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A Bill

SENATE BILL 161

4
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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO ALLOW A PUBLIC SCHOOL OR A PUBLIC SCHOOL
9 DISTRICT TO OFFER A HUNTING SAFETY COURSE AS PART OF
10 ITS CURRICULUM; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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13 TO ALLOW A PUBLIC SCHOOL OR A PUBLIC
14 SCHOOL DISTRICT TO OFFER A HUNTING SAFETY
15 COURSE AS PART OF ITS CURRICULUM.
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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21 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 16, Subchapter 1, is amended
22 to add an additional section to read as follows:

23 6-16-152. Hunting safety course.

24 (a)(1) A public school or public school district may offer to its
25 public school students in grades five through twelve (5-12) a hunting safety
26 course as part of the public school or public school district's curriculum.

27 (2) For public school students in grades nine through twelve (9-
28 12), a hunting safety course under this section may count towards the
29 required one-half (1/2) unit of physical education required for high school
30 graduation.

31 (b) A hunting safety course offered by a public school or public
32 school district shall:

33 (1) Be based on the hunter training and safety program offered
34 by the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission under § 15-43-238; and

35 (2) Be taught by an individual who meets the qualifications the
36 commission requires individuals to meet in order to teach a hunting training



1 and safety program offered by the commission.

2 (c)(1) A public school or public school district that offers a hunting
3 safety course under this section may use an operable firearm as part of the
4 hunting safety course.

5 (2) A "firearm" under subdivision (c)(1) of this section means
6 the same as defined in § 5-1-102(6).

7 (d) The Division of Elementary and Secondary Education shall provide a
8 list of source materials available for public schools and public school
9 districts to use to teach a hunting safety course under this section, which
10 may include without limitation the following topics:

11 (1) Firearm safety;

12 (2) The proper handling of a firearm; and

13 (3) Hunting techniques.

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