



101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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HB3825

by Rep. Allen Skillicorn

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

New Act

Creates the Firearm Safety Curriculum Act. Provides that, beginning with the 2020-2021 school year, each school district may include in its curriculum a unit of instruction on firearm safety and accident prevention for all students in the first grade; specifies what the course must include. Provides that each student who attends the course must be tested on the curriculum after completion of the course and must be given educational materials to take home to his or her parent or guardian. Provides that if a school district offers the course, it must provide written or electronic notice of the course to each parent or guardian of a student in first grade no later than 7 days before the course is scheduled to occur. Provides that a parent or guardian may elect, through written or electronic communication, to have his or her child not attend the course. Effective July 1, 2020.

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1 AN ACT concerning education.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the
5 Firearm Safety Curriculum Act.

6 Section 5. Definition. In this Act, "school district" means
7 any school district or charter school governed by the School
8 Code.

9 Section 10. Firearm safety and accident prevention course.

10 (a) Beginning with the 2020-2021 school year, each school
11 district may include in its curriculum a unit of instruction on
12 firearm safety and accident prevention for all students in the
13 first grade. The unit of instruction may be offered each school
14 year and, if offered, must be at least 30 minutes in duration.
15 The course may be offered during recess to enable students who
16 are not participating in the course to leave the classroom.

17 (b) If a school district offers a unit of instruction under
18 this Section, the course must be taught by an instructor
19 certified under Section 80 of the Firearm Concealed Carry Act
20 and licensed under Article 21B of the School Code. The unit of
21 instruction must include all of the following:

22 (1) The proper steps a student must take upon

1 encountering an unsecured firearm.

2 (2) The differences between video game violence and
3 real-life violence.

4 (3) The dangers of confusing toy guns and real guns.

5 (4) An anti-bullying component that emphasizes
6 de-escalation and adult intervention.

7 Instruction for the course must be nonpolitical and may not
8 encourage or discourage possession or ownership of firearms. At
9 no time may any real firearm or live ammunition be used or
10 possessed during the course. Each student who attends the
11 course must be tested on the curriculum after completion of the
12 course. A student who attends the course must be given
13 educational materials to take home to his or her parent or
14 guardian. The educational materials must address the
15 importance of repeatedly thinking about firearm safety and
16 accident prevention and safe storage practices for firearms in
17 the home.

18 (c) A school district that offers a unit of instruction
19 under this Section must provide written or electronic notice of
20 the course to each parent or guardian of a student in first
21 grade no later than 7 days before the course is scheduled to
22 occur. A parent or guardian may elect, through written or
23 electronic communication, to have his or her child not attend
24 the course and may request a copy of the educational materials
25 provided to students who attend the course under subsection
26 (b).

1 Section 90. Rules. The State Board of Education may adopt
2 rules to implement this Act.

3 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect July 1,
4 2020.