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I strongly oppose this bill. This is an unfunded mandate without a fiscal impact statement. How much will this cost the tax payers and also cost rural counties in safety when road officers are pulled to fill the requirements of this unfunded mandate? Please immediately send this bill to ways and means to see what the impact is.

This bill also does nothing to prevent gun crime. Theft of guns is classed as a property crime and little to no penalty is ever assessed to the criminal. If this is such a high safety concern that the emergency clause must be invoked why aren't the criminal elements that cause this being addressed? At least change the sentencing matrix so there is a substantial penalty for stealing a firearm. A gun safe is not a fool proof method against theft, often thieves will steal the entire gun safe, even large ones.

While suicide is sad a small mandatory class attached to this bill will not change those statistics, other means are available to end ones life. This bill would actually prevent people who value their firearms rights from seeking help. How about additional support to mental health instead?

Just those two things, Strongly upping the penalty for theft of a firearm and supporting mental health will do more to lower the numbers of gun deaths than punishing the law abiding citizens who are not the problem.