

SB 6 Allowing School Employees to Carry Concealed Firearms on School Property Background and Arguments for Support/Opposition

As of January 2025, 29 states make it clear in statute that teachers or school staff can be armed while on school property.

Supportive Arguments

- Mass-target shooters are often attracted to "soft targets" where they know victims are not armed. Allowing employees to carry concealed firearms would bolster school security and provide an immediate response in emergency situations.
- Provides cost savings as the school district would only be paying for the training for those employees who will carry a concealed firearm, rather than salary/benefits of school safety resource officer(s).

Opposition Arguments

- Is a one-size-fits-all policy what is best for all school districts throughout the state (urban vs rural)? This takes away local control/decisions.
- More weapons in schools means more opportunity for the firearms to fall into the wrong hands.
- In the event of an emergency, first responders will not be able to distinguish between the attacker and the armed school staff.