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H.B. No. 1142

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a public school elective course on firearm safety,  
training, and history.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 28, Education Code, is  
amended by adding Section 28.015 to read as follows:

Sec. 28.015. ELECTIVE COURSE ON FIREARM SAFETY, TRAINING,  
AND HISTORY. (a) A school district may offer to students in grade  
nine or above an elective course on firearm safety, training, and  
history.

(b) The purpose of a course under this section is to teach  
the history and importance of the Second Amendment to the United  
States Constitution and to teach respect for and proper use of  
firearms. A course under this section must include:

(1) instruction on the Second Amendment to the United  
States Constitution;

(2) instruction on firearm safety;

(3) training in the use of firearms, including the  
safe use of common firearms such as pistols, revolvers, rifles, and  
shotguns;

(4) instruction on firearm maintenance and cleaning;  
and

(5) instruction on hunter safety.

(c) If a school district offers a course under this section,

1 the person who teaches the elements of the course listed in  
2 Subsections (b)(2) through (5) must be:

3 (1) a qualified handgun instructor certified under  
4 Section 411.190, Government Code; or

5 (2) a peace officer who is licensed under Chapter  
6 1701, Occupations Code, and who is employed by a local law  
7 enforcement agency.

8 SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2013-2014  
9 school year.

10 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
11 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
12 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
13 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
14 Act takes effect September 1, 2013.