



HOUSE BILL 427: Firearm Safe Storage Awareness Initiative.

2021-2022 General Assembly

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| Introduced by: | Reps. Hanig, Carter, C. Smith | Prepared by: | Hillary Woodard and Susan Sitze |
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OVERVIEW: *House Bill 427 would create a statewide firearm safe storage awareness initiative to educate the public about the importance of safely storing firearms and to facilitate the distribution of gun locks.*

BILL ANALYSIS:

House Bill 427 would require the Department of Health and Human Services (Department) to launch a two-year statewide initiative to educate the public about proper storage of firearms and to distribute gunlocks. As part of the initiative, the Department would be required to accomplish a number of things, including the following:

- Develop a website that contains information regarding the importance of and methods of storing firearms, methods to obtain a free gun lock, and State laws regarding firearm storage. The website must be completed by July 1, 2022.
- Develop a program to disseminate the information contained on the website.
- Aid communities in launching similar local initiatives.

House Bill 427 would also appropriate nonrecurring funds to the Department in the amount of \$86,500 for the 2021-2022 fiscal year and nonrecurring funds in the amount of \$69,200 for the 2022-2023 fiscal year. Any funds appropriated must be used only to explain and promote the purposes of the initiative.

The Department would be required to submit a report to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services detailing the Department's progress by September 1, 2022.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This act would become effective July 1, 2021.

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