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**HOUSE BILL 19-1116**

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**(None),**

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**House Committees**  
Education

**Senate Committees**

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101      **CONCERNING HUNTER EDUCATION COURSE REQUIREMENTS IN PUBLIC**  
102      **SCHOOLS.**

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**Bill Summary**

*(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://leg.colorado.gov>.)*

The bill requires local education providers, upon entering into an agreement with an individual or entity to provide a hunter education course (course), to require all seventh graders to complete a course offered by the local education provider. The course must satisfy the requirements of a hunter education course certified by the division of parks and wildlife (division); except that hands-on activities are not

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
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required. The course must be taught by a division-certified instructor. A parent must provide permission for a student to participate in any hands-on activities that are offered as part of the course. A local education provider must enter into an agreement with an individual or entity to provide the course prior to requiring students to participate in the course. The bill defines local education providers to mean school districts, and charter schools and boards of cooperative services that enroll students in seventh grade. The parks and wildlife commission may accept completion of a course toward meeting the requirements of a hunter education certificate.

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1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2           **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 22-1-131 as  
3 follows:

4           **22-1-131. Hunter education course - definition.** (1) AS USED IN  
5 THIS SECTION, UNLESS THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE REQUIRES, "LOCAL  
6 EDUCATION PROVIDER" MEANS A SCHOOL DISTRICT OR ANY OF THE  
7 FOLLOWING THAT ENROLLS STUDENTS IN THE SEVENTH GRADE:

8           (a) A CHARTER SCHOOL AUTHORIZED BY A SCHOOL DISTRICT  
9 PURSUANT TO PART 1 OF ARTICLE 30.5 OF THIS TITLE 22;

10           (b) A CHARTER SCHOOL AUTHORIZED BY THE STATE CHARTER  
11 SCHOOL INSTITUTE PURSUANT TO PART 5 OF ARTICLE 30.5 OF THIS TITLE  
12 22; OR

13           (c) A BOARD OF COOPERATIVE SERVICES CREATED AND OPERATING  
14 PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 5 OF THIS TITLE 22 THAT OPERATES ONE OR MORE  
15 PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

16           (2) UPON ENTERING INTO AN AGREEMENT PURSUANT TO  
17 SUBSECTION (3)(c) OF THIS SECTION WITH AN INDIVIDUAL OR ENTITY TO  
18 PROVIDE A HUNTER EDUCATION COURSE, EACH LOCAL EDUCATION  
19 PROVIDER SHALL REQUIRE ALL SEVENTH GRADE STUDENTS TO  
20 SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETE A HUNTER EDUCATION COURSE OFFERED BY THE

1 LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDER.

2 (3)(a) A HUNTER EDUCATION COURSE OFFERED PURSUANT TO THIS  
3 SECTION MUST:

4 (I) SATISFY THE SAME REQUIREMENTS AS A HUNTER EDUCATION  
5 COURSE CERTIFIED BY THE DIVISION OF PARKS AND WILDLIFE, AS  
6 DESCRIBED IN SECTION 33-6-107 (8); EXCEPT THAT THE COURSE IS NOT  
7 REQUIRED TO INCLUDE HANDS-ON ACTIVITIES THAT MAY OTHERWISE BE  
8 REQUIRED BY THE DIVISION OF PARKS AND WILDLIFE; AND

9 (II) BE TAUGHT BY AN INSTRUCTOR CERTIFIED BY THE DIVISION OF  
10 PARKS AND WILDLIFE.

11 (b) A HUNTER EDUCATION COURSE OFFERED PURSUANT TO THIS  
12 SECTION MAY INCLUDE HANDS-ON ACTIVITIES, BUT A LOCAL EDUCATION  
13 PROVIDER CANNOT REQUIRE A STUDENT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE HANDS-ON  
14 ACTIVITIES. A STUDENT MAY ONLY PARTICIPATE IN HANDS-ON ACTIVITIES  
15 WITH THE PERMISSION OF THE STUDENT'S PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN.

16 (c) PRIOR TO REQUIRING ANY STUDENT TO PARTICIPATE IN A  
17 HUNTER EDUCATION COURSE PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION, A LOCAL  
18 EDUCATION PROVIDER MUST ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH AN  
19 INDIVIDUAL OR ENTITY THAT OFFERS HUNTER EDUCATION COURSES  
20 CERTIFIED BY THE DIVISION OF PARKS AND WILDLIFE TO PROVIDE THE  
21 HUNTER EDUCATION COURSE. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, A  
22 HUNTER EDUCATION COURSE PROVIDED PURSUANT TO AN AGREEMENT  
23 ENTERED INTO PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (3)(c) IS CONSIDERED A  
24 HUNTER EDUCATION COURSE OFFERED BY THE LOCAL EDUCATION  
25 PROVIDER.

26 (4) THIS SECTION DOES NOT CONSTITUTE A WAIVER OF ANY  
27 APPLICABLE STATE OR FEDERAL LAW.

1           (5) A LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDER MAY SEEK, ACCEPT, AND  
2 EXPEND GIFTS, GRANTS, OR DONATIONS FROM PRIVATE OR PUBLIC SOURCES  
3 FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION.

4           **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 33-6-107, **amend**  
5 (8)(b) as follows:

6           **33-6-107. Licensing violations - penalties - rule.** (8) (b) In order  
7 to increase hunter recruitment and retention, the commission may  
8 promulgate a rule establishing alternative requirements to obtain a  
9 certificate of hunter education. The alternatives may include: Options to  
10 demonstrate knowledge of hunting, safety, and ethics; course delivery  
11 options; COMPLETION OF A HUNTER EDUCATION COURSE, INCLUDING ANY  
12 REQUIRED HANDS-ON ACTIVITIES, OFFERED PURSUANT TO SECTION  
13 22-1-131; issuing temporary or apprentice certificates of hunter  
14 education; and an option to test out of the hunter education course.

15           **SECTION 3. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act  
16 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the  
17 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August  
18 2, 2019, if adjournment sine die is on May 3, 2019); except that, if a  
19 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the  
20 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act  
21 within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect  
22 unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in  
23 November 2020 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the  
24 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.