

1 AN ACT concerning education.

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

4 Section 5. The School Code is amended by adding Section  
5 2-3.142 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/2-3.142 new)

7 Sec. 2-3.142. Weapons safety program.

8 (a) Subject to appropriation, the State Board of Education  
9 shall, in cooperation with the Department of State Police,  
10 develop a weapons safety program designed to protect children  
11 from the risk of gun-related death and injury. The program must  
12 be designed to teach children to follow an effective safety  
13 procedure when they are exposed to a gun and shall specifically  
14 warn children that contact with guns can result in serious  
15 injury or death. The State Board of Education shall seek the  
16 guidance of a national organization offering gun safety courses  
17 and materials in developing the weapons safety program.

18 (b) A school district may incorporate the weapons safety  
19 program into its curriculum.

20 (c) The State Board of Education shall submit a report to  
21 the Governor and the General Assembly as to the status of the  
22 program no later than January 1, 2009.