

# **One Hundred Third Legislature - Second Session - 2014**

## **Introducer's Statement of Intent**

### **LB879**

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**Chairperson: Senator Brad Ashford**

**Committee: Judiciary**

**Date of Hearing: February 28, 2014**

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

Legislative Bill 879 amends the Concealed Handgun Permit Act creating a new advance level permit to carry a concealed handgun in a school. The current concealed handgun permit would be designated a Level I Permit, while the new permit to carry in a school would be designated a Level II Permit.

The bill gives authority to the local governing body of a school the freedom to adopt a policy, which would allow school employees chosen by the governing body of the school to obtain the new Level II permit to carry a concealed handgun in their school.

LB879 requires 24 additional hours of training, which includes best practice responses and actions during an active-shooter incident, along with a demonstration of competency during a simulated active-shooter scenario. The minimum standards for the new training courses and instructors would be developed by the Nebraska State Patrol.

LB879 seeks to provide more options to school governing bodies throughout our diverse state as they seek to secure the safety of Nebraska's school children in their local communities in the best way they see fit.

**Principal Introducer:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Senator Mark Christensen**