

HB 1343 -- ENDANGERING THE WELFARE OF A CHILD

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This bill adds a provision to the offense of endangering the welfare of a child in the first degree. A person commits the offense of endangering a child in the first degree if he or she knowingly fails to secure a readily available firearm in the presence of a child less than 17 years of age or in a residence where a child less than 17 years of age lives. The bill defines "secure" to mean storing a firearm in a locked safe, cabinet, gun vault, or storage case; storing a firearm unloaded of ammunition; or using a firearm locking device.

This bill is similar to HB 362 (2017) and HB 2500 (2016).