



MISSOURI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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**I am in Support of most of this Bill. There needs to be some fine-tuning and tweaks to the Legislation.
School Safety of all Missouri Students MUST be a Top-Priority!**



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We support keeping children safe in schools. Schools must have a comprehensive plan and use all the latest tools and technologies to protect children and teachers. What also needs to be included in this plan is to have armed police and/or teachers who are positioned in critical access points in schools as part of this plan and we don't see this component as part of this bill and it should be included.



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Students and staff safety should remain #1 priority in our schools. We must make a commitment to always keep our kids and teachers safe while at school. Money is wasted on so many other initiatives that do not relate to safety, but yet our kids and their teachers' safety is left out. This bill would help prevent their safety from being left in the rear view mirror. We have an obligation to our kids and their safety. If we can prevent even a single school massacre from occurring by instituting this bill, we should. When we drop our kids off at school, I want to know they are safe and this bill passing will solidify that.



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WITNESS NAME: GARRET SCHMIDT		PHONE NUMBER:
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I am in support of this bill. Ensuring blood loss control kits are installed in schools and implementing nationally standardized FEMA training will be a benefit to school districts. Requiring the adoption of a comprehensive emergency operations plan that's shared with local first responder agencies will help coordination in a critical time.



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WITNESS NAME: JEFF WOLMAN		PHONE NUMBER:
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HB416 from Rep Shields is an extremely comprehensive bill for working on all aspects of school safety and her dedication to the bill is clear for the work that has gone into it over the years. Having this bill move forward will be an important step for school safety at multiple levels of protection, though with all bills like this, the fiscal note aspects of the bill would be of concern to smaller districts that would have to mandate the paid aspects of the bill. Even larger districts may have issue with the potential expense due to larger number of students and buildings, though again, this has been the issue with this bill in the past, the expense to school districts for compliance. This is the balance between the numerous increases in safety aspects against the costs to make them happen. Safety is always the main concern for districts for their staff and students, so this bill should be passed to make school safer.



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WITNESS NAME: JOHN MCDONALD		PHONE NUMBER: 573-208-7863	
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WITNESS NAME: RACHEL ESKRIDGE		PHONE NUMBER:
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I'm the mother of three children, ages 17, 12, and 10. Several times a year we discuss school safety in the wake of an intruder. As my children have become older, I'm more concerned about an active shooter as there are increasingly more events. Please support HB-416 as this will help keep children safe during an active shooter, and could help prevent an active shooter due to sharing information, and deterring measures.



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WITNESS NAME: KORTNIE HUDDLESTON		PHONE NUMBER:
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I oppose the aspects of this bill that reinforce the school to prison pipeline. Solve the issue of guns and gun violence in this state, don't turn schools into prisons.



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WITNESS NAME: VICTORIA JONES		PHONE NUMBER:
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I don't believe the government should be regulating charter schools to this extent. In addition, I think it's traumatic and unfair to require the 'Stop the Bleed' training for school personnel unless it were to apply only to those first gaining their teaching license in 2029 and later. The reason I specify this date is that I believe those pursuing teaching should make informed decisions based on the requirements. Those who currently hold teaching degrees may not be comfortable or capable of administering life-saving aid in an emergency, and we shouldn't punish them for being unable to do so.