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**Representative Hinson Files House Bill 419: Storage of
Firearms in Private Conveyances and Vessels**

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – State Representative Yvonne Hinson (D-Gainesville) filed [HB 419](#) for the 2024 Legislative Session. This bill prohibits storage of firearms in unoccupied private conveyances and vessels unless done so in specified manner. It also requires local law enforcement agencies to engage in a promotional campaign.

During the 2023 session, **Representative Hinson** met with **Governor DeSantis'** staff, **Speaker Renner**, and **Criminal Justice Subcommittee Chair Representative Truenow** to ensure this bill would have bipartisan support, since this bill would also address the increase in youth shootings that have occurred in both **Speaker Renner** and **Chair Truenow's** districts.

This bill was influenced by the repeated deaths of teenagers killing each other with guns in District 21. It has now fast become a statewide epidemic. In 2023, **Representative Hinson** met with law enforcement of both Alachua and Marion counties to investigate the root cause of these tragedies. The evidence showed that a significant percentage of those killed had acquired the firearms from vehicles that had been left unattended with an unsecured firearm inside.

With the help from local law enforcement, **Representative Hinson** drafted this bill that is designed to protect our youth from gun violence while preserving constitutional rights.

“I have worked on this issue for two years. It has had a devastating effect on my community, but law enforcement and elected officials believe this would help alleviate the problem. I am passionate about this cause and have been working diligently with our stakeholders to ensure this bill reflects the needs of Floridians. I want to express how committed I am to bring awareness to the issues concerning gun violence. It is an uphill battle, but I still see a ray of hope in this dark tunnel we have found ourselves in,” said **Representative Hinson**.

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