

SENATE BILL 21

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4 and Title 39, relative to handgun safety courses.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-1351(p), is amended by adding the following new subdivision:

(4)

(A) Subject to appropriations in the general appropriations act, the department is authorized to utilize the application and processing fee received under subdivision (p)(1) to pay reimbursements to an approved handgun safety school of up to thirty dollars (\$30.00) for each person who, for the first time, completes a handgun safety course meeting the requirements set forth in subsection (e) on or after October 1, 2023, subject to the requirements established by the department to seek reimbursement.

(B) A reimbursement issued to an approved handgun safety school pursuant to this subdivision (p)(4) must be used to offset the costs of the handgun safety course for the person taking the course.

(C) The department may reimburse a handgun safety school pursuant to this subdivision (p)(4), regardless of whether the person taking the handgun safety course has applied for an enhanced handgun carry permit.

(D)

(i) The department shall annually provide information to licensed federal firearms dealers in this state, through cooperation with the Tennessee bureau of investigation and other state agencies, on handgun

safety training courses provided to residents of this state and approved by the department.

(ii)

(a) A licensed federal firearms dealer in this state may display in a prominent location where firearms are sold, a sign containing the following information:

HANDGUN SAFETY TRAINING

THE STATE OF TENNESSEE WILL PAY \$30.00

YOUR COST: _____

COURSE AVAILABLE AT

(Name, Address, and Telephone Number of Approved Entity or Entities Providing the Course)

HANDGUN PURCHASE NOT REQUIRED.

(b) The department may make a template of the sign available on the department's website.

(iii) A licensed federal firearms dealer may also provide the information contained in the sign pursuant to subdivision (p)(4)(D)(ii)(a) in the form of a flyer.

(iv) The department shall provide information on approved handgun safety training courses provided to residents of this state at minimal cost pursuant to this section on the department's website.

(E) By December 1, 2024, the department shall report to the chair of the judiciary committee of the senate and the chair of the criminal justice committee of the house of representatives the number of handgun safety courses provided to persons during the preceding year pursuant to this subdivision (p)(4).

(F) This subdivision (p)(4) is repealed October 1, 2024.

SECTION 2. This act is not an appropriation of funds, and funds shall not be obligated or expended pursuant to this act unless the funds are specifically appropriated by the general appropriations act.

SECTION 3. This act takes effect October 1, 2023, the public welfare requiring it.