



**Performance Note**  
**HB0258 - Firearm Safety in**  
**Schools**  
Sponsor: Rep. Shipp, Rex P.



Performance Note Report

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Agency: State Board of Education

Funding For:

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New Services or Benefit

Public Benefit:

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**Purpose:** This legislation creates a three-year pilot program, to provide a one semester course in the safe handling of firearms, in grades 9-12.

**Services:** The services provided include increased instruction in firearms safety for students, basic operation of firearms, marksmanship, state laws governing firearms and suicide prevention.

**Expected Outcome:** Students will learn proper firearm safety, marksmanship, and laws regarding firearms. Participating students may also complete the hunter education course established by Division of Wildlife Resources. Under this bill, students will also receive physical education credit for this class.

**Implementations and Resources:** The program will be implemented by USBE staff, LEAs, law enforcement training officers, and qualified firearms instructors. USBE will also coordinate with the Division of Wildlife Resources to ensure that the course meets the necessary criteria for a division approved hunter education course. Additionally, the Utah State Board of Education will establish curriculum for the semester course, and train physical education teachers. Three LEAs will be selected by USBE to participate in the three-year pilot program through an application process, and provide the funds through a USBE-developed formula, if legislative appropriations are made available. Participating LEAs will utilize local gun ranges that offer firearm rentals. They will also purchase ammunition, safety goggles and hearing protection, targets and arrange transportation. Participating LEAs will also need to work with their contacts for insurance and risk management to ensure safety standards and compliance.

**How:** USBE will hire or assign staff to facilitate the design of the curriculum for the pilot program that meets the Physical Education Standards for Outdoor Recreation. USBE will provide professional development for physical education teachers and support the participating schools in partnering with law enforcement for firearms instruction.

Performance Measures

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Goal

Title: Firearm Safety in Schools

Description: This metric will provide competency-based measurements regarding the impact the Firearm Safety Course Pilot Program has on participating students.

Collection Method: The data collected for this measurement will require the use of pre- and post-assessments that include the learning objectives for the course. Benchmarks will be established in alignment with the supplemental physical education Outdoor Education core standards, that are required by this bill, regarding this course. The baseline would be established through the administration of the pre-assessment to each student participating the program. No baseline data for this program is currently available, and there are no comparable programs to draw related data from.

|          | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 |
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| Target   | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Baseline | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |

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