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An Act To Provide a Source of Funding for Drug Abuse Resistance Education

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 25 MRSA §3503-A, as amended by PL 2003, c. 657, §11, is further amended to read:

§ 3503-A. Disposal of firearms and ammunition

Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, a police department or other law enforcement agency retaining firearms and ammunition covered by this chapter, Title 15, section 3314 or chapter 517, or Title 17-A, section 1158-A may auction the firearms to federally licensed firearms dealers or the public, use the firearms and ammunition for training purposes or destroy the firearms and ammunition. Any funds that are raised through auction must be dedicated to educational programs taught by law enforcement officers to students in kindergarten to grade 12 that target prevention of substance abuse, violence or high-risk behavior and teach students good decision-making skills to help them lead safe and healthy lives.

SUMMARY

This bill requires that the funds generated by forfeited firearms that are auctioned to federally licensed firearms dealers or the public be used to fund educational programs taught by law enforcement officers that target prevention of substance abuse, violence or high-risk behavior and teach students good decision-making skills to help them lead safe and healthy lives. These educational programs are known as the Drug Abuse Resistance Education program.