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MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR
REGARDING VETO OF HOUSE BILL 2089

The Kansas Constitution endows our state Board of Education with the authority to set the curriculum for our public schools. We should let the state Board of Education do that job, not the Legislature. This is legislative overreach. Should the Legislature wish to modify curriculum, I encourage the Legislature to collaborate with the State Board of Education.

Therefore, under Article 2, Section 14(a) of the Constitution, I hereby veto House Bill 2089.

THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE

BY THE GOVERNOR

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Laura Kelly", written over a horizontal line.

DATED

4.22.21

SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 2089

AN ACT concerning education; relating to firearms; standardizing firearm safety education training programs in school districts; establishing the Roy' Ale act.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:

Section 1. (a) For the purposes of promoting the safety and protection of students and emphasizing how students should respond when encountering a firearm, the board of education of a school district may provide firearm safety education programs. The state board of education shall establish curriculum guidelines for a standardized firearm safety education program. Such guidelines shall include, but not be limited to, accident prevention and, for students enrolled in:

(1) Kindergarten and grades one through five, shall be based on the eddie eagle gunsafe program offered by the national rifle association or any successor program;

(2) grades six through eight, shall be based on the eddie eagle gunsafe program offered by the national rifle association or any successor program or, at the discretion of the board of education of the school district, the hunter education in our schools program or any other firearm safety education program offered by the Kansas department of wildlife, parks and tourism or any successor program; and

(3) grades nine through 12, at the discretion of the board of education of the school district, shall be based on the hunter education in our schools program or any other firearm safety education program offered by the Kansas department of wildlife, parks and tourism or any successor program.

(b) If a board of education elects to provide firearm safety education, such instruction shall be in accordance with the guidelines established by the state board of education and shall be offered to ensure that all students are provided the opportunity to take the course.

(c) This section shall be known and may be cited as the Roy' Ale act.

Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.

I hereby certify that the above BILL originated in the House, and passed that body

HOUSE concurred in
SENATE amendments _____

Speaker of the House.

Chief Clerk of the House.

Passed the SENATE
as amended _____

President of the Senate.

Secretary of the Senate.

APPROVED _____

Governor.