# Attachment 4: Firearm Violence Resource Information

**Legislation of possible interest:**

[AB-28 Firearms and ammunition: excise tax. (2023-2024)](https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202320240AB28&firstNav=tracking)

This bill, the Gun Violence Prevention, Healing, and Recovery Act, would, commencing July 1, 2024, impose an excise tax in the amount of 11% of the gross receipts from the retail sale in this state of a firearm, firearm precursor part, and ammunition, as specified. The tax would be collected by the state pursuant to the Fee Collection Procedures Law. **The bill would require that the revenues collected be deposited in the Gun Violence Prevention, Healing, and Recovery Fund, which the bill would establish in the State Treasury**. The bill would require the moneys received in the fund to, upon appropriation, be used to fund various gun violence prevention, education, research, response, and investigation programs, as specified. The bill would require the Director of Finance to transfer, as a loan, $2,400,000 from the General Fund to the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration to implement these provisions, as specified.

**Follow up information from the UC Davis California Firearm Violence Research Center:**

1. Article of interest: [Paralyzed by Gun Violence, They Seek Solace From Other Survivors](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.nytimes.com%2F2023%2F01%2F03%2Fus%2Fgun-violence-survivors-support-group.html%3Funlocked_article_code%3DLTMye3sUpOwcI-9cU7JGawhMCEPI2ue9t_kPvd_jIcrKB3NR_4CrxnLRjjLoG45tE1HifjuOFCsKRCKE6Ww7UrJif-ljnvwiUVRGlSAR0gQyihBcR3NN15Yq97Q2QoPvr_ItuB9H6Es3j-y93SIx7KIyHiZTYH5bx0hHalhtR5qrZuko2hqrQGQOYtSVgv8Yf10kbNaMyP8E8AIExwQgOSEiCpxS4nF-mX4GcZclQtUl1bV9Hlp7y3xIboZUYV9uWztpoRDel0gMzBdit90bmBa0KlxqCW9pnZyiXkMn_Nh-If_AmJkLS34IEDbNiPWZ8bUSS4H5c0g-Ix3WBQzMt6lAEtjqrWT65g%26smid%3Dshare-url&data=05%7C01%7CStateRehabilitationCouncil.RehabilitationCouncil%40dor.ca.gov%7Ccbe35779fedb423a399e08dafe301409%7C19ed70549d9743c792b16781b6b95b68%7C0%7C0%7C638101780018930614%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=IZuDGxXrx4Ys66EZNxgUh0sLxuqI4d6H6p7OepN4TeY%3D&reserved=0)
2. BulletPoints project resources are available [online](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.bulletpointsproject.org%2F&data=05%7C01%7CStateRehabilitationCouncil.RehabilitationCouncil%40dor.ca.gov%7Ccbe35779fedb423a399e08dafe301409%7C19ed70549d9743c792b16781b6b95b68%7C0%7C0%7C638101780019086822%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=YpyI74s%2FqHjkcVJvdWI3iWHIiKN91YmuPss8DL58yaE%3D&reserved=0).
   1. Question: what could be done now? Suggestion: staff could take the BulletPoints accredited continuing education course, [Preventing Firearm Injury: What Clinicians Can Do](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fcontinuingeducation.bulletpointsproject.org%2Fcourses%2Fpreventing-firearm-injury%2F&data=05%7C01%7CStateRehabilitationCouncil.RehabilitationCouncil%40dor.ca.gov%7Ccbe35779fedb423a399e08dafe301409%7C19ed70549d9743c792b16781b6b95b68%7C0%7C0%7C638101780019086822%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=BmYfGLMbXH0u2yNx31DNsd%2BXcm1xh3rxIldmlCrMwyo%3D&reserved=0). It’s free and available on-demand, with continuing education credit offered by the American Psychological Association and California Medical Association.
   2. More training opportunities: the best way to keep informed on BulletPoints training opportunities is by signing up for their newsletter.
3. California Safety and Wellbeing Survey (CSaWS) survey research findings among adults in California are available [online](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fhealth.ucdavis.edu%2Fvprp%2FUCFC%2Fsurvey.html&data=05%7C01%7CStateRehabilitationCouncil.RehabilitationCouncil%40dor.ca.gov%7Ccbe35779fedb423a399e08dafe301409%7C19ed70549d9743c792b16781b6b95b68%7C0%7C0%7C638101780019086822%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=JJu1tDSu9YJVPhzEJ4UIOVRAaQQicojpfldiO0ERwCE%3D&reserved=0). Researchers have collected some data on occupation as part of the CSaWS survey project but have not delved into these areas in analysis.
4. More information on Hospital-based Violence Intervention Programs (HVIPs): [https://www.thehavi.org/what-is-an-hvip](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.thehavi.org%2Fwhat-is-an-hvip&data=05%7C01%7CStateRehabilitationCouncil.RehabilitationCouncil%40dor.ca.gov%7Ccbe35779fedb423a399e08dafe301409%7C19ed70549d9743c792b16781b6b95b68%7C0%7C0%7C638101780019086822%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=LLhcWPZpynHOcCV4RTkU3IK9s8zYatLfU3V7kpfC3Vw%3D&reserved=0)
5. More actions that can be taken in the short term (in addition to the training listed in item #2)
   1. [National Gun Violence Survivors Week](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fmomentsthatsurvive.org%2Fnational-gun-violence-survivors-week%2F&data=05%7C01%7CStateRehabilitationCouncil.RehabilitationCouncil%40dor.ca.gov%7Ccbe35779fedb423a399e08dafe301409%7C19ed70549d9743c792b16781b6b95b68%7C0%7C0%7C638101780019086822%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=Bz%2FP3mITEFaXlOsUBRdYN%2FkavScIFcVP41wU3yENMwM%3D&reserved=0), which is organized by Everytown, is the first week of February and has lots of ways to get involved, share, support, learn.
   2. There are lots of organizations that are quite active on social media that would be great places to learn and share information. We’re on twitter @UCDavisCVP and @BulletPtsProj.
   3. [Project Unloaded](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.projectunloaded.org%2F&data=05%7C01%7CStateRehabilitationCouncil.RehabilitationCouncil%40dor.ca.gov%7Ccbe35779fedb423a399e08dafe301409%7C19ed70549d9743c792b16781b6b95b68%7C0%7C0%7C638101780019086822%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=miebVKlbZTokfZRxtBjgSxCfLoT91YVPz0GPdb9ASLI%3D&reserved=0) is a campaign for teens and young adults that is working to shift cultural narratives around guns.
6. Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs): there is substantial work in this area, both academically and in practice. The following article may be a good starting point to relevant research, which argues for [youth exposure to violence involving a gun to be formally classified as an ACE](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fpubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov%2F31367930%2F&data=05%7C01%7CStateRehabilitationCouncil.RehabilitationCouncil%40dor.ca.gov%7Ccbe35779fedb423a399e08dafe301409%7C19ed70549d9743c792b16781b6b95b68%7C0%7C0%7C638101780019086822%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=jtxQK6IRWEVE0d%2BGdSqoTLwD3AbbBSL%2Bwh3fnlNzkK0%3D&reserved=0).
7. Project Unloaded has an [interactive and well-cited webpage](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.projectunloaded.org%2Fgetthefacts&data=05%7C01%7CStateRehabilitationCouncil.RehabilitationCouncil%40dor.ca.gov%7Ccbe35779fedb423a399e08dafe301409%7C19ed70549d9743c792b16781b6b95b68%7C0%7C0%7C638101780019086822%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=uv0xUqCEkzh%2FkMubzMLu%2FBb5yJ98ktHAnBJOrQoZXSs%3D&reserved=0) exploring the risks of firearms to various populations, and for people who choose to have a gun in their home, this BulletPoints page discusses [safer storage](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.bulletpointsproject.org%2Fsafe-firearm-storage-devices%2F&data=05%7C01%7CStateRehabilitationCouncil.RehabilitationCouncil%40dor.ca.gov%7Ccbe35779fedb423a399e08dafe301409%7C19ed70549d9743c792b16781b6b95b68%7C0%7C0%7C638101780019086822%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=%2BKxUKvzrxJZqLWbZgf7Hqusbb7yyntdy%2FnWaFa9DAug%3D&reserved=0).

