



MISSOURI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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I am in Support of this Bill. However many, if not all of these items in the Proposed Legislation are already being done and practiced by Missouri's 518 Public School Districts.



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I'm in opposition of bill 1568, I feel state mandated training for school staff to participate in for active shooter drills, child abuse reporting and disciplinary actions is necessary for continuity across the state and for protection of all students. Individual school districts would still be able to add additional training or policies as needed in those districts. I feel based on current and continuing events within the United States a minimum amount of training should be required. This is important for the safety of both students and school employees.



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I oppose this! School staff definitely needs training in all of these things! Children must be safe at school and they're unable to be safe if staff doesn't even know how to keep them safe. My children experienced abuse in school and I wish it could have been avoided! We need more awareness, more assistance, my knowledge and awareness!



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School staff already has truncated trainings in regard to safety, seclusion and restraint, identifying learning disabilities and more. To further curtail this training means children will be hurt even more than they are now, even fewer children will be identified with learning disabilities, and short cuts will be taken in potentially life-threatening situations. I do believe teachers are overworked and underpaid, but cutting off training is not the answer to these issues.



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WITNESS NAME: DR. LARA WAKEFIELD		PHONE NUMBER:	
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WITNESS NAME: JESSICA HARGRAVE		PHONE NUMBER:
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This type of training should be mandated by the state. If the decision on this training is left up to the individual school districts, this necessary training might not get done at all. This training is very important for the safety of our kids.



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WITNESS NAME: KELLI JOHNSON		PHONE NUMBER:
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This is an egregious bill. As a parent of 2 children, one with a disability, and as an advocate, I have personally seen far too many inappropriate seclusions and restraints that have led to sever injury for both the child and staff member. Talking with teachers, they do not feel equipped enough as it is to perform things like restraints on kids. De-Escalation strategies are essential for keeping all students safe and recognizing signs to keep situations from resulting in seclusion and restraints. Please, for the sake of our teachers and children, do not pass this bill.



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WITNESS NAME: MARISA HAGLER		PHONE NUMBER:
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I don't like how these trainings that pertain to the safety of our children would no longer be required after three years. There should always be constant safety training. This bill is being sponsored by a representative from Joplin - Joplin reported the MOST incidents of seclusion and restraint last year of any school district in the state. Now they've lobbied for less requirements to keep children safe at school. Our representatives should be lobbying for more safety in school, not less.



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WITNESS NAME: MARY FITZGERALD		PHONE NUMBER:	
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I oppose HB 1568 because it proposes to remove state mandated ANNUAL training for school staff on 1) Active Shooter Drill; 2) Child Abuse Reporting; and 3) Seclusion & Restraint! I disagree that "We will leave it up to each school district to decide how often they need to train their staff." This is not something we can leave up to certain school boards to decide for our children in Missouri. We have had recent issues in our school district where staff have failed to investigate per state law bullying and cyberbullying using sexually explicit videos sent to fifth grade girls. Students are afraid to go to school. This is not something we can leave up to certain school boards to decide for our children in Missouri. I am a former educator and valued this yearly training, staff need practice in key skills to protect students mental health and lives.



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We need to keep the mandatory trainings to ensure the safety of our children



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WITNESS NAME: SUSAN RENEE CARTER		PHONE NUMBER:
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I oppose this because our school staff need state required annual training on active shooter drills, child abuse reporting, and seclusion & restraint. Unfortunately We can't leave this decision up to certain school districts as they have shown they that they do not have a firm grasp on the need for training and the objectives to cover in the he training.



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WITNESS NAME: TARA E ARNETT		PHONE NUMBER:
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I am writing in opposition to this bill. I do not believe that trainings pertaining to the safety of our children should be optional after any point. In addition - many children in MO simply can't read. This bill also hits dyslexia training. This is setting kids back. I working in banking for almost 20 years. For every one of those years, I completed the same trainings over and over as required by the federal government. While it often felt redundant - I knew those very important laws to keep our financial system safe. Our children deserve the same respect.



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WITNESS NAME: JERE HOCHMAN		PHONE NUMBER:
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Where is the section about the gun culture? Where is the section about EARLY IDENTIFICATION of those who are a danger to self and others? Where are the RED FLAG sections? Where is the section about prohibiting guns without registration, reporting stolen guns, waiting periods and other common sense regulations that take nothing away from legitimate, law abiding, even self-protection gun owners? Where is the section about minors? Where is the section about mandatory reporting if children report unlocked guns? Intruder training and all the physical barriers to slow down an intruder and other methods are necessary. But how about preventing the disease instead of reacting to the symptoms?