

2025 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 177

BY SENATOR MIZELL

HEALTH DEPARTMENT. Requests the Louisiana Department of Health to provide information to the legislature on child firearm deaths and Child Access Prevention laws.

A RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Louisiana Department of Health to examine the prevalence of injury and death resulting from unintentional shootings and suicides by minor children in Louisiana, to study the effectiveness of Child Access Prevention laws in other states, and to make recommendations based on their findings related to the development and implementation of a Child Access Prevention law in this state.

WHEREAS, according to the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, unintentional firearm injury deaths are a leading cause of death among children; and

WHEREAS, unsecure firearm storage practices are associated with risk for unintentional and intentional firearm injuries and deaths among children and adolescents; and

WHEREAS, most unintentional firearm injuries among children occur within the home, with firearms predominantly originating in the child's home; and

WHEREAS, data from the National Fatality Review Case Reporting System from 2004 to 2015 showed that, among firearm suicides by children ages 10 through 18 for which storage practices could be identified, more than three-fourths involved the use of a gun that had been stored loaded and unlocked; and

