

Firearm Surrender Order Compliance Working Group; Report Proposed Amendment

Sec. 1. FIREARM SURRENDER ORDER COMPLIANCE WORKING GROUP; REPORT

(a) The Attorney General's Office shall convene a working group to develop a uniform process to ensure compliance with legal court orders to surrender firearms. The Working Group shall study what statutory or policy changes are needed to create a uniform process to monitor compliance, support entities charged with storing surrendered firearms, and identify a stable and reliable funding source for any additional resources needed to monitor compliance.

(b) The Attorney General's Office shall consult with stakeholders, including representatives of:

- (1) the Vermont State Police;
- (2) the Department of Corrections;
- (3) Chief Superior Court Judge;
- (4) family law practitioners;
- (5) the Defender General;
- (6) the Department of State's Attorneys and Sheriffs;
- (8) the Vermont Network Against Domestic and Sexual Violence;
- (9) the Vermont Council on Domestic Violence;
- (10) the Vermont Center for Crime Victim Services;
- (11) a federal firearms licensee;
- (12) the Vermont Office of the Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms;
- (13) the Vermont Medical Society;
- (14) the Department of Mental Health
- (15) the Vermont Association of Chiefs of Police.

(c) The Attorney General shall prepare submit a report to the House and Senate Committees on Judiciary no later than November 15, 2025. The report shall include:

(1) A workable statewide compliance model that is adaptable to both the Family and Criminal Divisions of the Superior Courts, and that ensures accountability of respondents and defendants while addressing safety needs of the plaintiffs and victims; and

(2) Recommendations for any legislative changes to support the model.

Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on passage.