

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, any official position of the City of Los Angeles with respect to legislation, rules, regulations or policies proposed to or pending before a local, state or federal government body or agency must have first been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council with the concurrence of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, the illegal and deadly use of firearms by underage youths has become more common in recent years, often leading to tragedies such as those that occurred at Waukesha South in Wisconsin, Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Florida, and more recently at Hinkley High School in Colorado and Oxford High School in Michigan; and

WHEREAS, 75 percent of school shootings are facilitated by students having access to unsecured and/or unsupervised guns at home and over 80 percent of teens who commit suicide with a gun used one that belonged to someone in their home, and many of these incidents involved children whose parents were either unaware or unobservant of state and local laws concerning the ownership and handling of firearms; and

WHEREAS, the school shootings of classmates by students who have snuck guns onto campuses might have been prevented if the schools and parents had been better informed and prepared regarding the applicable laws and regulations; and

WHEREAS, California Assembly Bill 452 (Friedman) proposes that school districts, county offices of education and charter schools be required to inform parents and guardians of pupils at the beginning of each semester or quarter of the regular school term and during any new enrollment or transfer, of California's child gun access prevention laws and laws relating to the safe storage of firearms; and

WHEREAS, AB 452 would require the State Department of Education, in consultation with the Department of Justice, to develop and annually provide to school districts, county offices of education, and charter schools, and, upon request, to provide to private schools concise content regarding child access prevention and safe storage of firearms laws; and

WHEREAS, the bill would also make a school district, county office of education, charter school, private school, and the department immune from civil liability for any damages relating to that content; and

WHEREAS, these requirements would positively expand awareness and understanding of such laws, potentially preventing injury and loss of life among students and other underage family members.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by adoption of this resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2021-22 State Legislative Program SUPPORT for Assembly Bill 452 (Friedman) to increase the awareness of California firearms laws among educators, schoolchildren and their families.

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