

ONE HUNDRED SECOND LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2011
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB618

Hearing Date: Wednesday February 16, 2011
Committee On: Judiciary
Introducer: Harr
One Liner: Authorize possession of firearms as prescribed for school or school event security

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:
Advanced to General File with amendment(s)

Vote Results:
Aye: 8 Senators Ashford, Coash, Council, Harr, Larson, Lathrop, Lautenbaugh, McGill
Nay:
Absent:
Present Not Voting:

Proponents:
SEN. BURKE HARR
BRIAN HALE
BILL KUEHN
JORDAN AUSTIN
ANDY ALLEN
JOHN LINDSEY

Representing:
INTRODUCER
NASB
LINCOLN PUBLIC SCHOOLS
NRA
NEBRASKA FIREARMS OWNERS ASSOCIATIO
OMAHA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:
JIM CUNNINGHAM

Representing:
NEBRASKA CATHOLIC CONFERENCE

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 618 would amend section 28-1204.04 (Unlawful possession of a firearm at a school ...) of the Nebraska Statutes to provide that a peace officer or other authorized law enforcement officer may possess a firearm on school grounds and in school buildings when providing security at a school or at a school event, either under contract, or by request for security by school officials.

Explanation of amendments:

* Strikes on page 2, beginning on line 13 with the word "to" through the word "district" in line 14 and
* Inserts "by a school" in the place of the stricken language to clarify that both "public" and "private" schools that contract with off-duty police officers may have those officers carry a firearm while providing contract services.

Brad Ashford, Chairperson