



**Written Neutral Testimony on  
HB 2052  
In House Committee on Federal and State Affairs  
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Chair Kessler and Members of the Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on HB 2052. KASB'S member-adopted permanent policies call for support of "evidence-based, cost-effective steps to foster safe and secure school environments." Our members "support legislative action that will improve student safety." Furthermore, local control over exactly these types of decisions is a foundational value for our members across the state.

We appear as neutral to raise our concern that Section 5 of this bill removes local control from boards of education over security protocols in their district buildings and will interfere with security procedures critical to districts' efforts to protect the safety of students in their care and staff employed in their facilities. Specifically, the prohibition in Section 5, related to gathering personally identifiable information about certain school building visitors, will prevent districts from applying their standard visitor screening and security procedures to a subset of individuals identified in the bill.

To address this safety concern, KASB respectfully requests that the committee amend the bill by adding the language in bold below to the new language proposed in Section 5(a)(2):

*2) No person of authority for a building shall require, request or record personal information of any off-duty law enforcement officer entering such building in accordance with this section, including, but not limited to, such officer's email address, home phone number or home address, nor shall such officer be required to wear any item identifying such officer as a law enforcement officer or as being armed: **except that a school district shall be permitted to require such information from an off-duty law enforcement***

***officer entering such building as the district requires of any other visitor to such building, which may include personally identifiable information and wearing of a badge or other item identifying the individual as a building visitor.***

The suggested amendment will ensure that the law continues to uphold local control over local public schools and will protect the flexibility that school districts need to implement appropriate safety and security measures for access to school buildings. Given the broad scope of differences in security needs across our Kansas public schools, exempting school districts from this section of the HB 2052's requirements makes sense.

Thank you.

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