

SENATE BILL NO. 58

February 04, 2025, Introduced by Senators BUMSTEAD, OUTMAN, SHINK, CHERRY, CHANG, HOITENGA, HAUCK and DAMOOSE and referred to Committee on Education.

A bill to amend 1976 PA 451, entitled
"The revised school code,"
(MCL 380.1 to 380.1852) by adding section 1163a.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 1163a. (1) By not later than June 1, 2025, the
2 department, in consultation with the department of natural
3 resources, shall adopt and make available to schools a model
4 program of firearm safety instruction for students in grades 6 to
5 12. The instruction must be not less than 10 hours in duration,
6 must comply with the requirements of the safe firearm handling
7 course provided by the department of natural resources under

1 section 43543 of the natural resources and environmental protection
2 act, 1994 PA 451, MCL 324.43543, and must be taught by an
3 individual who has been certified as a hunter education instructor
4 by the department of natural resources. The firearm safety
5 instruction must include, but is not limited to, the following
6 topics:

- 7 (a) Proper usage and handling of firearms.
 - 8 (b) Safe cleaning and maintenance of firearms.
 - 9 (c) Different types of firearms.
 - 10 (d) Safe hunting practices.
 - 11 (e) Proper storage of firearms and ammunition.
- 12 (2) Firearms or ammunition must not be brought into a school
13 building as part of the firearm safety instruction.
- 14 (3) The board of a school district or intermediate school
15 district or board of directors of a public school academy may
16 provide the firearm safety instruction as an optional
17 extracurricular class for any pupil in grades 6 to 12 in the school
18 district, intermediate school district, or public school academy,
19 or may provide the firearm safety instruction as part of an
20 existing course for the purpose of teaching self-expression and
21 enjoyment of recreational activity.
- 22 (4) Upon request from a pupil or the pupil's parent or legal
23 guardian, the pupil must be excused, without penalty or loss of
24 academic credit, from attending the firearm safety instruction.
- 25 (5) A pupil who completes the firearm safety instruction is
26 considered to have completed the hunter safety course required to
27 obtain a hunting license under section 43520 of the natural
28 resources and environmental protection act, 1994 PA 451, MCL
29 324.43520.