

MEMORANDUM

To: House Committee on Federal and State Affairs

From: Mike Heim

Date: Feb. 6, 2025

Subject: HB 2104—Summary

HB 2104 authorizes school districts to provide firearms safety programs for the purposes of promoting the safety and protection of students and emphasizing how students should respond when encountering a firearm.

The State Board of Education would be required to establish curriculum guidelines for a standardized firearm safety education program. The guidelines would include accident prevention.

For students enrolled in kindergarten and grades one through five, the curriculum would be based on the “Eddie Eagle Gunsafe Program” offered by the National Rifle Association. For grades six through eight, the curriculum would be based on the “Eddie Eagle Gunsafe Program” or the “Hunter Education in Our Schools Program” offered by the Department of Wildlife and Parks.

For grades nine through 12, the curriculum would be based on the “Hunter Education in Our Schools Program.”

If a local board of education elects to provide firearm safety education, the instruction would be required to be in accordance with the guidelines established by the State Board of Education. The local board of education would be required to ensure that all students are provided with the opportunity to take the course.

