

Testimony on Senate Bill 317  
Government Oversight and Reform Committee

Submitted by:  
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Chair Coley, Vice Chair Huffman, Ranking Member Craig, and members of the committee, thank you for allowing me to present this testimony in opposition to SB 317.

I am Linda Jacobs an Ohio resident, voter, mother, grandmother and relative of numerous teachers and students. I am also a psychiatric Rn with more than 50 years experience, on national boards in my field, and taught as adjunct clinical Faculty at KSU. With my vast experience in the field of Psychiatry I have grave concerns which fuel my interest about allowing this bill to pass.

SB 317 would exempt teachers from requirements, and employ personnel with as little as 8 hours of concealed carry training, this is appalling and extremely dangerous at best. My nephew was a policeman and could attest to that as could many of his peers.

I have seen far too many people's lives lost due to drastic mis-use of guns, either from poor impulse, reactive-responses, poor judgment, quick reaction, mental illness, violent urges, etc. I have designed and taught managing disruptive behavior courses for decades, and believe me, there is NO AMOUNT OF TRAINING that makes it safe for teachers to carry guns in schools! SB317 would worsen a very dangerous situation we have by demolishing the current training required now, which is inadequate at best.

Lawmakers MUST put the safety of their constituents, their innocent children, and the staff that teaches and cares for them FIRST, and for conscientious purposes reject SB 317.

Sincerely,  
Linda Jacobs