

HB 1295 -- FIREARM SAFETY INSTRUCTION

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This bill requires schools to offer instructions on hunter safety with a firearm safety component as a required part of sixth, seventh, or eighth grade physical education courses, beginning in school year 2021-22.

The bill allows high schools to offer at least one elective physical education course that includes firearm safety instruction with a qualified firearm safety instructor.

This bill requires school districts beginning in the school year 2021-22 to teach in first grade a gun safe program as specified in Section 171.410, RSMo.

A student shall not be required to participate in any hunter safety instruction or gun safe program if the student or the student's parent or legal guardian has any objection to such instruction.

This bill is similar to HCS HB 572 (2019).