Regarding the question: *Understanding DOR’s mission and work [helping people with disabilities get jobs], what prevention strategies from DOR might be helpful?*)

* There are a lot of opportunities to prevent violence, interrupt cycles of violence, and improve the lives of people who experience gun violence, either directly or indirectly, including DOR’s clients. DOR can identify how VR and independent living services contributes to improving lives.

Regarding the three questions below, DOR can explore, research, and identify programs at the intersection of firearm violence, trauma and occupation, career counseling, etc. that will be directly relevant to DOR’s work. Highlights from the UC Davis team and others include the following:

* *Are there particular career paths or occupations that can be particularly challenging for individuals who are affected by firearm violence, and are there any mitigation strategies for specific careers or job sectors?*
  + This is more specific than the information UC Davis has available. There has been some work done in the occupational therapy field on working with victims of gun violence, which may be relevant.

*Is there research available that makes connections between employment (getting, keeping and/or advancing with a job) and firearm violence?*

* [Social determinants of health](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.bulletpointsproject.org%2Fsocial-determinants-of-health%2F&data=05%7C01%7CStateRehabilitationCouncil.RehabilitationCouncil%40dor.ca.gov%7Ccbe35779fedb423a399e08dafe301409%7C19ed70549d9743c792b16781b6b95b68%7C0%7C0%7C638101780019086822%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=WwNtoR6HQINT57Yl6OhNGLQ%2BkjVyGpRt7j%2FEqPnolz4%3D&reserved=0) are also determinants of violence.
* Researchers found links between [rising unemployment and gun crime](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fthecrimereport.org%2F2022%2F02%2F01%2Freport-links-unemployment-with-rise-in-gun-crime-during-pandemic%2F&data=05%7C01%7CStateRehabilitationCouncil.RehabilitationCouncil%40dor.ca.gov%7Ccbe35779fedb423a399e08dafe301409%7C19ed70549d9743c792b16781b6b95b68%7C0%7C0%7C638101780019086822%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=Tr5wyzG%2B3YOJQ%2FlSkEir1tNjLy9OvapKPUMkP1L7u8k%3D&reserved=0) early in the COVID-19 pandemic.
* Health policy brief on [unemployment, behavioral health, and suicide](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.healthaffairs.org%2Fdo%2F10.1377%2Fhpb20220302.274862%2F&data=05%7C01%7CStateRehabilitationCouncil.RehabilitationCouncil%40dor.ca.gov%7Ccbe35779fedb423a399e08dafe301409%7C19ed70549d9743c792b16781b6b95b68%7C0%7C0%7C638101780019086822%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=D5i3gjQwoZlBQVtYGarhky8dHdhmoDDHDDuS7mdZRGA%3D&reserved=0) (keeping in mind that suicides account for more than half of gun deaths in the US).