

# Senate Bill 170

Sponsored by Senator BOQUIST (at the request of Rebekah McKinley) (Pre-session filed.)

## 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**.

Requires school districts to provide firearm safety courses.  
Takes effect July 1, 2016.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to firearm safety education; and prescribing an effective date.

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

**SECTION 1. (1) Each school district shall ensure that age-appropriate firearm safety courses are provided in all elementary schools, secondary schools and public charter schools located in the school district.**

**(2) Each course required under this section must:**

**(a) Be a minimum of one hour for students in kindergarten or grades 1 through 5 and a minimum of two hours for students in grades 6 through 12, but may be provided over multiple consecutive school days;**

**(b) Provide instruction in the appearance and workings of firearms, the proper response to an emergency involving firearms and the proper response when a student sees a firearm;**

**(c) Allow the student the opportunity to handle an unloaded firearm;**

**(d) Be taught by a person who:**

**(A) Is a firearm safety instructor, a member of a city, county or state police agency, or an active or reserve member of the military forces of this state or the United States;**

**(B) Has significant firearm experience;**

**(C) Is competent handling firearms; and**

**(D) Has volunteered to teach the class; and**

**(e) Be taught only by persons described in paragraph (d) of this subsection, in a ratio that equals at least one person described in paragraph (d) of this subsection for:**

**(A) Every 10 students when the students are handling an unloaded firearm; and**

**(B) Every 20 students when the students are learning firearm safety that does not involve the handling of an unloaded firearm.**

**(3)(a) Except as provided by paragraph (b) of this subsection, each student of the school district must attend at least one course described in this section each school year.**

**(b) A student may not be required to attend a course described in this section if the parent or guardian of the student does not provide written permission for the student's participation because the course is against the family's beliefs.**

**SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2015 Act first applies to the 2016-2017 school year.**

**SECTION 3. This 2015 Act takes effect July 1, 2016.**

**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.

