

~~Section 7-418~~

~~Annotated Code of Maryland~~

~~(1999 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)~~

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Education

Section 2-205(h)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1999 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

BY adding to.

Article - Education

Section 7-411.1

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(1999 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

Preamble

WHEREAS, It is in the vital interests of the State of Maryland to prevent the loss of children's lives to firearms accidents; and

WHEREAS, It is necessary to teach children that a gun is not a toy and what they should do if they happen on an accessible firearm; and

WHEREAS, A number of youth in Maryland have been the unfortunate and tragic victims of firearms accidents over the years; and

WHEREAS, Firearms safety and accident avoidance programs, including the "Eddie Eagle GunSafe Program", the "In a Flash" program, and the "STAR" program, have been developed and taught to children across America by school systems, law enforcement agencies, civic and community groups, and other organizations, specifically to prevent accidental deaths from firearms; now, therefore,

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

**Article - Education**

~~7-418.~~

~~(A) EACH PUBLIC SCHOOL SHALL HAVE A MANDATORY GUN SAFETY EDUCATION PROGRAM THAT IS GIVEN IN A PLANNED AND SEQUENTIAL MANNER, KINDERGARTEN THROUGH GRADE 12, AS PART OF THE INSTRUCTION IN HEALTH EDUCATION.~~

~~(B) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ESTABLISH GUIDELINES FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE GUN SAFETY EDUCATION PROGRAM.~~

~~(C) EACH COUNTY BOARD SHALL:~~