



Support a North Carolina NICS Improvement Bill

WHAT is a NICS Improvement Bill?

Both the Virginia Tech shooter and the North Illinois University shooter had mental health records that could have prevented them from purchasing a weapon. Unfortunately, neither of their records were uploaded into the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS) which runs background checks for gun purchases. The Federal NICS Improvement Act passed this year encouraged states to share records that would disqualify dangerous individuals from purchasing a weapon. However without a state law North Carolina still lacks the resources and system needed to enter this life saving information into the database.

WHO would this law affect?

Currently anyone who purchases a gun from a dealer must pass a criminal background check. This law would better prevent criminals, domestic violence abusers, and the dangerous mentally ill from having access to guns. The background check is completely **confidential** the person's record are only made available to federal agencies, the gun dealer does not see anyone's personal information.

HOW can I help?

Attorney General Roy Cooper and the Campus Safety Task Force have recommended a state NICS Improvement Bill. Without support this bill may never be drafted or this crucial piece of legislation may be delayed, putting us at continued risk for a tragedy.

Take These Steps to Help Pass This Bill

1. Call or Write Attorney General Roy Cooper—Thank him for his support and tell him you want the NICS Improvement Bill introduced THIS year

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2. Call or Write Your Legislator—Let them know you support sensible gun legislation that can save lives
3. Write a letter to your local paper, in support of legislation that keeps weapons out of the hands of dangerous individuals

For more information contact us at 919.403.7665 or ncgv@ncgv.org