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RE: Support & Recommendations for Sub HB 99

Chairman LaRe, Vice Chair Swearingen, ranking member Leland and members of the Criminal Justice Committee,

I am writing today to convey my overall support of Sub HB 99. In addition to addressing the authorization process of who may go armed in a school, this Bill establishes training requirements for those who are authorized to go armed. I believe this to be a step in the right direction.

With respect to the training requirements, it is my experience in managing liability for clients I often find restrictions or maximums on training or similar criteria such as in this Bill, creates more liability for clients and would recommend changing the training maximums to training minimums.

In addition to the emphasis on training, I recommend best practices towards the conveyance of weapons in the school setting versus restrictions by legislation. For example, I recommend on-body carry versus strategically located safes throughout a school building.

Incorporating the changes outlined above would provide options and help minimize the liability of managing this risk in our schools.

Thank you for your consideration.

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