House Passes Student Firearms Safety Instruction
Sponsored by Representative Nguyen

STATE CAPITOL, PHOENIX – The Arizona House of Representatives today passed HB 2448, a bill sponsored by State Representative Quang Nguyen which requires firearms accident prevention education be provided to Arizona public school students in grades 6 and above.

“Whether a person chooses to own a firearm or not, most agree that it’s very important to understand how to be safe around one,” said Representative Nguyen. “Children of all ages are especially at risk without fundamental safety education. We have a responsibility to ensure they are protected. Providing safety education is the best way to reduce the occurrence of tragic accidents that result from the mishandling of a firearm.”

Certified instructors would provide the safety training in one or more sessions, in an age-appropriate manner. Instruction would not involve firearms operation or qualification or hunting education. Parents who do not wish their child to receive safety training would have the ability to opt-out.

Quang Nguyen is a Republican member of the Arizona House of Representatives serving Legislative District 1, which includes Prescott, and portions of Yavapai and Maricopa Counties. Follow him on Twitter at @QuangNguyenAZ.

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