



Alaska Association of Student Governments

Resolution #9

Senate Bill 173

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Be it Resolved that the Alaska Association of Student Governments, stands against a bill like 173 in the event it is brought again before a vote during the 24-25 Alaskan legislative session.

1. **Whereas,** Senate Bill 173 was introduced and read on the 16th of January sponsored by Republican Representative Senator Shelby Hughes of Wasilla; ¹
2. **Whereas,** SB173 was "An Act requiring school districts to grant qualified persons an assigned duty to carry a
 - a. concealed handgun on school grounds under certain conditions; relating to standards
 - b. training, and continuing education in firearms training for qualified persons granted assigned duty to carry a concealed handgun on school grounds;
 - c. relating to communication of school districts with state and local law enforcement; and relating to school crisis response plans.";
3. **Whereas,** Grants/Requires school districts the ability to allow/grant one or more persons employed by such school district to carry a concealed handgun for defensive use;

4. **Whereas,** A written policy is to be written by adapting school districts in order to properly establish “standards and requirements” that must be met before granting “assigned duty” (aka carry of concealed firearms)
 - a. “The physical and the mental standards established may not be less stringent than the physical and the mental standards established for the employment of police officers;”
5. **Whereas,** School districts are liable for
 - a. Paying for the fees of proper handling training
 - b. Compensate the employee for time spent attending training as well as participating in “on-site” drills (aka drills taken place on school grounds)
 - c. pay/reimburse volunteers (subs) for the district who opt to take such courses;
6. **Whereas,** School districts are only allowed to grant someone the “assigned duty” to an individual who
 - a. Agrees to accept the assigned duty
 - b. Has obtained a permit to carry a concealed handgun
 - c. Has completed a training course equivalent to a nationally recognized firearms training course.....
 - d. Meets the physical and mental standards established by the district governing body under the pre-made policy
 - e. Has committed to continued employment;
7. **Whereas,** School districts may
 - a. Require continued employment before granting “assigned duty”
 - b. Revoke “assigned duty” at the request of a qualified persons
 - c. Install biometric identification locks for the storage of handguns;
8. **Whereas,** SB173 was first read on the 16th of January after being reviewed by the Financial Committee where it was then referred to the judiciary committee where a motion was made to discharge it from such which then failed;

Therefore, be it resolved that the Alaska Association of Student Governments stand against a bill like 173 in the event it is brought before a vote during the

24-25 Alaskan legislative session.

Action Statement: If passed by the general assembly of AASG, this resolution will be sent to the legislature for their consideration in the event a bill similar to SB173 is reintroduced.

Sources

¹ <https://www.akleg.gov/PDF/33/Bills/SB0173A.PDF>

Passes with noted opposition

**Passed by the Fall 2024 General Assembly of AASG hosted by
Delta Junction High School**

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