

The Florida Senate
BILL ANALYSIS AND FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

(This document is based on the provisions contained in the legislation as of the latest date listed below.)

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BILL: SB 1660

INTRODUCER: Senator Martin

SUBJECT: Responsible Firearm Safety Awareness Month

DATE: January 23, 2026

REVISED: _____

	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR	REFERENCE	ACTION
1.	Denson	Stokes	CJ	Pre-meeting
2.			GO	
3.			RC	

I. Summary:

SB 1660 creates s. 683.338, F.S., annually designating the month of June as “Responsible Firearm Safety Awareness Month,” to recognize the importance of safe and responsible firearm use and ownership while honoring the Second Amendment of the United States Constitution.

The bill encourages the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, local governments, and other entities to sponsor events in June that promote public awareness of the dangers of firearms and educate the public through voluntary training and safety demonstrations.

The bill takes effect on July 1, 2026.

II. Present Situation:

According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), in 2023, Florida experienced 3,253 deaths by firearm, the second highest rate of death in this manner in the Country.¹

Florida law, as outlined in ch. 790, F.S., addresses safe storage practices, lawful ownership, prohibited uses, and licensing requirements for firearms. While individuals seeking a concealed weapons license must complete a firearms safety and training course,² general firearm ownership does not require mandatory safety training under current state law.

In 2023, the legislature appropriated \$1.5 million in recurring funds to the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) to implement the Local Firearm Safety Training Program (LFSTP)

¹ Center for Disease Control and Prevention, *Firearm Mortality*, (Aug. 20, 2025), available at <https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/state-stats/deaths/firearms.html> (last visited 1/22/2026).

² Section 790.06(h.)1.-7., F.S.

grant program for local law enforcement agencies to provide firearm safety training.³ Local governments, such as the Citrus County⁴ and Hendry County⁵ Sheriffs' Offices, have used this funding to offer free basic firearms courses to citizens.

The LFSTP requires fund recipients to utilize the reward for the development, expansion or instruction of firearms safety training hosted by law enforcement for the general public.⁶ Citrus and Hendry Counties provided free quarterly firearm safety courses for a limited number of people who have limited or no prior firearm experience. The courses are specifically designed to blend classroom and live instruction in range exercises, firearm handling, and concealed carry laws. Upon completion of the course, participants in both counties receive basic firearm safety certifications.⁷

However, Florida does not currently designate a specific month for firearm safety awareness, nor does it have a statewide, coordinated public awareness campaign focused on responsible firearm ownership and safety.

III. Effect of Proposed Changes:

The bill creates s. 683.338, F.S., to designate June as "Responsible Firearm Safety Awareness Month." The bill encourages FDLE and local entities to sponsor events, promote public awareness of the dangers of firearms, and educate the public through voluntary training and safety demonstrations.

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IV. Constitutional Issues:

A. Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions:

The bill does not appear to require cities and counties to expend funds or limit their authority to raise revenue or receive state-shared revenues as specified by Article VII, s. 18, of the State Constitution.

B. Public Records/Open Meetings Issues:

None.

³ Chapter 2023-18, LOF

⁴ Citrus County Sheriff's Office. *Firearm safety course*, available at https://www.sheriffcitrus.org/programs_services/firearm_safety_course.php (last visited 1/22/2026).

⁵ Hendry County Sheriff's Office. *Public Firearms Courses*, available at <https://www.hendrysheriff.org/publicFirearmsCourses> (last visited 1/22/2026).

⁶ Florida Department of Law Enforcement. *Criminal Justice Grants, Local Firearm Safety Training Program (LFSTP)*, available at <https://www.fdle.state.fl.us/fdle-grants/office-of-criminal-justice-grants/sfa/lfst>. (last visited 1/22/26).

⁷ Citrus County Sheriff's Office. *Firearm safety course*, available at https://www.sheriffcitrus.org/programs_services/firearm_safety_course.php (last visited 1/22/2026); Hendry County Sheriff's Office. *Public Firearms Courses*, available at <https://www.hendrysheriff.org/publicFirearmsCourses> (last visited 1/22/2026).

C. Trust Funds Restrictions:

None.

D. State Tax or Fee Increases:

None.

E. Other Constitutional Issues:

None.

V. Fiscal Impact Statement:

A. Tax/Fee Issues:

None.

B. Private Sector Impact:

None.

C. Government Sector Impact:

The bill could have an indeterminate negative fiscal impact on an entity providing voluntary training and safety demonstrations.

VI. Technical Deficiencies:

None.

VII. Related Issues:

None.

VIII. Statutes Affected:

This bill creates the following sections of the Florida Statutes: 683.338

IX. Additional Information:

A. Committee Substitute – Statement of Changes:

(Summarizing differences between the Committee Substitute and the prior version of the bill.)

None.

B. Amendments:

None.

This Senate Bill Analysis does not reflect the intent or official position of the bill's introducer or the Florida Senate.
