

REFERENCE TITLE: **firearm safety instruction; public schools**

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## **SB 1424**

Introduced by  
Senators Rogers: Finchem

AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 15, CHAPTER 7, ARTICLE 1, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY  
ADDING SECTION 15-714.02; RELATING TO SCHOOL CURRICULA.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Title 15, chapter 7, article 1, Arizona Revised  
3 Statutes, is amended by adding section 15-714.02, to read:

4 15-714.02. Firearm safety and awareness instruction  
5 requirement; instructional materials

6 A. BEGINNING IN THE 2027-2028 SCHOOL YEAR, EACH SCHOOL DISTRICT AND  
7 CHARTER SCHOOL SHALL PROVIDE ANNUAL, AGE-APPROPRIATE FIREARM SAFETY  
8 AWARENESS INSTRUCTION TO STUDENTS IN KINDERGARTEN PROGRAMS AND EACH OF  
9 GRADES ONE THROUGH TWELVE. THE INSTRUCTION REQUIRED BY THIS SECTION MUST:

- 10 1. BE LIMITED TO ACCIDENT PREVENTION AND PERSONAL SAFETY AWARENESS.  
11 2. INCLUDE AT LEAST THE FOLLOWING:

12 (a) INSTRUCTION ON THE IMPORTANCE OF SAFE FIREARM STORAGE IN HOMES  
13 AND MOTOR VEHICLES.

14 (b) GUIDANCE ON APPROPRIATE ACTIONS IF A STUDENT ENCOUNTERS A  
15 FIREARM, INCLUDING NOT TOUCHING THE FIREARM, LEAVING THE IMMEDIATE AREA  
16 AND IMMEDIATELY NOTIFYING A PARENT, TEACHER OR OTHER TRUSTED ADULT.

17 (c) AGE-APPROPRIATE DISCUSSION OF RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH UNSAFE  
18 HANDLING OR UNAUTHORIZED ACCESS TO FIREARMS.

- 19 3. NOT INCLUDE ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:

20 (a) A LIVE FIREARM.

21 (b) AMMUNITION OR SIMULATED AMMUNITION.

22 (c) A DEMONSTRATION THAT INVOLVES HANDLING, OPERATING, LOADING,  
23 UNLOADING OR FIRING A FIREARM.

24 (d) INSTRUCTION THAT IS INTENDED TO TRAIN STUDENTS IN THE USE OF  
25 FIREARMS.

26 (e) A MORAL JUDGMENT REGARDING LAWFUL FIREARM POSSESSION.

27 4. BE OBJECTIVE AND NOT EITHER PROMOTE OR DISCOURAGE FIREARM  
28 OWNERSHIP OR ADVOCATE FOR OR AGAINST ANY POLITICAL POSITION, PUBLIC POLICY  
29 OR LEGISLATIVE PROPOSAL.

30 B. A SCHOOL DISTRICT OR CHARTER SCHOOL MAY PROVIDE THE INSTRUCTION  
31 REQUIRED BY THIS SECTION THROUGH ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:

32 1. CLASSROOM-BASED INSTRUCTION.

33 2. AN ASSEMBLY PRESENTATION.

34 3. VIDEO INSTRUCTION OR DIGITAL INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS THAT ARE  
35 APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.

36 4. INSTRUCTION THAT IS INCORPORATED INTO THE SCHOOL DISTRICT'S OR  
37 CHARTER SCHOOL'S EXISTING HEALTH OR SAFETY CURRICULA.

38 C. THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SHALL COORDINATE WITH THE DEPARTMENT  
39 OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND THE ARIZONA GAME AND FISH DEPARTMENT TO DEVELOP  
40 FIREARM SAFETY AND AWARENESS INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS AND SHALL MAKE THE  
41 INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS AVAILABLE TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND CHARTER SCHOOLS  
42 IN THIS STATE. THE INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS DEVELOPED PURSUANT TO THIS  
43 SUBSECTION MUST BE:

44 1. DEVELOPMENTALLY APPROPRIATE FOR EACH GRADE BAND.

45 2. FACT-BASED AND NEUTRAL IN PRESENTATION.

- 1           3. DESIGNED TO PROMOTE INJURY PREVENTION AND STUDENT SAFETY.
- 2           D. NOTWITHSTANDING SECTION 15-113, SUBSECTION B, EACH SCHOOL
- 3 DISTRICT AND CHARTER SCHOOL IN THIS STATE SHALL MAKE ALL LEARNING
- 4 MATERIALS THAT ARE USED TO SATISFY THE INSTRUCTION REQUIREMENTS PRESCRIBED
- 5 BY THIS SECTION AVAILABLE FOR PARENTAL REVIEW, INCLUDING THROUGH
- 6 ELECTRONIC ACCESS WHEN PRACTICABLE.
- 7           E. THIS SECTION DOES NOT:
- 8           1. REGULATE THE POSSESSION, OWNERSHIP, TRANSFER OR LAWFUL USE OF
- 9 FIREARMS.
- 10           2. AUTHORIZE ANY PERSON TO COLLECT STUDENT INFORMATION RELATED TO
- 11 FIREARMS.
- 12           3. CONFLICT WITH ANY FIREARM PREEMPTION LAW IN THIS STATE.