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**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE
BILL NO. 2089**

As Recommended by House Committee on
Federal and State Affairs

Brief*

Sub. for HB 2089 would create law related to firearm safety education programs conducted in public school districts.

[*Note:* The bill contains whereas clauses designating its provisions as the “Roy’Ale Act” and stating the purpose of the bill.]

The bill would allow local school boards (local board) to provide firearm safety education programs. The State Board of Education (State Board) would be directed to establish curriculum guidelines for a standardized firearm safety education program, which would be required to include accident prevention.

The bill would provide that specific programs would be used based on the grade level of students, as follows:

- Kindergarten through grade five guidelines would be based on the Eddie Eagle Gunsafe program (Eddie Eagle program) offered by the National Rifle Association (NRA) or any successor program;
- Grades six through eight guidelines would be based on either the Eddie Eagle program or the Hunter Education in Our Schools program (Hunter

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Education), offered by the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism (KDWPT); and

- Grades nine through twelve guidelines would be based on Hunter Education.

The bill would provide that if a local board elects to provide firearm safety education, such instruction must be in accordance with the guidelines established by the State Board. Further, if a local board elects to provide firearm safety education courses, such instruction would have to be offered so as to ensure all students are provided the opportunity to take the course.

Background

The House Committee on Federal and State Affairs recommended a substitute bill be passed incorporating provisions pertaining to firearm safety education in K-12 schools.

[*Note:* The firearm safety education provisions are similar to 2018 HB 2460 as amended by the House Committee on Federal and State Affairs.]

HB 2089, as introduced, would have authorized the Attorney General to issue an alternative license to carry a concealed handgun to qualified applicants during a declared state of disaster emergency.

[*Note:* The contents of HB 2089 were previously added to HB 2058 and were not retained in the substitute bill.]

Fiscal Information

Fiscal information for the substitute bill was not immediately available.

Firearm safety education; hunter education; Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism; State Board of Education