

## HOUSE BILL No. 2049

By Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources

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9 AN ACT concerning the hunter safety orientation programs in schools.  
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11 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*  
12 Section 1. (a) The Legislature finds that:  
13 (1) Firearms and hunting are important elements of the history, cul-  
14 ture and economy of the state of Kansas;  
15 (2) the use of firearms while hunting or at any other time can be  
16 dangerous when the firearms are not handled in a careful and safe man-  
17 ner; and  
18 (3) the opportunity of participating in a hunter safety orientation pro-  
19 gram should be offered to students in certain grades.  
20 (b) The state board of education, in consultation with the secretary  
21 of the department of wildlife and parks, shall develop a hunter safety  
22 orientation program for use in accredited schools of this state. The com-  
23 ponents of a hunter safety orientation program shall include, but not be  
24 limited to, instruction relating to:  
25 (1) The protection of lives and property against loss or damage as a  
26 result of the improper use of firearms;  
27 (2) the proper use of firearms in hunting and sport competition; and  
28 (3) the care and safety of firearms in the home.  
29 (c) The state board of education shall develop a curriculum, materials  
30 and guidelines that local boards of education and governing authorities  
31 of accredited nonpublic schools may use in implementing the program of  
32 instruction on hunter safety. School districts also may use materials pre-  
33 pared by any national nonprofit membership organization which has as  
34 one of its purposes the training of people in marksmanship and the safe  
35 handling and use of firearms.  
36 (d) Hunter safety orientation programs shall be conducted by an in-  
37 structor certified by the secretary of the department of wildlife and parks  
38 or who has other training necessary to conduct the program as deter-  
39 mined by the state board.  
40 (e) Hunter safety orientation programs may be offered to students in  
41 any of the grades six through twelve over a two-week period during the  
42 school year as part of physical education classes, or as part of the general  
43 curriculum offered to students in such grades or at the end of the school

1 day, as determined by the board of education of the school district or the  
2 governing authority of the accredited nonpublic school.

3 (f) Participation in hunter safety orientation programs is voluntary to  
4 students and any student may choose not to participate in the program.  
5 If a student chooses not to participate in the program, the student shall  
6 participate in another educational activity if the program is offered during  
7 regular school hours.

8 (g) Nothing in this section shall be construed to require a school  
9 district to provide a hunter safety orientation program if there is not  
10 sufficient student interest in the program, as determined by the school  
11 district or if a certified instructor is not available to provide instruction.

12 (h) The school district shall issue a certificate to any student who  
13 successfully completes the hunter safety orientation program.

14 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its  
15 publication in the statute book.