

House File 791 - Introduced

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BY COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY

(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 200)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to firearm safety instruction in school
2 districts.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 256.9, Code 2025, is amended by adding the
2 following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 69. a. By July 1, 2026, develop and
4 distribute to all school districts an age-appropriate model
5 program for firearm safety instruction for students enrolled
6 in kindergarten through grade twelve. The model program for
7 students enrolled in kindergarten through grade six shall be
8 based on the eddie eagle gunsafe program developed by the
9 national rifle association. The model program for students
10 enrolled in grades seven through twelve shall be based on
11 the hunter education course developed by the national rifle
12 association and, if adopted by a school district, would satisfy
13 the school district's responsibilities under section 279.50B.

14 b. School districts are encouraged to implement the model
15 program for students enrolled in kindergarten through grade six
16 developed pursuant to paragraph "a".

17 Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. **279.50B Firearm safety instruction.**

18 Commencing with the school year beginning July 1, 2026,
19 the board of directors of each school district shall offer or
20 make available an approved firearm safety instruction course to
21 all students enrolled in the school district in grades seven
22 through twelve and all students enrolled in grades seven through
23 twelve attending a nonpublic school in the school district. An
24 instructor for an approved firearm safety instruction course is
25 not required to be a teacher licensed by the board of educational
26 examiners. School districts may offer courses at sites that
27 are not located on school district property, including nonpublic
28 school facilities within the school district. An approved course
29 offered during the summer months, on Saturdays, after regular
30 school hours during the regular terms or partly in one term
31 or summer vacation period and partly in the succeeding term or
32 summer vacation period, as the case may be, shall satisfy the
33 requirements of this section to the same extent as an approved
34 course offered during the regular school hours of the school
35 calendar.

1 course offered during the summer months, on Saturdays, after
2 regular school hours during the regular terms or partly in one
3 term or summer vacation period and partly in the succeeding term
4 or summer vacation period shall satisfy the bill's requirements.

5 The bill may include a state mandate as defined in Code
6 section 25B.3. The bill requires that the state cost of
7 any state mandate included in the bill be paid by a school
8 district from state school foundation aid received by the
9 school district under Code section 257.16. The specification
10 is deemed to constitute state compliance with any state
11 mandate funding-related requirements of Code section 25B.2. The
12 inclusion of this specification is intended to reinstate the
13 requirement of political subdivisions to comply with any state
14 mandates included in the bill.

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