

PREVENTION PROGRAM, TO BE IMPLEMENTED BY EACH COUNTY BOARD, THAT INCLUDES AS OPTIONS A PROGRAM DEVELOPED OR ADOPTED BY A COUNTY BOARD CONSISTENT WITH THE POLICY AND GUIDELINES, THE "EDDIE EAGLE GUNSAFE PROGRAM", THE "IN A FLASH" PROGRAM, AND THE "STAR" PROGRAM, AND THAT:

(I) FOR STUDENTS IN KINDERGARTEN THROUGH GRADE 12 TO BE IMPLEMENTED BY EACH COUNTY BOARD, 6, ADDRESSES FIREARM SAFETY AND ACCIDENT PREVENTION; AND

(II) FOR STUDENTS IN GRADE 7 THROUGH GRADE 12, ADDRESSES FIREARM SAFETY AND ACCIDENT PREVENTION OR HUNTER SAFETY, OR BOTH.

(III) THE PROGRAM OF INSTRUCTION FOR A FIREARMS ACCIDENT PREVENTION PROGRAM ESTABLISHED UNDER THIS PARAGRAPH SHALL INCORPORATE THE NATIONAL EDDIE EAGLE GUNSAFE PROGRAM.

7-411.1.

(A) EACH COUNTY BOARD SHALL DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT A PROGRAM OF INSTRUCTION FOR A FIREARMS FIREARMS SAFETY AND ACCIDENT PREVENTION PROGRAM OR HUNTER SAFETY THAT IS APPROPRIATE FOR THE STUDENTS IN ITS PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND THAT IS CONSISTENT WITH THE POLICY AND GUIDELINES ESTABLISHED BY THE STATE BOARD UNDER § 2-205(H)(4) OF THIS ARTICLE.

(B) A COUNTY BOARD MAY IMPLEMENT THE PROGRAM IN CONJUNCTION WITH A STATE OR LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY, ANOTHER ENTITY OF STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT, OR A COMMUNITY OR CIVIC ORGANIZATION.

(C) A COUNTY BOARD MAY IMPLEMENT AN ADDITIONAL FIREARMS ACCIDENT PREVENTION PROGRAM THAT SUPPLEMENTS THE PROGRAM ESTABLISHED BY THE STATE BOARD.

(C) THE FIREARMS SAFETY AND ACCIDENT PREVENTION OR HUNTER SAFETY PROGRAM IMPLEMENTED BY A COUNTY BOARD UNDER THIS SECTION:

(1) MAY NOT INVOLVE THE DISPLAY OR HANDLING OF AMMUNITION OR AN ACTUAL HANDGUN, RIFLE, SHOTGUN, OR OTHER FIREARM ON SCHOOL PREMISES; AND

(2) FOR STUDENTS IN GRADES 7 THROUGH 12, MAY INVOLVE THE DISPLAY AND HANDLING OF AMMUNITION AND AN ACTUAL HANDGUN, RIFLE, SHOTGUN, OR OTHER FIREARM AT AN ESTABLISHED SPORT SHOOTING RANGE.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2001.

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The Honorable Casper R. Taylor, Jr.
Speaker of the House
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