

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.  
Act 536 of the Regular Session

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93rd General Assembly      **A Bill**  
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SENATE BILL 161

By: Senators T. Garner, *Irvin*  
By: Representatives Gonzales, Wardlaw

**For An Act To Be Entitled**

AN ACT TO ALLOW A PUBLIC SCHOOL OR A PUBLIC SCHOOL  
DISTRICT TO OFFER A HUNTING SAFETY COURSE AS PART OF  
ITS CURRICULUM; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

**Subtitle**

TO ALLOW A PUBLIC SCHOOL OR A PUBLIC  
SCHOOL DISTRICT TO OFFER A HUNTING SAFETY  
COURSE AS PART OF ITS CURRICULUM.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 16, Subchapter 1, is amended  
to add an additional section to read as follows:

6-16-152. Hunting safety course.

(a) A public school or public school district may offer to its public  
school students in grades five through twelve (5-12) a hunting safety course  
as part of the public school's or public school district's physical education  
and health and safety curriculum.

(b) A hunting safety course offered as part of the physical education  
and health and safety curriculum by a public school or public school district  
shall:

(1) Be based on the hunter training and safety program offered  
by the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission under § 15-43-238; and

(2) Be taught by an individual who meets the qualifications the  
commission requires individuals to meet in order to teach a hunting training  
and safety program offered by the commission.



(c)(1) A public school or public school district that offers a hunting safety course under this section may use an operable firearm as part of the hunting safety course.

(2) A "firearm" under subdivision (c)(1) of this section means the same as defined in § 5-1-102(6).

(d) The Division of Elementary and Secondary Education shall provide a list of source materials available for public schools and public school districts to use to teach a hunting safety course under this section, which may include without limitation the following topics:

- (1) Firearm safety;
- (2) The proper handling of a firearm;
- (3) Hunting techniques; and
- (4) Wildlife conservation.

*/s/T. Garner*

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