

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

THE ATTACKS ON YOUR RIGHTS CONTINUE! NOW THEY ARE INVADING OUR CLASSROOMS!

For my legislative reports I usually share several bills, both good and bad, that we are facing in a

session. However, I want to devote this article to one bad piece of legislation and, if I can say anything positive about it and its author Senator Portantino, at least he came up with a new piece of legislation. It is big brother gone wild! SB 906, as introduced February 2nd, 2022, will require all parents of school-aged children in California to report all firearms in their homes, and their children's access to them, to educational agencies! No, I am NOT making this Adam Schiff up! This bill is so incredibly over the top to me I am not going to summarize I'd like all of you to read the text, verbatim:

"This bill would require, on or before

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January 1, 2023, the State Department of Education, in consultation with the Department of Justice, to develop model content for use by local educational agencies related to a threat or perceived threat of an incident of mass casualties at a school. Using the model content, the bill would require local educational agencies to require the parents or guardians of a pupil to disclose whether any firearms are located at the home of the pupil and to answer questions about the ownership, storage, and accessibility by the pupil of the firearms. The bill would require local educational agencies to include information related to the safe storage of firearms in the annual notification provided to the parents or guardians of a pupil. If a school official is alerted to or observes any threat or perceived threat of an incident of mass casualties at a school, the bill would require a report of the threat or perceived threat to be immediately made to law enforcement and the Department of Justice.

The bill would require a school or local educational agency, in consultation with law enforcement, to conduct immediately an investigation and threat assessment, as specified. The bill would require the investigation and threat assessment to include a review of the parent or guardian's firearm disclosure information and a search of the pupil and pupil's property located at the school site if there is reasonable suspicion that a search will result in discovery of a firearm or other evidence that the pupil has or is violating the law or the school's safety rules or policies."

So how do you feel about a third party, other than law enforcement, or our highly trusted California Department of Justice having a complete list of all the firearms you own and where they are kept in your home?! I can tell you, as a peace officer of 32 years and someone who taught crime prevention at the community level, this makes my hair stand on end!

So, who exactly has access to this list? Where and how securely is it stored? What am I so worked up about? Last year they decided to give U.C. Davis so-called “researchers” and their “associates” all the records of your firearm and ammunition purchases... so now teachers? Are you kidding me?!? Please understand I have no disrespect for schoolteachers, but this authority and requirement puts them in a very precarious situation.

While this bill is well intentioned, it unreasonably infringes on the rights of parents by mandating they disclose sensitive information about the ownership, storage, and accessibility by their child to firearms in their homes. Should a parent refuse to disclose this information, the child would effectively be unable to enroll or register and thus have his or her education interrupted and negatively impacted.

Owning a firearm is a personal choice, and a constitutional right protected as an individual right under the Second Amendment. Requiring gun owners to answer questions about how they exercise that constitutional right in, of all places, their

own homes only weakens that right while also invading their privacy. There are already laws in place which address the safe storage and accessibility of firearms to minors. If a minor gains access to a firearm stored in a home and then uses it in an unsafe or illegal manner, the homeowner may be held liable.

Not only is this an attack on the constitutional rights of parents, it attacks a parent’s rights to raise and protect their own children! Why not have parents disclose if they have a swimming pool in the backyard and what prescription drugs they have in their homes? I only see this bill leading to increased exposure to theft and unnecessary costly lawsuits! SB 906 lacks any enforceability and potentially subjects educational personnel to committing illegal search and seizure violations. SB 906 is not how we are going to identify students with mental health issues that commit acts that result in mass casualty incidents. This is NOT how we are going to make California safer!

CRPA will always stand with law enforcement and educators throughout California and put the safety of our citizens first. CRPA will continue

to support sound legislation aimed at protecting our children, reducing crime, and getting criminals off our streets and out of our communities, this however is no such piece of legislation. Let your representatives know today you demand they oppose this misguided legislation!

On a side note, did you ever wonder why we never got a fair shake from California Department of Justice? Guess who now works for California Brady Campaign. None other than Retired Chief Stephen Lindley now their number one hack in lead testimony of lies and assaults on your rights! I guess when you are freed from state employment and can truly stand up for what you believe in you show your true colors! I retired from the state and went to work for the best association in America fighting to defend the Second Amendment and our right to hunt.

Thank you all for all you do! For a complete list of the bills we face this session refer to the Legislative Program Page at CRPA.org! God Bless You All! **CRPA**

“Education in the schools is one, but it is not a substitute for education at home. Let no father and mother lay to their souls the flattering unktion that they can shirk their duties and think that those duties will be performed by the schoolteacher, no matter how good that teacher is.”

President Theodore Roosevelt, Sept. 2, 1902