

State of Misconsin 2021 - 2022 LEGISLATURE

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2021 SENATE BILL 683

November 11, 2021 - Introduced by Senators Stroebel and Cowles, cosponsored by Representatives Born, Cabral-Guevara, Dittrich, Gundrum, Horlacher, Kurtz, Milroy, Oldenburg, Penterman, Ramthun, Skowronski, Wichgers, Zimmerman and Knodl. Referred to Committee on Sporting Heritage, Small Business and Rural Issues.

AN ACT *to create* 29.591 (1) (e) of the statutes; **relating to:** hunter education requirements for persons under the age of 18 and granting rule-making authority.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill requires the Department of Natural Resources to offer in-person and online hunter education for persons under the age of 18. The bill also requires persons under the age of 18 to attend an in-person field training session and complete a certification exam following completion of the in-person or online course of instruction. The bill also requires DNR to promulgate rules establishing the curriculum, length, and fee for the courses.

Under current law, DNR must establish a hunter education program and bow hunter education program that provides instruction in the responsibilities of hunters, how to recognize threatened and endangered species, and principles of wildlife management and conservation. DNR is required to offer an online course of instruction for persons age 18 and older.

For further information see the state fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

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Section 1. 29.591 (1) (e) of the statutes is created to read:

29.591 (1) (e) The department shall offer an in-person and online course of instruction under the hunter education program to persons under the age of 18. The department shall require persons under the age of 18 to attend an in-person field training session and complete a certification exam following completion of the in-person or online course of instruction. The department shall promulgate rules establishing the curriculum, length, and fee for the courses of instruction offered under this paragraph.

9 (END)