

SENATE No. 397

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Jason M. Lewis

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act to promote safe firearm storage education and increase the well-being of students.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Jason M. Lewis

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Fifth Middlesex

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By Mr. Lewis, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 397) of Jason M. Lewis for legislation to promote safe firearm storage education and increase the well-being of students. Education.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 305 OF 2023-2024.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court
(2025-2026)**

An Act to promote safe firearm storage education and increase the well-being of students.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Chapter 71 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the following section:-

2 Section 99. (a) The department shall develop model content for the safe storage of
3 firearms in consultation with the executive office of public safety and security for school districts
4 in order for the districts to disseminate a notice to their school communities, including families,
5 guardians and staff.

6 (b) The model content for the safe storage of firearms shall include information for the
7 school community regarding: (i) the life-saving importance of secure gun storage in homes and
8 vehicles to protect unsupervised, unauthorized children and teens from accessing firearms with
9 which they may cause harm; (ii) the risks of unsecured firearms to children and teens, schools,

10 and the wider community; (iii) actions everyone in the school community can take to keep our
11 communities safe including raising awareness about secure firearm storage requirements, the
12 safe storage of firearms pursuant to section 131L of chapter 140 , suicide prevention resources as
13 well as other behavioral health or educational resources.

14 (c) The model content developed by the department shall be published in English and
15 multiple languages that are representative of the needs of local communities as determined by the
16 department. The department shall review the model content annually.

17 (d) The office of the superintendent and the school committee of each school district shall
18 collaborate and annually distribute a notice developed pursuant to this section to the school
19 community, including parents and guardians who have students enrolled in the school district,
20 and staff, and make said information electronically accessible on the district's webpage.