

**SUBSTITUTE FOR  
HOUSE BILL NO. 4285**

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 September 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 comply with the requirements of the safe**  
6       **firearm handling course provided by the department of natural**  
7       **resources under section 43543 of the natural resources and**  
8       **environmental protection act, 1994 PA 451, MCL 324.43543, and must**  
9       **be taught by an individual who has been certified as a hunter**

1 education instructor by the department of natural resources. The  
2 firearm safety instruction must include, but is not limited to, the  
3 following topics:

- 4 (a) Proper usage and handling of firearms.
- 5 (b) Safe cleaning and maintenance of firearms.
- 6 (c) Different types of firearms.
- 7 (d) Safe hunting practices.

8 (2) Firearms or ammunition must not be brought into a school  
9 building as part of the firearm safety instruction.

10 (3) The board of a school district or intermediate school  
11 district or board of directors of a public school academy may  
12 provide the firearm safety instruction as an optional  
13 extracurricular class for any pupil in grades 6 to 12 in the school  
14 district, intermediate school district, or public school academy,  
15 or may provide the firearm safety instruction as part of an  
16 existing course for the purpose of teaching self-expression and  
17 enjoyment of recreational activity.

18 (4) Upon request from a pupil or the pupil's parent or legal  
19 guardian, the pupil must be excused, without penalty or loss of  
20 academic credit, from attending the firearm safety instruction.

21 (5) A pupil who completes the firearm safety instruction is  
22 considered to have completed the hunter safety course required to  
23 obtain a hunting license under section 43520 of the natural  
24 resources and environmental protection act, 1994 PA 451, MCL  
25 324.43520.