

HOUSE BILL 324

57TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2026

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AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC SCHOOLS; REQUIRING SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND
CHARTER SCHOOLS TO PROVIDE ANNUAL FIREARM SAFETY TRAINING;
PROVIDING REQUIREMENTS FOR THE TRAINING; ASSIGNING POWERS AND
DUTIES TO THE PUBLIC EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AND THE DEPARTMENT OF
PUBLIC SAFETY.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

SECTION 1. A new section of the Public School Code is
enacted to read:

"[NEW MATERIAL] ANNUAL FIREARM SAFETY TRAINING--
REQUIREMENTS FOR SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND CHARTER SCHOOLS--
DEPARTMENT DUTIES.--

A. Beginning in the 2027-2028 school year, each
school district and charter school shall provide annual firearm
safety training to students in sixth through twelfth grade;

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1 provided that a school district or charter school may provide
2 the training to students in pre-kindergarten through fifth
3 grade.

4 B. Firearm safety training shall be developed or
5 otherwise approved by the department and the department of
6 public safety. At minimum, the training shall:

7 (1) be developmentally and age-appropriate for
8 the grade in which the training is provided;

9 (2) cover the following topics:

10 (a) safe storage of firearms;

11 (b) school safety issues related to
12 firearms;

13 (c) if applicable, protocols for young
14 children who find a firearm, including: 1) how to avoid injury
15 upon finding a firearm; 2) never touching a found firearm; and
16 3) immediately notifying an adult upon finding a firearm; and

17 (d) if applicable, protocols for
18 teenagers and young adults who find or have access to firearms;

19 (3) be viewpoint-neutral on political and
20 legal issues related to firearms and the right to keep and bear
21 arms; and

22 (4) be a non-shooting training that does not
23 include the use or presence of live ammunition, live fire or
24 live firearms.

25 C. If the department and the department of public

1 safety approve a firearm safety training provided by a private
2 person, the training shall not use branded content affiliated
3 with a commercial or nonprofit organization.

4 D. The department and the department of public
5 safety may approve a firearm safety training that is provided
6 in a classroom setting, by video or through the review of
7 physical or digital resources or materials.

8 E. Each school district and charter school shall
9 determine how to incorporate the training into the school
10 year."