

One Hundred Eighth Legislature - Second Session - 2024

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB1339

Chairperson: Senator Dave Murman

Committee: Education

Date of Hearing: February 06, 2024

The purpose of this bill is to improve the laws relating to school security in Nebraska.

First, the bill would eliminate a conflict in Nebraska statutes relating to the possession of firearms by off-duty and qualified retired law enforcement officers. This conflict of laws would be resolved by this bill in favor of officers being able to legally possess and carry firearms on school grounds and at school-sponsored events.

Second, this bill would authorize the governing bodies of schools to adopt a written policy to utilize armed staff, faculty, or contractors for school security. Any such policy would be required to address personal qualifications, training, appropriate firearms and ammunition, and appropriate use of force. The bill leaves adoption of such a policy to local control.

Third, the bill would provide that grants be available from the School Safety and Security Fund for the creation of school facilities maps for use by agencies providing an emergency response. The bill provides parameters for such maps to ensure interoperability with coordinating agencies.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Tom Brewer