

Citizen Resolution # 140420

(For Hearing Officer completion)



FIREARM SAFETY EDUCATION

During the 2017-2018 Wisconsin Legislative session Assembly Bill 427 was drafted. It was sponsored by 23 legislators. AB427 would have required the State Superintendent of Public Instruction to develop a curriculum for a comprehensive Firearm Safety course. In conjunction with the Department of Natural Resources, Law Enforcement Agency and an organization that specializes in firearm safety or certifies instructors.

The bill did not require school districts to offer the course. Only that, the curriculum be developed so that interested districts could offer it as an elective course of study

Problem:

This bill was not advanced. Currently, no curriculum exists for firearm safety in a school setting. The proper use and handling of firearms should be important to everyone. Annually, there are many accidental discharges of firearms resulting in injury or death. This due in part, to the lack of knowledge regarding the safe handling of firearms. In today's society we have demonized guns and gun owners. It is time for concerned citizens to take back the initiative on gun ownership by teaching as many of our youth as possible, firearm safety.

Solution:

Re-introduce legislation, with the same language as the 2017 Assembly Bill 427, requiring a curriculum be established so that firearm safety can be taught in a school setting by qualified instructors.

Question:

Would you support the Conservation Congress, working with the Department of Natural Resources and the State Legislature to re-introduce 2017 Assembly 247 regarding the development of a comprehensive firearm training curriculum to be taught in schools?

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