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H.B. No. 3263

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the inclusion of firearm safety instruction in the required health curriculum for public school students.

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

SECTION 1. Section 28.002, Education Code, is amended by adding Subsection (u) to read as follows:

(u) In addition to any other essential knowledge and skills the State Board of Education adopts for the health curriculum under Subsection (a)(2)(B), the board shall adopt for the health curriculum essential knowledge and skills that address topics relating to firearm safety that:

- (1) focus on accident prevention;
- (2) promote the safety and protection of students; and
- (3) emphasize how students should respond when encountering a firearm.

SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2023-2024 school year.

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