103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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SB1729

Introduced 2/9/2023, by Sen. Neil Anderson

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

105 ILCS 5/27-23.17 new

Amends the School Code. Provides that a school district may offer a firearm safety training course to students in grades 9 through 12, which may include instruction on hunting safety. Provides that if a school district offers the course, a student may not be required to take the course. Provides that if a school board intends to offer a firearm safety training course, it must develop a policy to implement the course and must publish that policy on the district's website.

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AN ACT concerning education.

2 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, 3 represented in the General Assembly:

Section 5. The School Code is amended by adding Section
27-23.17 as follows:

(105 ILCS 5/27-23.17 new) 6 7 Sec. 27-23.17. Firearm safety training course. (a) In this Section "firearm" and "firearm ammunition" 8 9 have the meanings given to those terms under Section 1.1 of the Firearm Owners Identification Card Act. 10 (b) A school district may offer a firearm safety training 11 course to students in grades 9 through 12, which may include 12 instruction on hunting safety. If a school district offers the 13 14 course, a student may not be required to take the course. Any firearm that is operable or any firearm ammunition that is 15 16 live may not be present during the course instruction. (c) If a school board intends to offer a firearm safety 17 training course under this Section, it must develop a policy 18 19 to implement the course and must publish that policy on the

20 <u>district's website.</u>