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**Testimony to the House Corrections and Juvenile Justice Committee
In Support of HB2243 – School Security Officers Use of Emergency Safety Interventions
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Chairman Jennings and Committee Members,

Our associations support HB2243 allowing school security officers to use certain emergency safety interventions. These interventions are the same as those authorized for use by law enforcement officers. The bill seems to clearly spell out training and policy standards necessary for authorizing the USD security officers to exercise this authority.

School security officers work closely with local law enforcement officers. These security officers nearly always are the first on scene when violent events occur at K-12 schools. In our experience, they are well trained and well regulated by the school districts. School boards set the parameters for their duties. In many of these cases, school security officers have to control students who are physically acting out and physically resisting efforts to control a situation.

We encourage you to pass HB2243 favorably.

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