

Bill: 5th substitute HB 44 – School Security Personnel Standards

Sponsor: Representative Wilcox

Floor Sponsor:

UASD Position: Track

This Bill provides amendments to school safety standards regarding requirements for various safety related personnel.

Discussion: The sponsor explained that the 5th substitute of the Bill, which was adopted by the Committee, includes a provision that expands the role and allowable duties of a special functions officer. The Bill establishes additional training requirements for school guardians, without delaying response times, and expands eligibility for participation in the program. The substitute also updates terminology in the Educator Protection Program, clarifies contracting requirements for armed school guardians, outlines visitor management protocols, and removes the mandatory July 1, 2027 deadline, instead providing for ongoing review by state and county security chiefs. The Bill includes language requested by law enforcement agencies in Salt Lake County that strikes a balance for collaboration between the county security chief and local law enforcement in the training of volunteer school guardians.

Yeas: 9

Nays: 0

N/V: 2

Outcome: 5th substitute HB 44 passed out of the Committee with a favorable recommendation.
