

# House Study Bill 200 - Introduced

HOUSE FILE \_\_\_\_\_

BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC  
SAFETY BILL BY CHAIRPERSON  
VONDRAN)

## 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     Sec. 3. STATE MANDATE FUNDING SPECIFIED. In accordance with  
2 section 25B.2, subsection 3, the state cost of requiring  
3 compliance with any state mandate included in this Act shall  
4 be paid by a school district from state school foundation aid  
5 received by the school district under section 257.16. This  
6 specification of the payment of the state cost shall be deemed  
7 to meet all of the state funding-related requirements of section  
8 25B.2, subsection 3, and no additional state funding shall  
9 be necessary for the full implementation of this Act by and  
10 enforcement of this Act against all affected school districts.

11                                   EXPLANATION

12                   The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
13                   the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

14     This bill relates to firearm safety instruction in school  
15 districts.

16     The bill requires the director of the department of  
17 education to develop and distribute to all school districts an  
18 age-appropriate model program for firearm instruction for pupils  
19 enrolled in kindergarten through grade 12 by July 1, 2026.  
20 The model program for students enrolled in grades kindergarten  
21 through six is required to be based on the eddie eagle gunsafe  
22 program, and the model program for students enrolled in grades 7  
23 through 12 is required to be based on the hunter education course  
24 developed by the national rifle association.

25     Commencing with the school year beginning July 1, 2026,  
26 the bill requires school districts to offer or make available  
27 an approved firearm safety instruction course to all students  
28 enrolled in the school district in grades 7 through 12 and all  
29 students enrolled in grades 7 through 12 attending a nonpublic  
30 school in the school district. The bill provides that an  
31 instructor for an approved firearm safety instruction course is  
32 not required to be a teacher licensed by the board of educational  
33 examiners. The bill authorizes school districts to offer firearm  
34 safety instruction courses at sites that are not located on  
35 school district property. The bill provides that an approved

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.