

HB 3329 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Judiciary

Action Date: 04/04/19

Action: Without recommendation as to passage and be referred to Rules.

Vote: 7-4-0-0

Yeas: 7 - Barker, Bynum, Gorsek, Greenlick, Piluso, Power, Williamson

Nays: 4 - Lewis, McLane, Sprenger, Stark

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 4/4

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Allows gun dealers or individuals in the business of repairing or servicing firearms to establish a minimum age of 18-21 years for the purchase of firearms or firearm-related accessories. Exempts gun dealers or individuals in the business of repairing or servicing firearms from restrictions prohibiting discrimination.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Heard for the purpose of referring to House Committee on Rules

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Studies have found that adolescents' risk for suicide increases as their access to guns increases. Suicide attempts in children are more likely to be successful when they have access to lethal weapons: 90 percent of suicide attempts with guns are successful, compared to less than 5 percent of suicide attempts using less lethal means, like medications or sharp objects. The risk for unintentional injury and suicide in children is reduced by 73 percent when guns are kept locked, and by 70 percent when they are kept unloaded.

House Bill 3329 allows businesses to set a minimum age for purchasing firearms and firearm accessories.