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I am in Full Support of this Bill and providing a Working Groups and continued updates to make all of our 518 Public School Districts, 2,216 Public School Buildings and 885,000 Students Protected and Safe from harm. I however have concerns of where the Appropriations in the amount of \$2,800,000 will be coming from to sustain the "Security Cost-Share Program" State-Wide for ALL State Public School Districts.



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I SUPPORT HB 1761 as originally written.			



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I am in favor of implementing any and all resources necessary to increase the safety of our students and teachers in our schools. We must develop a multi-level security system as a fail safe, so if one measure fails us, we have another measure to protect us until help arrives. I would request the bill to include a School Protection Officer at every public attendance center during school hours where students and teachers are present. This also includes after hours extracurricular activities. I would also see that each school be outfitted with security systems that permits all outside grounds to be monitored during school hours. And that those monitoring the feed maintain a constant, open line with the schools designated protection officer(s). If the school does not have a monitor, but a self-monitoring system that is triggered by a outside threat then that system must alert the local 911 authorities and all personnel in the building. So that every teacher is aware and therefore able to execute their plan to get the children and themselves to safety. If that does not work, then I would seek something along the lines of a "tornado" alarm but this would be an "intruder" alarm. This would alert the entire school which would be followed by a standard procedure that would have been set in place. I request that each school is required to have an infrastructure of windows and doors that are equipped with, "bullet-resistant security laminate" according to the UL Standard 752 Bullet-Resisting Equipment, on every ground level floor. If necessary, depending on the geographic's and the school's layout, implement this technique on whatever levels that are deemed fit to reach the highest level of the school's safety capacity. I seek that all schools have a master lock and key held by select personnel as well as local authorities in case of emergency. These doors are to remain locked at all times, whether or not school is in session. During school hours these doors should be checked daily to ensure they are functioning properly. And that they are staying closed and locked at all times, with any issues reported back to the schools administration. This could be done simply by the custodian. Please remember, 12 years ago this past December, in a normal town no different than any other you'd find on the map in Newtown, Connecticut, while most of us were out finishing our holiday shopping. Twenty sets of parents were also out shopping that holiday season. Except this time they weren't searching for that one gift their child just "had to have." Instead, they were picking out what color of coffin their child would have wanted to be buried in. And since these little children died at the mere age of only 6 and 7 years I'd say it's safe to say they settled with blue for boys and pink for girls. May they rest in peace. Thank you



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Threats against our schools continue to trend upward. We need to remain committed to making our schools safer. I support doing that but we need to focus on getting immediate response capacity in every school, both public and private. Schools need assistance with standing up a school protection officer program. Funding for initial training and maintaining the continuing education requirements annually.



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I am in favor of giving additional resources and focus to protecting our students. Incidents of targeted viol have been trending up for several years. I would request any safety bill include a focus on having immediate response capacity. Infrastructure alone is a failed strategy. We need solid security infrastructure, solid well thought out security policy and well trained vetted intervention capabilities in the for of School Protection Officers inside every building where students are present.



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While I do support improving school safety/security, there's a vital component missing from this bill. It needs to be said, adequate security cannot truly be accomplished without also helping schools put into place intervention capable individuals to be ON the premises BEFORE an incident begins. This is the ONLY way to ensure a threat is stopped quickly, thus saving more lives. If Missouri wants to really make a difference in school safety and security, it's time for the Missouri Legislature to help schools add armed School Protection Officers and School Resource Officers. If you make \$1 available for hardening -you should also make it available for SPO/SRO. I highly recommend the committee, and all those who are making decisions about these policies; seek out information/guidance from Ed Monk of Last Resort Firearms Training, who is a subject matter expert on the topic of how best to lower the risk of (and casualty numbers resulting from) active shooter incidents in our schools and churches. Treat children like the treasures they truly are. Protect them like the Capitol Police protect you. Susan Myers, Missouri State Director - Women for Gun Rights



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Although a good idea this is an extremely expensive and overwhelming proposal. Streamlined down from having every window and door laminated with bullet proof laminate might be within sensible protections. We laminated windows at our home because we lived in a very crime ridden neighborhood in Illinois. But only the ones that were easiest to access. Believe me it IS EXPENSIVE! Some good ideas here...just a bit over the top.



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While this bill may be well-intended, it misses the real issue. Infrastructure is a part of a good security plan, but it is not 100% foolproof. The only way to minimize casualties is to strategically place multiple trained and armed individuals in and around the location (to include arming qualified personnel).



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I ask that the below language and section is removed: Page 9 - Lines 285-286 - Item #18 "The department of elementary and secondary education may promulgate all necessary rules and regulations for the administration of this section." Power, Control and Autonomy of our local governing boards needs to be restored ASAP. We do not need to continue to increase the control that MO DESE has. Including this language does not pave the way for the legislature to "reign in" or outright abolish MO DESE, which is what the citizens of Missouri have been demanding for years now.



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I am strongly in favor of enhancing the safety and security of our schools including improving infrastructure. I would like to submit that we continue to prioritize the things though that have a poor track record of stopping a mass violence event or even mitigating the damage. Security infrastructure is only a portion of a security response plan. For thirty years we have focused on securing the building with a call 911 and wait response plan. This is a failed strategy and we have 30 years of data to prove it. But we keep doing security exactly backwards. We continue to put our focus only on infrastructure with very little focus on immediate response.. We need to have immediate response capacity in place with well trained School Protection Officers in every building where students are present. The truth is they will get in the building, 85 % of the time they are a current or former student who extensively plans the attack. The question should not be which door locks we buy but rather what is our plan when they get in? It is simply a math problem, average response time for law enforcement 7-15 minutes, average attack from first shot is over in 5 minutes. I support this bill but I would like to see funding added to support the Statute authorized School Protection Officer program and update the statute to allow for private schools to receive DPS certification for their SPOs as well as school districts.