

BY: Committee on Ways and Means

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 124  
(Third Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 2, strike “John Joseph Price Gun Safety” and substitute “Education - Public Schools - Firearms Safety and Accident Prevention”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, strike beginning with “creating” in line 3 down through “curriculum” in line 5, and substitute “requiring the State Board of Education to establish policy and guidelines for a certain firearms safety and accident prevention program for certain students to be implemented by each county board of education; requiring each county board to implement the program; authorizing a county board to implement the program in conjunction with certain entities; making a stylistic change; prohibiting the display or handling of ammunition or firearms in certain programs under certain circumstances; authorizing the display or handling of ammunition or firearms in certain programs under certain circumstances”; in line 6, strike “a gun safety” and substitute “the firearms safety and accident prevention”; and in the same line, after “program” insert “in public schools in the State”.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, strike in their entirety lines 7 through 11, inclusive, and substitute:

“BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Education

Section 2-205(h)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1999 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article - Education

Section 7-411.1

(Over)

Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1999 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)".

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 1, after line 11, insert:

"Preamble

WHEREAS, It is in the vital interests of the State of Maryland to prevent the loss of children's lives to firearms accidents; and

WHEREAS, It is necessary to teach children that a gun is not a toy and what they should do if they happen on an accessible firearm; and

WHEREAS, A number of youth in Maryland have been the unfortunate and tragic victims of firearms accidents over the years; and

WHEREAS, Firearms safety and accident avoidance programs, including the "Eddie Eagle GunSafe Program", the "In a Flash" program, and the "STAR" program, have been developed and taught to children across America by school systems, law enforcement agencies, civic and community groups, and other organizations, specifically to prevent accidental deaths from firearms; now, therefore,".

On pages 1 and 2, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 15 on page 1 through line 12 on page 2, inclusive, and substitute:

"2-205.

(h) (1) With the advice of the State Superintendent, the State Board shall establish basic policy and guidelines for the program of instruction for the public schools.

(2) The policy and guidelines shall be printed in sufficient quantities to provide copies to:

(i) Public school officials and teachers;

(ii) Private schools; and

(iii) Interested citizens of this State.

(3) The State Board [of Education] shall require the establishment of criteria in each county for the selection of applicants for enrollment in public secondary school career and technology education programs. Enrollment criteria developed for this purpose shall ensure equal access to programs.

(4) THE STATE BOARD SHALL ESTABLISH POLICY AND GUIDELINES FOR A PROGRAM OF INSTRUCTION FOR FIREARMS SAFETY AND ACCIDENT PREVENTION, TO BE IMPLEMENTED BY EACH COUNTY BOARD, THAT INCLUDES AS OPTIONS A PROGRAM DEVELOPED OR ADOPTED BY A COUNTY BOARD CONSISTENT WITH THE POLICY AND GUIDELINES, THE “EDDIE EAGLE GUNSAFE PROGRAM”, THE “IN A FLASH” PROGRAM, AND THE “STAR” PROGRAM, AND THAT:

(I) FOR STUDENTS IN KINDERGARTEN THROUGH GRADE 6, ADDRESSES FIREARMS SAFETY AND ACCIDENT PREVENTION; AND

(II) FOR STUDENTS IN GRADE 7 THROUGH GRADE 12, ADDRESSES FIREARMS SAFETY AND ACCIDENT PREVENTION OR HUNTER SAFETY, OR BOTH.

7-411.1.

(A) EACH COUNTY BOARD SHALL DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT A PROGRAM OF INSTRUCTION FOR FIREARMS SAFETY AND ACCIDENT PREVENTION OR HUNTER SAFETY THAT IS APPROPRIATE FOR THE STUDENTS IN ITS PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND THAT IS CONSISTENT WITH THE POLICY AND GUIDELINES ESTABLISHED BY THE STATE BOARD UNDER § 2-205(H)(4) OF THIS ARTICLE.

(B) A COUNTY BOARD MAY IMPLEMENT THE PROGRAM IN CONJUNCTION WITH A STATE OR LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY, ANOTHER ENTITY OF STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT, OR A COMMUNITY OR CIVIC ORGANIZATION.

(Over)

(C) THE FIREARMS SAFETY AND ACCIDENT PREVENTION OR HUNTER SAFETY PROGRAM IMPLEMENTED BY A COUNTY BOARD UNDER THIS SECTION:

(1) MAY NOT INVOLVE THE DISPLAY OR HANDLING OF AMMUNITION OR AN ACTUAL HANDGUN, RIFLE, SHOTGUN, OR OTHER FIREARM ON SCHOOL PREMISES; AND

(2) FOR STUDENTS IN GRADES 7 THROUGH 12, MAY INVOLVE THE DISPLAY AND HANDLING OF AMMUNITION AND AN ACTUAL HANDGUN, RIFLE, SHOTGUN, OR OTHER FIREARM AT AN ESTABLISHED SPORT SHOOTING RANGE.”;

and in line 14, strike “October” and substitute “July”.