



Senate Judiciary & Public Safety Committee
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On behalf of the Minnesota Gun Owners Caucus, the trusted voice of Minnesota's law-abiding gun owners working to defend and restore the right to keep and bear arms, we respectfully urge you to **vote NO on SF 3572**.

SF 3572 would eliminate an existing provision of Minnesota law that allows a lawful Permit to Carry holder to carry a firearm on K–12 school property **only with the express written permission of a school principal**.

This provision is not a loophole. It is not unregulated. It is not reckless.

It is a **narrow, discretionary authority exercised by school leadership** on a case-by-case basis, involving individuals who have already completed background checks, firearms training, and vetting under Minnesota's Permit to Carry statute.

In fact, for many private schools without school resource officers, this is how they have armed security staff – by using the provisions of existing law.

SF 3572 removes that local discretion and replaces it with a blanket statewide prohibition—even where a school's own administration has determined that allowing a specific, trained, law-abiding adult to carry is appropriate.

Minnesota's Permit to Carry system requires applicants to pass a criminal background check, complete certified training, and meet strict statutory eligibility requirements. Permit holders are among the most law-abiding segments of the population, with extremely low rates of criminal misconduct.

There is **no evidence that Minnesota permit holders are committing acts of violence in our schools**.

This bill does not target violent offenders and does nothing to stop someone intent on breaking the law. Instead, it disarms vetted and lawful adults—including potentially parents, school staff, or community members—who have received explicit authorization from school leadership.

The bill also imposes new storage requirements for firearms in vehicles on school property and expands firearm prohibitions to events sponsored by the Minnesota State High School League, further restricting lawful conduct by individuals who already follow the law.

Policies affecting school safety should be grounded in evidence and respect local decision-making.

Removing school administrators' discretion does neither.

For these reasons, we respectfully urge you to **vote NO on SF 3572**.

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