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1            AN ACT Relating to firearms safety education programs; and adding  
2 a new section to chapter 28A.230 RCW.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.230  
5 RCW to read as follows:

6            (1) The superintendent of public instruction, within existing  
7 resources, shall develop a program of instruction for firearms accident  
8 prevention for students in kindergarten through grade twelve.

9            (a) The program of instruction developed under this subsection  
10 shall include the safety message, "Stop! Don't Touch. Leave the Area.  
11 Tell an Adult."

12            (b) The program of instruction may include instructional materials  
13 from the Eddie Eagle GunSafe program developed by the national rifle  
14 association.

15            (2) Beginning with the 2009-10 school year, all common school  
16 districts may adopt the firearms accident prevention program developed  
17 by the superintendent of public instruction under this section to  
18 instruct students in kindergarten and through grade twelve in the

1 content area addressed by the curriculum. A school district may  
2 provide additional instruction that supplements the program established  
3 by the superintendent of public instruction.

4 (3) A school district shall excuse a student from instruction  
5 regarding firearms accident prevention if the student's parent or  
6 guardian provides the district, the student's teacher, or the  
7 administrator of the student's school with written notice that the  
8 parent or guardian wants the student to be excused from the instruction  
9 provided under this section. If a student is excused from  
10 participating in the instruction, the student shall not be academically  
11 penalized.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** If any provision of this act or its  
13 application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the  
14 remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other  
15 persons or circumstances is not affected.

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