

~~with certain local agencies entities; authorizing a county board to implement a supplemental firearms accident prevention program; making a stylistic change; prohibiting the display or handling of ammunition or firearms in certain programs under certain circumstances; authorizing the display or handling of ammunition or firearms in certain programs under certain circumstances; and generally relating to a firearms accident prevention program the firearms safety and accident prevention education program in public schools in the State.~~

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Education

Section 2-205(h)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1999 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Education

Section 7-411.1

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1999 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

Preamble

WHEREAS, It is in the vital interests of the State of Maryland to prevent the loss of children's lives to firearms accidents; and

WHEREAS, It is necessary to teach children that a gun is not a toy and what they should do if they happen on an accessible firearm; and

~~WHEREAS, The Eddie Eagle GunSafe Program has taught gun safety to 15 million children of all grade levels free of charge through more than 20,000 school systems, law enforcement agencies, and civic groups in all 50 states, Canada, and Puerto Rico; and~~

~~WHEREAS, In 1996 the Youth Activities Division of the National Safety Council, a nonprofit, nongovernmental, international public service organization dedicated to improving the safety, health, and environmental well-being of all people, awarded its Award of Merit to the Eddie Eagle GunSafe Program for its efforts to "promote safety and health, save lives, lessen injury and reduce economic loss"; and~~

~~WHEREAS, The American Legion in 1995 presented the Eddie Eagle GunSafe Program with its National Education Award, and in 1994 passed a resolution recognizing the importance of the Program and encouraging its posts to introduce the Program to local schools and law enforcement agencies; and~~

~~WHEREAS, In 1994 the National School Public Relations Association presented the Eddie Eagle GunSafe Program with its Golden Achievement Award; and~~

~~WHEREAS, The National Association of School Safety and Law Enforcement Officers, a nonprofit organization that is dedicated to ensuring safe learning environments and that provides national leadership in the effort to curb violence,~~