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HOUSE BILL 22-1168

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING PERMITTING PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO PROVIDE A HUNTER**
102 **EDUCATION COURSE TO SEVENTH GRADE STUDENTS.**

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

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
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The course must be taught by a division-certified instructor. A parent or legal guardian must provide permission for a student to participate in any hands-on activities that are offered as part of the course. The bill defines local education providers to mean school districts, 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.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 22-1-134 as
3 follows:

4 **22-1-134. Hunter education course - gifts, grants, or donations**
5 **- definitions.** (1) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, UNLESS THE CONTEXT
6 OTHERWISE REQUIRES, "LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDER" MEANS A SCHOOL
7 DISTRICT OR ANY OF THE FOLLOWING THAT ENROLLS STUDENTS IN THE
8 SEVENTH GRADE:

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

11 (b) A CHARTER SCHOOL AUTHORIZED BY THE STATE CHARTER
12 SCHOOL INSTITUTE PURSUANT TO PART 5 OF ARTICLE 30.5 OF THIS TITLE
13 22; OR

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

17 (2) A LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDER MAY OFFER A HUNTER
18 EDUCATION COURSE AS AN ELECTIVE COURSE TO SEVENTH-GRADE
19 STUDENTS, EITHER FOR CREDIT OR NOT FOR CREDIT, IF THE LOCAL
20 EDUCATION PROVIDER:

21 (a) ENTERS INTO AN AGREEMENT PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (3)(c)
22 OF THIS SECTION WITH AN INDIVIDUAL OR ENTITY TO PROVIDE A HUNTER

1 EDUCATION COURSE AT NO COST TO THE LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDER OR
2 ANY STUDENT ENROLLED IN THE COURSE; AND

3 (b) RECEIVES GIFTS, GRANTS, OR DONATIONS IN AN AMOUNT
4 SUFFICIENT TO PAY ANY COSTS TO THE LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDER THAT
5 ARISE FROM PROVIDING A HUNTER EDUCATION COURSE PURSUANT TO THIS
6 SECTION.

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

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

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

16 (b) A HUNTER EDUCATION COURSE OFFERED PURSUANT TO THIS
17 SECTION MAY INCLUDE HANDS-ON ACTIVITIES, BUT A LOCAL EDUCATION
18 PROVIDER CANNOT REQUIRE A STUDENT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE HANDS-ON
19 ACTIVITIES AS A CONDITION OF ENROLLMENT IN, OR SATISFACTORY
20 COMPLETION OF, A HUNTER EDUCATION COURSE. A STUDENT MAY ONLY
21 PARTICIPATE IN HANDS-ON ACTIVITIES WITH THE PERMISSION OF THE
22 STUDENT'S PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN.

23 (c) PRIOR TO OFFERING A HUNTER EDUCATION COURSE PURSUANT
24 TO THIS SECTION, A LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDER MUST ENTER INTO AN
25 AGREEMENT WITH AN INDIVIDUAL OR ENTITY THAT OFFERS HUNTER
26 EDUCATION COURSES CERTIFIED BY THE DIVISION OF PARKS AND WILDLIFE
27 TO PROVIDE THE HUNTER EDUCATION COURSE AT NO COST TO THE LOCAL

1 EDUCATION PROVIDER OR ANY STUDENT ENROLLED IN THE COURSE. FOR
2 THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, A HUNTER EDUCATION COURSE PROVIDED
3 PURSUANT TO AN AGREEMENT ENTERED INTO PURSUANT TO THIS
4 SUBSECTION (3)(c) IS CONSIDERED A HUNTER EDUCATION COURSE
5 OFFERED BY THE LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDER.

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

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

11 (6) NOTHING IN THIS SECTION PRECLUDES A LOCAL EDUCATION
12 PROVIDER FROM OFFERING HUNTER EDUCATION COURSES AS AN ELECTIVE
13 COURSE IN ANY OTHER GRADE.

14 (7)(a) A HUNTER EDUCATION COURSE OFFERED PURSUANT TO THIS
15 SECTION SHALL ONLY ALLOW THE POSSESSION OF INERT FIREARMS AND
16 DUMMY ROUNDS ON THE REAL ESTATE OR ANY IMPROVEMENTS ERECTED
17 ON THE REAL ESTATE OF ANY PUBLIC OR PRIVATE ELEMENTARY, MIDDLE,
18 JUNIOR HIGH, HIGH, OR VOCATIONAL SCHOOL.

19 (b) AS USED IN THIS SUBSECTION (7), "INERT FIREARM" MEANS ANY
20 HANDGUN, REVOLVER, PISTOL, RIFLE, OR SHOTGUN, INCAPABLE OF
21 DISCHARGING BULLETS, CARTRIDGES, OR OTHER EXPLOSIVE CHARGES.

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

24 **33-6-107. Licensing violations - penalties - rule.** (8) (b) In order
25 to increase hunter recruitment and retention, the commission may
26 promulgate a rule establishing alternative requirements to obtain a
27 certificate of hunter education. The alternatives may include: Options to

1 demonstrate knowledge of hunting, safety, and ethics; course delivery
2 options; COMPLETION OF A HUNTER EDUCATION COURSE, INCLUDING ANY
3 REQUIRED HANDS-ON ACTIVITIES, OFFERED PURSUANT TO SECTION
4 22-1-134; issuing temporary or apprentice certificates of hunter
5 education; and an option to test out of the hunter education course.

6 **SECTION 3. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act
7 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
8 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly; except
9 that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V
10 of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this
11 act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take
12 effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in
13 November 2022 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
14 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.