

2015 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 446

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Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

CURRICULA: Authorizes firearm accident prevention and safety instruction for elementary school students

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 17:282.5, relative to permitted courses of study; to authorize each city, parish,
3 and other local public school board to provide classroom instruction regarding
4 firearm accident prevention and safety to elementary school students; and to provide
5 for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 17:282.5 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 §282.5. Firearm accident prevention and safety education; authorized instruction

9 Each city, parish, and other local public school board may provide age and
10 grade appropriate classroom instruction regarding firearm accident prevention and
11 safety to elementary school students. Such instruction shall be integrated into an
12 existing course of study, and the purpose of such instruction shall be to promote the
13 protection and safety of children. Furthermore, such instruction may adopt or be
14 based on the Eddie Eagle gunsafe accident prevention program developed by the
15 National Rifle Association. The school board shall determine the timing and
16 duration of such instruction.

DIGEST

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HB 446 Engrossed

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Abstract: Authorizes each city, parish, and other local public school board to provide classroom instruction regarding firearm accident prevention and safety to elementary school students.

Present law provides with respect to permitted courses of study for elementary and secondary school students.

Proposed law permits each city, parish, and other local public school board to provide age and grade appropriate classroom instruction regarding firearm accident prevention and safety to elementary school students. Requires that such instruction be integrated into an existing course of study, and specifies that the purpose of such instruction shall be to promote the protection and safety of children. Provides that such instruction may adopt or be based on the Eddie Eagle gun safe accident prevention program developed by the National Rifle Assoc.

Requires the school board to determine the timing and duration of the instruction.

(Adds R.S. 17:282.5)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Education to the original bill:

1. Authorize instead of requiring firearm accident prevention and safety instruction in elementary schools.
2. Change the content of the instruction from "firearm familiarity and safety" to "firearm accident prevention and safety".
3. Provide that the instruction may adopt or be based on the Eddie Eagle program instead of requiring that it do so.
4. Add requirement that the school board determine the timing and duration of the instruction.