

Wyoming Liberty Index

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SF0109, Freedom of teachers in protecting students.

Sponsors: Senator(s) Barnard, Case, Coe, Dockstader, Driskill, Hicks and Landen and Representative(s) Eklund, Greene and Teeters

Comments

A tepid, flawed response to a minor problem. I see nothing in either the Second Amendment or the state analog that provides for an exception to the right to keep and bear arms on school grounds. That said, this is an improvement over the status quo. The permit process here reminds me of the concealed carry permits in Wyoming prior to the 1990s reform that gave us "shall issue" permits. The older process was a great opportunity for corruption. As for the fear of some nut with a gun, we've already seen that going to a "shall issue" system and even not requiring a permit to carry concealed in public has not lead to an increase in crime. Why should schools be any different? Finally, the requirements are so onerous, I wonder if this, like some state laws, is really intended to discourage anyone from applying. Recommendation: kill this and bring a saner bill. See, e.g. HB 119. Idaho already has similar and much less onerous legislation.

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