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## Firearm Safety in Schools Amendments

2025 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Rex P. Shipp**

Senate Sponsor: Ronald M. Winterton

# LONG TITLE

### General Description:

This bill addresses firearm safety instruction in public schools.

### Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ { **requires the state board to establish standards for firearm safety instruction in public schools; and**
- ▶ **defines terms;**
- ▶ requires { ~~an LEA~~ } **a local education agency** to provide firearm safety instruction to students{~~:~~} **;**
- ▶ **provides guidelines on how a local education agency may provide the firearm safety instruction;**
- ▶ **requires that individuals providing instruction with an actual firearm have certain authority to possess a firearm; and**
- ▶ **includes an opt-out provision.**

### Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

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### Other Special Clauses:

This bill provides a special effective date.

ENACTS:

**53E-4-207**, Utah Code Annotated 1953, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

Section 1. Section 1 is enacted to read:

**53E-4-207. Firearm safety minimum standards and instruction.**

~~{(1) {In accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, the state board shall make rules that establish standards for firearm safety instruction as described in Subsection (3).}}~~

(1) As used in this section:

(a) "Firearm" means the same as that term is defined in Section 76-10-501.

(b) "On or about school premises" means the same as that term is defined in Section 76-10-505.5.

(2) An LEA shall, in accordance with ~~{the}~~ state board standards ~~{established under Subsection (1)}~~, provide an instructional session on firearm safety to ~~{all students in the}~~ each grade ~~{levels}~~ level as described in Subsection (3).

(3) An LEA shall present firearm safety instruction:

(a) to ~~{every student}~~ a grade, ~~{once per school year, from}~~ at least three times, while a student is attending kindergarten through grade 6;

(b) to ~~{every student}~~ a grade, at least twice, once~~{,}~~ while ~~{the}~~ a student is attending middle school and ~~{at least}~~ once while ~~{the}~~ a student is attending high school;

(c) in a manner that is developmentally appropriate to the grade level receiving the instruction; and

(d) emphasizing the best practices and guidelines for the safe handling and storage of ~~{firearms}~~ a firearm to prevent accidents and ensure personal safety.

(4) An LEA ~~{may provide}~~ providing the ~~{firearm safety}~~ instruction described in Subsection (3) ~~{with}~~ :

(a) may provide the instruction:

(i) in a public school using live instruction, a video, or online materials;

~~{(a)}~~ (ii) with an existing hunter safety course;

(iii) with the health education curriculum; or

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- 38    ~~{(b)}~~ (iv) with the physical education curriculum; ~~{or}~~
- 39    ~~{(e) {suicide prevention instruction.}}~~
- 40    ~~{(5)}~~ (b) {A school resource officer may teach the} may use firearm safety ~~{instruction described in~~  
49    ~~this section.}~~ curricula and materials the attorney general's office previously created; and  
50    (c) shall ensure that any statement regarding a firearm is politically neutral.  
(5) If a firearm safety instruction under this section entails the display or functionality of an actual  
firearm on or about school premises, the LEA shall ensure that the individual who provides the  
firearm safety instruction is a person exempt from certain weapons laws as described in Subsections  
76-10-523(1)(a) through (f).
- 42    (6)
- 44    (a) A school shall, before providing firearm safety instruction, notify a student's parent or legal guardian  
of the instruction and provide details on how to opt out.
- 58    (b) A school {shall} may provide an alternative educational activity to a student whose parent or legal  
guardian opts the student out of firearm safety instruction.

### Section 2. **Effective date.**

Effective Date.

This bill takes effect on July 1, 2025.

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