



State of Wisconsin
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2021 ASSEMBLY BILL 843

January 10, 2022 - Introduced by Representatives PRONSCHINSKE, ALLEN, ARMSTRONG, BEHNKE, BRANDTJEN, EDMING, KRUG, KUGLITSCH and TITTL, cosponsored by Senators JACQUE and NASS. Referred to Committee on Education.

1 **AN ACT to amend** 119.04 (1); and **to create** 115.28 (66), 118.40 (2r) (b) 2. m.,
2 118.40 (2x) (b) 2. m., 120.12 (29) and 121.02 (1) (L) 9. of the statutes; **relating**
3 **to:** comprehensive firearm education for high school pupils.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill requires the state superintendent of public instruction to develop a curriculum for a comprehensive firearm education course for high school pupils. The bill requires the state superintendent to jointly develop the curriculum with the Department of Natural Resources, a law enforcement agency, and an organization that specializes in firearm safety or that certifies firearm instructors.

The bill allows a school board or operator of an independent charter school to offer high school pupils a comprehensive firearm education course consistent with the curriculum the state superintendent develops or a hunter safety course modeled on DNR's hunter education program. Under the bill, if the school board or operator offers such a course, the course must be taught or supervised by an individual who demonstrates proof of training in firearm safety.

The bill specifies that a school board that elects not to offer a firearm education or hunter safety course must adopt a resolution making that election.

For further information see the state and local fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

ASSEMBLY BILL 843**SECTION 1**

1 **SECTION 1.** 115.28 (66) of the statutes is created to read:

2 115.28 **(66)** COMPREHENSIVE FIREARM EDUCATION. In consultation with the
3 department of natural resources, a law enforcement agency, and an organization
4 that specializes in firearm safety or that certifies firearm instructors, jointly develop
5 a curriculum for a comprehensive firearm education course for pupils enrolled in the
6 high school grades. The state superintendent shall ensure that the curriculum is
7 developed no later than July 1, 2023. The state superintendent shall ensure that the
8 curriculum incorporates the history, science, and mathematics of firearms, together
9 with all of the following:

10 (a) The different types and mechanics of firearms and the different types of
11 ammunition.

12 (b) Principles of firearm safety, including all of the following:

13 1. The location of safety devices on different types of firearms.

14 2. How to engage a safety device on a firearm and how to know whether a safety
15 device on a firearm is engaged.

16 3. How to safely load and unload a firearm.

17 4. How to safely carry a firearm.

18 5. How to safely transport a firearm.

19 **SECTION 2.** 118.40 (2r) (b) 2. m. of the statutes is created to read:

20 118.40 **(2r)** (b) 2. m. If the contract is for the operation of a charter school that
21 includes the high school grades, a requirement that the charter school offer the
22 firearm education or hunter safety course required under s. 121.02 (1) (L) 9. a., so far
23 as applicable, unless the charter school governing board elects not to do so. The
24 contract shall require a charter school that offers a course under this subd. 2. m. to

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1 retain an adult who satisfies the proof of training requirement under s. 175.60 (7) (e)
2 to provide or supervise the course instruction.

3 **SECTION 3.** 118.40 (2x) (b) 2. m. of the statutes is created to read:

4 118.40 (2x) (b) 2. m. If the contract is for the operation of a charter school that
5 includes the high school grades, a requirement that the charter school offer the
6 firearm education or hunter safety course required under s. 121.02 (1) (L) 9. a., so far
7 as applicable, unless the charter school governing board elects not to do so. The
8 contract shall require a charter school that offers a course under this subd. 2. m. to
9 retain an adult who satisfies the proof of training requirement under s. 175.60 (7) (e)
10 to provide or supervise the course instruction.

11 **SECTION 4.** 119.04 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

12 119.04 (1) Subchapters IV, V, and VII of ch. 115, ch. 121, and ss. 66.0235 (3) (c),
13 66.0603 (1m) to (3), 115.01 (1) and (2), 115.28, 115.31, 115.33, 115.34, 115.343,
14 115.345, 115.363, 115.364, 115.365 (3), 115.366, 115.367, 115.38 (2), 115.415, 115.445,
15 118.001 to 118.04, 118.045, 118.06, 118.07, 118.075, 118.076, 118.10, 118.12, 118.125
16 to 118.14, 118.145 (4), 118.15, 118.153, 118.16, 118.162, 118.163, 118.164, 118.18,
17 118.19, 118.196, 118.20, 118.223, 118.225, 118.24 (1), (2) (c) to (f), (6), (8), and (10),
18 118.245, 118.25, 118.255, 118.258, 118.291, 118.292, 118.293, 118.30 to 118.43,
19 118.46, 118.50, 118.51, 118.52, 118.53, 118.55, 118.56, 120.12 (2m), (4m), (5), and (15)
20 to (27), ~~(29)~~, 120.125, 120.13 (1), (2) (b) to (g), (3), (14), (17) to (19), (26), (34), (35), (37),
21 (37m), and (38), 120.137, 120.14, 120.20, 120.21 (3), and 120.25 are applicable to a
22 1st class city school district and board but not, unless explicitly provided in this
23 chapter or in the terms of a contract, to the commissioner or to any school transferred
24 to an opportunity schools and partnership program.

25 **SECTION 5.** 120.12 (29) of the statutes is created to read:

