

Rep. Rendon offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 300.

A resolution to encourage elementary schools throughout Michigan to incorporate the gun safety curriculum found in the Michigan Model for Health program and to encourage all schools to incorporate gun safety programs at all grade levels.

Whereas, In 2009, there were 355 youth deaths, under the age of 14, due to firearms. Children who encounter a gun may be unaware of the dangers. Lack of knowledge and awareness of how to act around a gun may result in the accidental shootings of themselves or another person; and

Whereas, In 2010, the Michigan Legislature enacted Public Act 367 requiring the Michigan Department of Education to establish a model program for gun safety instruction for elementary school pupils. Under the Public Act, each school district is encouraged to implement the model gun safety program in at least grade 3, but also in prekindergarten to grade 2; and

Whereas, The National Rifle Association has created the Eddie Eagle GunSafe Program that encourages children who encounter a gun to "STOP! Don't touch. Leave the area. Tell an adult." In addition, the Department of Education's Model for Health program provides similar student instruction on proper behavior around dangerous weapons; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we encourage elementary schools throughout Michigan to incorporate the gun safety curriculum found in the Michigan Model for Health and to encourage all schools to incorporate gun safety programs at all grade levels; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Superintendent of Public Instruction, the Michigan Association of School Administrators, and the Michigan Association of School Boards.