



# Louisville Metro Government

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**Title:** A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE CREATION OF A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 527 BY THE KENTUCKY GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO PROHIBIT THE UNLAWFUL STORAGE OF A FIREARM.

**Sponsors:** David James (D-6)

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**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE CREATION OF A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 527 BY THE KENTUCKY GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO PROHIBIT THE UNLAWFUL STORAGE OF A FIREARM.**

**SPONSORED BY: PRESIDENT JAMES**

**WHEREAS**, pending in the General Assembly is House Bill 31 that seeks to reduce child-related shootings by making it a crime in Kentucky to leave a gun unsecured around minors;

**WHEREAS**, it is rare in Kentucky for individuals who do not properly secure firearms to be prosecuted after an accidental child shooting involving an unsecured firearm, despite at least 36 children being shot - 15 fatally - in the preceding five years;

**WHEREAS**, under the legislation, improper firearm storage would be a Class B misdemeanor,

punishable by up to 90 days in jail and/or a \$250 fine, if a minor gains access to a weapon improperly stored by the owner, and would increase to a Class A misdemeanor, punishable by up to a year in jail and/or a \$500 fine, if a minor uses the weapon and it results in injury or death to the minor or another person; and

**WHEREAS**, Louisville Metro Council believes the creation of criminal penalties for unlawful storage of firearms is an important step towards curbing gun violence in Louisville Metro.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OF THE LOUISVILLE/JEFFERSON COUNTY METRO GOVERNMENT (“THE COUNCIL”) AS FOLLOWS:**

**SECTION I:** The Council urges the Kentucky General Assembly to pass House Bill 31 that creates a new section to KRS 527 to prohibit the unlawful storage of a firearm.

**SECTION II:** This Resolution shall take effect upon its passage and approval.

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Stephen Ott Metro Council Clerk

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James President of the Council

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Greg Fischer Mayor

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Approval Date

**APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:**

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