

SENATE FILE NO. SF0071

Education-hunter safety courses.

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Christensen and Hicks

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
17 competency in handling firearms as provided in W.S.

1 23-2-106 to students in grade 5 or grade 6 in accordance
2 with standards promulgated by the state board and in
3 compliance with standards established by the game and fish
4 commission pursuant to W.S. 23-2-106. Such courses may be
5 offered as elective courses.

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7 **23-2-106. Hunter safety; exception.**

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9 (b) The department shall institute and coordinate a
10 statewide course of instruction in safety and competency in
11 handling firearms. The department may cooperate with local
12 governmental agencies or private organizations in providing
13 hunter safety courses. The department may establish and
14 charge a reasonable fee for enrollment in a hunter safety
15 course unless the course is offered to elementary school
16 students through a school district as provided in W.S.
17 21-9-101(h). Attendance and successful completion of a
18 hunter safety course offered by an association or
19 governmental agency approved by the commission satisfies
20 the requirements of subsection (a) of this section.

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

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24 (END)