

SB-61

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IN THE SENATE OF THE AMERICAN LEGION BOYS NATION

Mr. Cooper of Utah introduced the following bill;

A BILL

Incentivizes and leverages states to educate their populations on safe gun use.

Be it enacted by The American Legion Boys Nation Senate assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Gun Safety in Public Education Act".

SECTION 2. CREATION OF INCENTIVES UNDER THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF

EDUCATION ALSO KNOWN AS ED.

(A) The program under ED will be named the "Gun Responsibility for Growing Citizens Program" or "GRGCP."

(a) The GRGCP will receive \$3.5B from ED starting Jan. 1st, 2024.

(b) Starting July 1st, 2025 the GRGCP will receive \$3B per annum from ED.

(i) In FY 2023 ED committed \$84.10B of \$194.42B Total Budgetary

Resources?.

SECTION 3. STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT AWARENESS.

(A) Each year the GRGCP will exert efforts to ensure counties and states are aware of the program.

(a) Funding for these efforts shall be established each year, by July 1st, by ED.

SECTION 4. CURRICULUM (CURR.) AND DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS.

(A) Funds will be distributed to states July 1st of each year.

(a) In order for states to receive funds they shall:

(i) Require each school district within their state to teach a min. 3-hour course and curr, designed by the GRGCP, on gun use and safety to their 8th-grade students.

(ii) Administer a GRGCP-approved post-test and pre-test to students in the 8th grade. This test should show improvement in students' understanding of gun use and safety.

(iii) States shall be awarded a min. of \$500 per student that fully participates (part.) in the curr. and shows increased proficiency between the post-tests and pre-tests.

(B) The curr. should teach students how to properly use and store fire-arms.

(a) Curr. shall include information on proper storage of fire-arms and ammunition.

(b) Curr. shall teach students to respect fire-arms, e.g. treating them as if they are

always loaded and lethal.

(c) Curr. can include marksmanship practice and tests.

(d) Curr. shall be designed with the intention of decreasing accidental fire-arm discharges, injuries, and deaths within the entire U.S.

(e) ED and the GRGCP, may work with organizations (orgs.), both public and private, to design and implement curr.

SECTION 5. STUDENT PARTICIPATION (PART.)

(A) The GRGCP shall set a min. goal of 80% student part.

(a) In order to achieve this goal ED and the GRGCP shall track and use yearly part. data. They can increase the monetary awards to incentivize state, district, and student part. in the GRGCP.

(B) The identity of each student who part. shall be anonymous and will not be reported to ED.

(C) States shall require school districts to report the total number of students in their 8th grade to the state. The state will share stats. with the GRGCP.

(a) If states fail to comply with any rules created by the GRGCP, they may forfeit the opportunity to receive funding for that year.

SECTION 6. PRESERVATION OF THE GRGCP AND FED. INTERESTS.

(A) Each year, by July 1st, ED may adjust the funding of the GRGCP.

(a) The funding for the GRGCP may not be decreased below the yearly \$3B

allotment.

(B) ED may provide additional incentives for "field training"

(a) "Field training" may include marksmanship tests, where students practice gun use and safety with air-rifles or other means approved by the GRGCP.

(C) By July 1st of each year, all surplus funds within the GRGCP shall be returned to ED

SECTION 7. HIERARCHY AND ORGANIZATION (ORG.)

(A) The GRGCP shall be run by a committee (comm.) with one representative (rep.) from each state.

(a) This rep. shall be selected by their respective Governor to represent their state in the comm.

(b) The reps. should contribute necessary data including part. and proficiency data from their state to the comm.

(B) The comm. shall elect a leader, who will ensure organization and operations of meetings.

(a) The comm. shall form an organization with a hierarchy which will be responsible for the operations of the GRGCP by July 1st 2025

(i) The comm. shall meet for 12 hrs. qtr until an org. is est.

(b) Upon successful operations from the org, the comm. transfers operations to the org. they founded.

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This bill will be enacted Jan. 1st of 2024.

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