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Nebraska Legislator Introduces Bill Allowing Teachers to Carry Concealed Guns

(AP) - Nebraska teachers and other school employees could carry a concealed handgun in schools if a bill in the Nebraska Legislature becomes law.

Sen. Mark Christensen of Imperial introduced the legislation on Tuesday. He says the bill is designed to keep children safe, and the decision is one of local control.

To qualify for a permit, employees would need to take an additional 24 hours of training beyond the eight hours required to legally carry a concealed gun. The training would include best practices for responding to a live shooting.

The local school board would have to approve each permit.

Christensen says rural schools may not have the resources for a retired police officer and may be miles from the nearest law enforcement.

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