

HOUSE BILL NO. 4285

March 25, 2025, Introduced by Reps. VanderWall, Borton, Fairbairn, BeGole, Pavlov, Beson, McFall, Steele, Tisdell, Kuhn, Fox, Jenkins-Arno, Wortz, Martin, Neyer, Prestin, Bohnak, Cavitt, Markkanen, Schriver, Bierlein, Alexander, Hoadley, Mueller, DeSana, Rigas, Wozniak, Bruck, Kunse, DeBoyer, Greene, Johnsen, Outman, Aragona, Harris, Green, Young, Woolford, VanWoerkom, Steckloff, Conlin, Brixie, O'Neal, Slagh, Thompson and Linting and referred to Committee on Natural Resources and Tourism.

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 8 hours in duration, must
6 comply with the requirements of the safe firearm handling course
7 provided by the department of natural resources under section 43543

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

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

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

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

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

23 (5) A pupil who completes the firearm safety instruction is
24 considered to have completed the hunter safety course required to
25 obtain a hunting license under section 43520 of the natural
26 resources and environmental protection act, 1994 PA 451, MCL
27 324.43520.