

**SENATE, No. 2634**

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**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**  
**220th LEGISLATURE**

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INTRODUCED MAY 16, 2022

**Sponsored by:**

**Senator EDWARD DURR**

**District 3 (Cumberland, Gloucester and Salem)**

**SYNOPSIS**

Establishes grant program in DOE to promote responsible gun ownership; appropriates \$1 million.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT concerning the education of students on responsible gun  
2 ownership, supplementing chapter 6 of Title 18A of the New  
3 Jersey Statutes, and making an appropriation.

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5 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State  
6 of New Jersey:

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8 1. a. There is established in the Department of Education a  
9 grant program to assist school districts in promoting responsible  
10 gun ownership through:

11 (1) the provision of firearms safety courses for high school  
12 students; and

13 (2) the establishment of student organizations for high school  
14 students interested in responsible gun ownership.

15 b. To be eligible for consideration of a grant award under the  
16 program, a school district shall submit an application to the  
17 Commissioner of Education, in accordance with application  
18 procedures and requirements prescribed by the commissioner.

19 c. Grants under the program shall be awarded on a competitive  
20 basis. School districts that receive a grant under the program shall  
21 use the funds to promote responsible gun ownership to high school  
22 students through the provision of firearms safety courses and the  
23 establishment of student organizations for interested students.

24 d. Within three years after receiving a grant award under the  
25 program, a school district shall submit a report to the Commissioner  
26 of Education containing information on the use of the grant funds.

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28 2. The Commissioner of Education shall submit a report to the  
29 Governor, and to the Legislature pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1991,  
30 c.164 (C.52:14-19.1), no later than four years after the  
31 establishment of the grant program established pursuant to section 1  
32 of this act. The report shall include, but need not be limited to,  
33 information on the number of grant applicants, the number and  
34 amounts of the grant awards, information provided by school  
35 districts in the reports submitted pursuant to subsection d. of section  
36 1 of this act, and any recommendations concerning the continuation  
37 or expansion of the grant program.

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39 3. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the  
40 Department of Education the sum of \$1,000,000, which shall be  
41 used to fund the grants awarded pursuant to section 1 of this act.

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43 4. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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48 This bill establishes in the Department of Education a grant

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5 students; and
- 6 • the establishment of student organizations for high school  
7 students interested in responsible gun ownership.

8 The bill provides that, to be eligible for consideration of a grant  
9 award under the program, a school district is required to submit an  
10 application to the Commissioner of Education, in accordance with  
11 application procedures and requirements prescribed by the  
12 commissioner. Grants under the program will be awarded on a  
13 competitive basis. School districts that receive a grant under the  
14 program will be required to use the funds to promote responsible  
15 gun ownership to high school students through the provision of  
16 firearms safety courses and the establishment of student  
17 organizations for interested students.

18 The bill provides that, within three years after receiving a grant  
19 award under the program, a school district will be required to  
20 submit a report to the Commissioner of Education containing  
21 information on the use of the grant funds. The bill directs the  
22 commissioner to submit a report on the program to the Governor  
23 and the Legislature no later than four years after the establishment  
24 of the grant program.

25 The bill appropriates from the General Fund to the Department  
26 of Education the sum of \$1,000,000, to fund the grants awarded  
27 through the program.