

SENATE FILE NO. SF0071

Education-hunter safety courses.

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Christensen, Bebout, Coe and
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A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to education; requiring school districts
2 provide hunter safety education to grades 5 or 6;
3 prohibiting fees for school district provided education
4 courses; and providing for an effective date.

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6 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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8 **Section 1.** W.S. 21-9-101 by creating a new subsection
9 (h) and 23-2-106(b) are amended to read:

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11 **21-9-101. Educational programs for schools;**
12 **standards; core of knowledge and skills; special needs**
13 **programs; class size requirements; cocurricular activities.**

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15 (h) Not later than the 2011-2012 school year, all
16 school districts shall provide instruction in safety and

1 competency in handling firearms as provided in W.S.
2 23-2-106 to students in grade 5 or grade 6 in accordance
3 with standards promulgated by the state board and in
4 compliance with standards established by the game and fish
5 commission pursuant to W.S. 23-2-106. The courses may be
6 offered as elective courses or as an extracurricular
7 activity. Instructors for the courses shall be approved by
8 the Wyoming game and fish department. Notwithstanding W.S.
9 21-7-303, the professional teaching standards board shall
10 have no authority over who may be an instructor in the
11 schools for these courses. A course offered under this
12 subsection shall only be open to school age children
13 residing within or attending schools within the school
14 district.

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16 **23-2-106. Hunter safety; exception.**

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18 (b) The department shall institute and coordinate a
19 statewide course of instruction in safety and competency in
20 handling firearms. The department may cooperate with local
21 governmental agencies or private organizations in providing
22 hunter safety courses. The department may establish and
23 charge a reasonable fee for enrollment in a hunter safety
24 course unless the course is offered to students through a

1 school district during school hours as provided in W.S.
2 21-9-101(h). Attendance and successful completion of a
3 hunter safety course offered by an association or
4 governmental agency approved by the commission satisfies
5 the requirements of subsection (a) of this section.

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7 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2011.

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