

KS considers bill to help arm teachers despite concerns

**TOPEKA, Kan. (AP) - Legislation that would help put guns in the hands of Kansas schoolteachers has prompted worried lawmakers, teachers and citizens to a pack committee hearing.**

**The bill reviewed Tuesday by the House Insurance Committee would hold school districts potentially negligent if they don't permit a licensed employee to carry a concealed gun on premises.**

**In addition, insurance companies would not be allowed to refuse coverage to schools because they have armed staff.**

**During the committee's hearing, supporters proposed an amendment to strike the section that would hold school districts negligent. But that move did little to turn opposition around on the issue.**

**The legislation has provisions similar to another school safety bill up for debate in the full House that is focused on improving school infrastructure instead of arming staff.**

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