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Mr. Speaker,

The Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Committee recommends **H.B. 119**, SCHOOL EMPLOYEE FIREARM POSSESSION AMENDMENTS, by Representative T. Jimenez, be replaced and reports a favorable recommendation on **1st Sub. H.B. 119**, SCHOOL EMPLOYEE FIREARM POSSESSION AMENDMENTS with the following amendments:

1. *Page 2, Line 30 through 45:*

- 30 (1) As used in this section:
- 31 (a) "Annual classroom response training" means a training for a teacher:
- 32 (i) that held at least once a year and is administered, at no cost {, by a county
sheriff, the
department, or a local law enforcement agency for a teacher} to a teacher, by
the individual identified by the county sheriff as described in Section 53-22-103 ;
and
- 34 (ii) where the teacher is trained:
- 35 (A) on how to defend a classroom {, including a live action practice in
defending} against
36 active threats emphasizing the teacher's role in stationary defense; and
- 37 (B) on the safe loading, unloading, storage, and carrying of firearms in a school
setting.
- 38 (b) "Annual firearms training" means a training that is held at least once a year and
39 that:
- 40 (i) is at least four hours in length;
- 41 (ii) includes practicing and demonstrating firearms proficiency at a firearms range
42 using the firearm the teacher carries for self-defense and defense of others; and
- 43 (iii) is offered:
- 44 (A) at no cost to a teacher, by {a county sheriff, the department, or a local law
45 enforcement agency} the individual identified by the county sheriff as
described in Section 53-22-103 ;

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2. Page 3, Line 76 through Page 4, Line 88:

- 76 (4) (a) The state security chief shall:
77 (i) track each teacher that participates in the program by collecting a photograph,
name,
78 and contact information for each teacher;
79 (ii) make the information described in Subsection (4)(a) readily available to each
law
80 enforcement agency in the state;
81 (iii) reimburse each teacher participating in the program up to \$500 for installing a
82 biometric gun safe in the teacher's classroom or office; and
83 (iv) provide ~~{reasonable reimbursement}~~ a reimbursement of up to
\$500 to a county sheriff ~~{or local law enforcement~~
84 ~~agency that provides a teacher with}~~ for each teacher that is provided annual
classroom response training ~~{or}~~ and annual firearms
85 training.
86 (b) The state security chief shall categorize the information described in Subsection
87 (4)(a)(i) by school.
(c) The state security chief shall discontinue providing reimbursements
under Subsections (4)(a)(iii) and (iv) when any funds appropriated by the
Legislature for that purpose have been depleted.
88 (5) A school employee participating in the program:

Respectfully,

Ryan D. Wilcox
Chair

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