

Opposition Testimony: HB 99-Arming Teachers
Criminal Justice Committee
Submitted by Carol Kralik

Dear chairman LaRe Vice Chair Swearingen, Ranking Member Leland, and committee members,

I live in a rural community and I oppose HB 99. Sub Bill HB 99 allows "authorized persons" to carry armed loaded weapons in our schools with what amounts to less than 30 hours total training with only a couple hours of live firing This is NOT enough training for this life and death responsibility! Take a moment to imagine the scenario where a stressed, untrained civilian mistakenly thinks there is an imminent threat and kills an innocent student. Imagine the physical and psychological damage that will result.

I especially object to the way this bill requires the Ohio Police Officer Training Commission to recommend "rules" for training but then in the same paragraph limits these "rules " to dangerously low standards of training. It appears that you are trying to deceive voters by making us think you are allowing worthwhile recommendations from OPTOC when you are not. This is extremely concerning.

You, as legislators, have the duty to make our schools safer, not more dangerous by passing a law that allows barely trained individuals to carry deadly weapons around our children.

Thank you,
Carol Kralik