Education shall collaborate with a children's firearm safety or-

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter *[italic and bracketed]* is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 **ganization based in this state to provide:**

2 (a) **The curriculum for the firearm safety and accident prevention class described in this**
3 **section; and**

4 (b) **The educational materials described in subsection (9) of this section.**

5 **SECTION 2. This 2023 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**
6 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2023 Act takes effect**
7 **July 1, 2023.**

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