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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 590

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend Senate Bill 590 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The School Code is amended by adding Section
5 27-17.5 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/27-17.5 new)

7 Sec. 27-17.5. Firearm safety education program.

8 (a) School boards may provide firearm safety education
9 programs for students in the elementary school grades. To
10 assist school boards electing to provide firearm safety
11 education programs, the State Board of Education shall
12 establish curriculum guidelines for a standardized program of
13 firearm safety education in the public schools. The curriculum
14 guidelines shall incorporate, among other principles of
15 firearm safety, accident prevention and the rules upon which
16 the Eddie Eagle GunSafe Program offered by the National Rifle

1 Association of America is based. School boards electing to
2 provide firearm safety education programs shall offer
3 instruction pursuant to the State Board's curriculum
4 guidelines and shall integrate firearm safety education into
5 appropriate subject areas, if feasible, to ensure that every
6 elementary school student completes the course of study in
7 firearm safety education.

8 (b) The curriculum guidelines established by the State
9 Board of Education under subsection (a) of this Section shall
10 provide background information on gun use and the consequences
11 from the misuse of guns in our country and in this State. This
12 information is intended to enhance the instructor's
13 understanding of the context for facilitating the curriculum
14 lessons.

15 (c) The curriculum under this Section must be designed as a
16 single unit of instruction for each grade. In developing the
17 curriculum:

18 (1) Background information, lesson guidelines and
19 plans, suggested scripts for teachers with discussion
20 points, and student materials must be a part of each
21 lesson.

22 (2) Lessons must be aligned with specific Illinois
23 standards of learning for each grade.

24 (3) Instructors must be provided general suggestions
25 for using teachable-moment opportunities. These
26 suggestions may include expanding students' understanding

1 of the difference and similarities between real and toy
2 guns, unintended consequences, and an introduction to the
3 student code of conduct and gun offenses.

4 (4) The consequences of gun violence and personal
5 responsibility for gun safety in the community must be
6 introduced.

7 (5) In each lesson, a character (to be created by local
8 youth) must be present as a safety mascot. This character
9 must be used to reinforce the message that if a student
10 sees a gun, "leave it alone, leave the area, and let an
11 adult know".

12 School boards shall develop procedures for instructors to
13 assist students who may disclose sensitive information during a
14 lesson.

15 In addition to what to do if a student were to find a gun,
16 kindergarten through second-grade lessons shall assist
17 students in recognizing professionals who use guns for safety
18 reasons and individuals who safely use guns for sporting
19 activities and third through fifth-grade lessons shall
20 continue to focus on what to do if a student were to find a
21 gun."