

# **One Hundred Ninth Legislature - First Session - 2025**

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

### **LB685**

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**Chairman: Senator Dave Murman**

**Committee: Education**

**Date of Hearing: February 18, 2025**

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

LB685 is aimed at enhancing school safety. Under the bill, the school board or governing body of each approved or accredited public, private, denominational, or parochial school shall have one exterior secure master key box that meets set security standards installed at each school building to permit emergency access from the exterior of a school building to law enforcement. The school board shall work with local law enforcement authorities on the precise location of the secure master key box. The bill expands the purposes of the Department of Education-administered competitive grant program providing funding to school districts for security-related infrastructure projects to add that qualifying projects may include an exterior secure master key box. LB685 transfers \$1 million from the Cash Reserve to a newly created subaccount in the School Safety and Security Fund to be used to provide grants for the exterior secure master key box.

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

**Senator Dan Lonowski, District 33**