



Introduced Version

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 49

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

A SENATE RESOLUTION urging the legislative council to assign to the appropriate study committee the topic of reducing gun violence and other deaths by firearms in Indiana.

**LANANE, BREAU, TALLIAN,
MELTON, MRVAN,
NIEZGODSKI, RANDOLPH,
STOOPS, TAYLOR G**

March 6, 2018, read first time and referred to Committee on Judiciary.



SENATE RESOLUTION No. 49

MADAM PRESIDENT:

I offer the following resolution and move its adoption:

1 A SENATE RESOLUTION urging the legislative council
2 to assign to the appropriate study committee the topic of
3 reducing gun violence and other deaths by firearms in Indiana.

4 *Whereas, According to the Center for Disease Control, in*
5 *2016 nearly 39,000 Americans were killed by guns, nearly two-*
6 *thirds of which were suicides;*

7 *Whereas, The number of gun homicides in the United States*
8 *is an order of magnitude higher than other advanced countries;*

9 *Whereas, Since December 14, 2012, when 20 children and*
10 *6 teachers were killed at Sandy Hook Elementary School in*
11 *Newtown, Connecticut, there have been over 1600 mass*
12 *shootings in the United States, including the recent mass*
13 *shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in*
14 *Parkland, Florida that killed 17 people;*

15 *Whereas, On October 1, 2017, a gunman armed with a*
16 *weapon modified to simulate a fully automatic firearm killed 58*
17 *people and injured 851 others;*

18 *Whereas, There is evidence that policies to limit access to*



1 *firearms are correlated with a reduction of suicide,*
2 *unintentional injuries, and violent crime; and*

3 *Whereas, Indiana can take measures to reduce gun violence*
4 *that are consistent with the 2nd amendment and the Indiana*
5 *Constitution and it is appropriate that the General Assembly*
6 *study these measures: Therefore,*

7 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the*
8 *General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

9 SECTION 1. That the legislative council is urged to assign to the
10 appropriate study committee the topic of reducing gun violence and
11 other deaths by firearms in Indiana. Topics to be studied by the
12 committee shall include, but are not limited to, expanding background
13 checks to private and Internet sales of firearms, banning the sale of
14 bump stocks and other devices which simulate fully automatic firearms,
15 banning assault weapons or raising the minimum age of purchase of
16 assault weapons to 21, and child-access protection laws.

17 SECTION 2. That the committee, if assigned the topic, shall issue
18 to the legislative council a final report containing the study committee's
19 findings and recommendations, including recommended legislation
20 concerning the topic, in an electronic format under IC 5-14-6, not later
21 than November 1, 2018.

