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HOUSE BILL No. 2304

By Committee on Federal and State Affairs

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AN ACT concerning education; relating to firearms; standardizing firearm 1 2 safety education training programs in school districts.

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4 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:

5 Section 1. (a) For the purposes of promoting the safety and protection 6 of students and emphasizing how students should respond when 7 encountering a firearm, the board of education of a school district may provide firearm safety education programs. The state board of education 8 9 shall establish curriculum guidelines for a standardized firearm safety 10 education program. Such guidelines shall include, but not be limited to, 11 accident prevention and, for students enrolled in:

12 (1) Kindergarten and grades one through five, shall be based on the 13 eddie eagle gunsafe program offered by the national rifle association or 14 any successor program;

15 (2) grades six through eight, shall be based on the eddie eagle gunsafe program offered by the national rifle association or any successor program 16 or the hunter education in our schools program offered by the Kansas 17 department of wildlife and parks or any successor program; and 18

19 (3) grades nine through 12, shall be based on the hunter education in 20 our schools program offered by the Kansas department of wildlife and 21 parks or any successor program.

22 (b) If a board of education elects to provide firearm safety education, 23 such instruction shall be in accordance with the guidelines established by 24 the state board of education and shall be offered to ensure that all students 25 are provided the opportunity to take the course.

26 Sec 2 This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its 27 publication in the statute book.