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H.B. No. 2090

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to an elective course on community safety, firearm safety,  
and mental health for certain public high school students.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 28, Education Code, is  
amended by adding Section 28.0121 to read as follows:

Sec. 28.0121. ELECTIVE COURSE ON COMMUNITY SAFETY, FIREARM  
SAFETY, AND MENTAL HEALTH. (a) A school district or  
open-enrollment charter school may offer to students in grade 12 an  
elective course on community safety, firearm safety, and mental  
health that meets the requirements for an elective credit under  
Section 28.025.

(b) A course under this section must include:

(1) during the first semester of the course,  
instruction relating to:

(A) family violence prevention, including  
relevant family violence statistics;

(B) sexual assault prevention, including  
relevant sexual assault statistics;

(C) self-defense tactics; and

(D) mental health; and

(2) during the second semester of the course:

(A) instruction relating to firearm safety,  
including relevant firearm statistics;

1                   (B) information on state and federal laws  
2 governing the use of firearms; and

3                   (C) information contained in the classroom  
4 instruction portion of the handgun proficiency course described by  
5 Section 411.188, Government Code.

6           (c) A student may not enroll in the second semester of a  
7 course under this section unless the student has satisfactorily  
8 completed the first semester of the course.

9           (d) A school district or open-enrollment charter school may  
10 allow a student to earn full course credit for a course under this  
11 section if the student:

12                   (1) satisfactorily completes the first semester of the  
13 course;

14                   (2) not later than the beginning of the second  
15 semester of the course, meets the eligibility requirements for  
16 obtaining a license to carry a handgun under Subchapter H, Chapter  
17 411, Government Code; and

18                   (3) instead of enrolling in the second semester of the  
19 course, completes the handgun proficiency course described by  
20 Section 411.188, Government Code.

21           SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2024-2025  
22 school year.

23           SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
24 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
25 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
26 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
27 Act takes effect September 1, 2023.