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## Bill Analysis

**Version:** As Introduced

**Primary Sponsors:** Reps. Brewer and Fischer

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### SUMMARY

- Requires the Department of Children and Youth Services (DCY) and the Department of Public Safety (DPS) to develop a notice on the best practices for firearm storage.
- Requires DCY to share the notice with every school district, community school, STEM school, and chartered or nonchartered nonpublic school.
- Requires each school district and each governing body of a community school, STEM school, and chartered or nonchartered nonpublic school to distribute the notice to the parent or legal guardian of each student enrolled in the district or school.
- Requires DCY and DPS to post the notice on each Department's respective website.
- Provides civil immunity for damages allegedly caused by the notice on the best practices on firearms storage.

### DETAILED ANALYSIS

#### Firearms storage notice

##### Development

The bill requires the Department of Children and Youth (DCY) and the Department of Public Safety (DPS) to develop an informational notice that contains information and best practices for firearm storage. The notice must be provided in English, Spanish, and Arabic, and include all the following:<sup>1</sup>

- Answers to frequently asked questions about firearm storage requirements;

<sup>1</sup> R.C. 2923.251(A).

- Guidance on where a parent or legal guardian can obtain gun locks and gun safes, including free or low-cost options.

The bill requires DCY and DPS to update the notice annually to reflect any changes in the law.<sup>2</sup>

## Distribution

The bill requires DCY to share the notice with every school district, community school, STEM school, and chartered or nonchartered nonpublic school.<sup>3</sup>

Upon receipt, the bill requires each school district and each governing body of a community school, STEM school, and chartered or nonchartered nonpublic school to distribute the notice to the parent or legal guardian of each student enrolled in the district or school. The notice may be distributed electronically or by mail.<sup>4</sup>

## Online availability

The bill requires DCY and DPS to post the English, Spanish, and Arabic versions of the notice on each Department's respective website.<sup>5</sup>

Additionally, the bill requires each school district and each governing body of a community school, STEM school, and chartered or nonchartered nonpublic school to post links to the Department's websites on the website of the district or school.<sup>6</sup>

## Immunity

The bill provides immunity for any civil liability for any damages allegedly caused by, arising out of, or relating to the notice on the best practices on firearm storage:<sup>7</sup> (1) DCY, (2) DPS, (3) each school district, (4) each community school, STEM school, and chartered and nonchartered nonpublic school, and (5) any officers, board members, or employees of those institutions.

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## HISTORY

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<sup>2</sup> R.C. 2923.251(C).

<sup>3</sup> R.C. 2923.251(B).

<sup>4</sup> R.C. 2923.251(C).

<sup>5</sup> R.C. 2923.251(D)(1).

<sup>6</sup> R.C. 2923.251(C) and (D)(2).

<sup>7</sup> R.C. 2923.251(E).