



# ISRA Legislative Fact Sheet

## HB-5191 Steans **OPPOSE** DCFS Should Be Protecting Kids, Not Taking Away Guns

- **Raises age for mandatory storage from 14 to 20:** Under current law, parents must store their firearms in a place a reasonable person would believe that a 14 year old would not gain access to that firearm and causes bodily harm or death. HB-5191 requires a person to store their firearm where a person under the age of 21 is “prevented” from obtaining the firearm or ammunition. This is a standard that is next to impossible to comply with.
- **No firearm or harm necessary:** If a child obtains a single round of ammunition that is enough to start the process. While the bill requires two incidents, no firearm is necessary for an incident to qualify under HB-5191. Also unlike the mandatory storage law, no injury is required. All that is required that the child under 21 obtain and posses the ammunition or firearm.
- **They Break In, You Lose Your Rights:** If a parent has an estranged relationship with a child, and that child does not live in the house, but breaks in to the parents house, they can loose their rights because of a criminal act of a third party.
- **Lock Up Your Guns, Still Lose Your Rights:** HB-5191 puts the burden on the parents to devise a way to stop a 20 year old from obtaining a firearm. It says “a parent or guardian of a person under 21 years of age who is unable to prevent...” You could have your guns locked up, and if they break in or find the keys/combination, you still loose your rights because of the act of a third party.
- **DCFS Has Sole Power to Decide:** Once the statute is triggered, all that is required is a DCFS investigation to determine that a parent should loose their rights. No right to a trial or hearing just a DCFS case worker can recommend that a person loose their rights. A recent report by the Belleview News-Democrat found that  

“The Illinois Department of Children and Family Services wrongly placed more than 3,000 people on the state’s official list of child abusers over a five-year period” – Belleview News-Democrat
- **Unworkable & Unenforceable:** HB-5191 tries to force gun owners to lock up all of their guns, depriving them of their right to self defense, and every single round of ammunition that a gun owner may have. It is impossible and impractical to force gun owners to lock up what could be thousands of rounds of ammunition from a 20 year old. It’s just not practical.

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