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### DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

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February 22, 2018, read first time and referred to Committee on Corrections and Criminal Law.

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MADAM PRESIDENT:

I offer the following resolution and move its adoption:

1           A SENATE RESOLUTION urging the legislative council  
2 to assign to the appropriate study committee the topic of  
3 providing school districts the option of permitting teachers to  
4 carry concealed firearms in schools.

5           *Whereas, At least 17 individuals died after a 19-year-old*  
6 *ex-pupil opened fire at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High*  
7 *School in Parkland, Florida;*

8           *Whereas, On December 14, 2012, 20 children and 6*  
9 *teachers were killed at Sandy Hook Elementary School in*  
10 *Newtown, Connecticut;*

11           *Whereas, In 2014, the Federal Bureau of Investigation*  
12 *initiated a study of the 160 active shooter incidents between*  
13 *2000 and 2013 and found that active shooter incidents are*  
14 *increasing on an average of 6.4 per year, at least 66.9% of the*  
15 *incidents ended before police arrived, 24.4% of incidents*  
16 *occurred within the educational system, and 17% of the*  
17 *incidents occurred at schools;*

18           *Whereas, In 2013, 33 states introduced more than 80 bills*  
19 *related to arming teachers and school staff, including measures*



1 *that authorize school districts and schools to create and*  
 2 *implement policies to allow arming of teachers and staff at*  
 3 *their discretion, allowing districts to designate a certain*  
 4 *number of staff to carry concealed firearms, allowing teachers*  
 5 *who already have concealed carry permits to carry weapons on*  
 6 *school grounds, and creating programs that allow teachers and*  
 7 *staff to provide school security and carry firearms;*

8 *Whereas, Eighteen states currently allow armed adults on*  
 9 *school property, including Alabama, California, Connecticut,*  
 10 *Hawaii, Idaho, Iowa, Kentucky, Massachusetts, Mississippi,*  
 11 *Montana, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Oregon,*  
 12 *Rhode Island, Texas, Utah, and Wyoming; and*

13 *Whereas, There is a need to ensure the safety of Indiana*  
 14 *students and educators within educational institutions:*  
 15 *Therefore,*

16 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the*  
 17 *General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

18 SECTION 1. That the legislative council is urged to assign to the  
 19 appropriate study committee the topic of providing school districts the  
 20 option of allowing teachers to carry concealed firearms in schools.

21 SECTION 2. That the committee, if assigned the topic, shall  
 22 consider whether or not specialized firearm training in an educational  
 23 setting should be completed prior to allowing teachers to carry  
 24 concealed firearms in schools.

25 SECTION 3. That the committee, if assigned the topic, is allowed  
 26 to consider any additional studies or legislative options to support the  
 27 safety of Hoosier students in Indiana schools.

28 SECTION 4. That the committee, if assigned the topic, shall issue  
 29 to the legislative council a final report containing the study committee's  
 30 findings and recommendations, including recommended legislation  
 31 concerning the topic, in an electronic format under IC 5-14-6, not later  
 32 than November 1, 2018.

