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The intentionally vague language for this bill provides for a legal minefield for a firearms owner in which to understand and comply. Even under the best of intended circumstances this bill as written will put blame on the firearms owner simply for the 'could' having allowed access to firearms/ammunition even if otherwise securely stored in a CA-DOJ approved storage container. Many individuals who securely store their firearms would be felons simply for owning a tool that anyone given enough time and determination could have access too.

As well for the youth who have demonstrated their competency with a firearm would also be criminalized by this legislation. The Maryland DNR has with public input opened more hunting opportunities for all ages with an emphasis on youth to encourage more taking of game animals because there are too many in the state. This legislation continues to allow youth access to a firearm under very narrow circumstances. However those circumstances are contradicting and could lead to confusion and unintended violation of the law as this bill is currently written.

This bill as written is Unfavorable.