

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 15

INTRODUCED BY SEVERSON, ANDERSON, BISHOP, HOFMAN,
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FARRELL, JACOBSON, MCLANE, HARP

BY REQUEST OF THE SENATE FISH AND GAME COMMITTEE

IN THE SENATE

FEBRUARY 7, 1989	INTRODUCED AND REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON FISH & GAME.
	FIRST READING.
FEBRUARY 15, 1989	COMMITTEE RECOMMEND BILL DO PASS. REPORT ADOPTED.
FEBRUARY 16, 1989	PRINTING REPORT.
FEBRUARY 17, 1989	SECOND READING, DO PASS.
	ENGROSSING REPORT.
FEBRUARY 20, 1989	THIRD READING, PASSED. AYES, 50; NOES, 0.
	TRANSMITTED TO HOUSE.

IN THE HOUSE

FEBRUARY 19, 1989	INTRODUCED AND REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION & CULTURAL RESOURCES.
FEBRUARY 21, 1989	FIRST READING.
MARCH 10, 1989	COMMITTEE RECOMMEND BILL BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED. REPORT ADOPTED.
MARCH 15, 1989	SECOND READING, CONCURRED IN.
MARCH 17, 1989	THIRD READING, CONCURRED IN. AYES, 91; NOES, 6.
	RETURNED TO SENATE WITH AMENDMENTS.

IN THE SENATE

APRIL 4, 1989

RECEIVED FROM HOUSE.

SECOND READING, AMENDMENTS
CONCURRED IN.

APRIL 6, 1989

THIRD READING, AMENDMENTS
CONCURRED IN.

SENT TO ENROLLING.

REPORTED CORRECTLY ENROLLED.

1 *Senate* JOINT RESOLUTION NO. *15* *Hofman*
 2 INTRODUCED BY *Alan D. Swanson, Underhill, Idaho*
 3 *Bob Brown* BY REQUEST OF THE SENATE FISH AND GAME COMMITTEE *James Smith*
 4 *Yellowtail B. & James* *HARP* *Ed Carlson*
 5 A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF
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ON FISH AND GAME

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3 *Bo. Brown* BY REQUEST OF THE SENATE FISH AND GAME COMMITTEE
4 *Sen. Yellowtail, Sen. Fane, Sen. Harrison*
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3 *Bob Brown* BY REQUEST OF THE SENATE FISH AND GAME COMMITTEE
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STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

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Mr. Speaker: We, the committee on Education and Cultural Resources report that SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 15 (third reading copy -- blue) be concurred in as amended.

Signed: 

Ted Schye, Chairman

[REP. EUDAILY WILL CARRY THIS BILL ON THE HOUSE FLOOR]

And, that such amendments read:

1. Title, line 7.

Following: "TRAINING"

Strike: "IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS OF"

Insert: "FOR SCHOOL-AGE CHILDREN IN"

2. Page 2, lines 3 and 4.

Following: "training"

Strike: remainder of line 3 through "schools" on line 4

Insert: "for school-age children"

3. Page 2, line 10.

Strike: "(1)"

4. Page 2, lines 11 and 12.

Strike: "inclusion" on line 11

Insert: "provision"

Following: "training"

Strike: remainder of line 11 through line 12

Insert: "for school-age children in Montana through cooperation between school districts and appropriate local organizations that represent the shooting and sporting community in Montana. The cooperation should include:

(1) the dissemination of information on firearms safety;

(2) information on the availability of firearms safety

training programs offered by the appropriate local organizations; and

(3) an offer by school districts of use of a school facility during after-school hours for any firearms safety training program offered by an appropriate local organization that represents the shooting and sporting community."

5. Page 2, line 13, through page 4, line 4.
Strike: subsections (2) through (4)

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MONTANA THROUGH COOPERATION BETWEEN SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND
APPROPRIATE LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS THAT REPRESENT THE SHOOTING
AND SPORTING COMMUNITY IN MONTANA. THE COOPERATION SHOULD
INCLUDE:

(1) THE DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION ON FIREARMS
SAFETY;

(2) INFORMATION ON THE AVAILABILITY OF FIREARMS SAFETY
TRAINING PROGRAMS OFFERED BY THE APPROPRIATE LOCAL
ORGANIZATIONS; AND

(3) AN OFFER BY SCHOOL DISTRICTS OF USE OF A SCHOOL

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1 FACILITY DURING AFTER-SCHOOL HOURS FOR ANY FIREARMS SAFETY
2 TRAINING PROGRAM OFFERED BY AN APPROPRIATE LOCAL
3 ORGANIZATION THAT REPRESENTS THE SHOOTING AND SPORTING
4 COMMUNITY.

5 {2}--That--the--training--involve--discussion--of--the
6 potential-hazards-of-firearms-misuse-and--encouragement--for
7 children-to-handle-firearms-only-with-adult-supervision;

8 {3}--That--the--Montana--legislature--encourage--the
9 educators-and-educational-administrators-of-Montana-to--rely
10 on--the--expertise--and--availability--of--the--shooting-and
11 sporting--community--in--Montana--to--aid--in--implementing
12 firearms--safety--training-in-elementary-schools-of-Montana,
13 and-that-the-Montana-legislature-not-expect-schools-to--rely
14 on-public-funding-to-accomplish-the-training;

15 {4}--That--the--Montana--legislature--encourage--the
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-End-