



**Written neutral testimony**

**Senate Federal and State Affairs Committee**

**on**

**SB 116, standardizing firearms safety programs in school districts.**

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**Chairman, Members of the Committee:**

As we understand SB 116, it allows school boards the option of providing firearm safety education programs.

The legislation says that the State Board of Education will establish curriculum guidelines for a standardized firearm safety education program.

For students in kindergarten to 5th grade, the curriculum would be based on the “Eddie Eagle Gunsafe Program” offered by the National Rifle Association. For grades 6-8, the curriculum would be based on the “Eddie Eagle Gunsafe Program,” or the “Hunter Education in our Schools Program” offered by the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks. For grades 9-12, the curriculum would be based on the “Hunter Education in Our Schools Program.”

If a local board of education elected to provide firearm safety education, such instruction shall be in accordance with the guidelines established by the State Board of Education and shall be offered to ensure that all students are provided the opportunity to take the course.

As we understand the bill, it leaves the decision to local boards on whether to offer these courses.

Thank you

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