

## MINUTES OF THE SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Steve Abrams at 1:30 pm on Monday, February 01, 2016, 144-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Senator Anthony Hensley – Excused

Senator Caryn Tyson – Excused

Committee staff present:

Jason Long, Office of Revisor of Statutes

Lauren Douglass, Legislative Research Department

Erna Fabert, Kansas Legislative Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Rusty Russell, Vice President, Sales, SafeDefend.

Others in attendance:

[See Attached List](#)

### **Possible bill introductions**

Chairperson Abrams opened the meeting with an announcement concerning an upcoming social event for committee members.

He then asked if there were any new bills to introduce to the Committee. There were none.

### **Presentation on: SAFEDEFEND**

The chairperson then invited Rusty Russell to make a presentation on SafeDefend. ([Attachment 1](#))

Mr. Russell reported that this Kansas based company's approach to looking at school security differently was created in response to the many school shooting tragedies and addresses the issues of how to get law enforcement to respond quickly and what school personnel can do until law enforcement arrives.

Mr. Russell and his two associates then answered questions from committee members including who receives training and how much training is required, what tools are included in the lockbox, and whether this system would be useful in locations other than schools.

Chairperson Abrams then provided a disclaimer that this was only an informative presentation and the Committee is not endorsing this product.

He then allowed Senator Kerschen a point of personal privilege to introduce the 8th grade pages and their sponsor who were visiting from his district.

## CONTINUATION SHEET

MINUTES of the Committee on Education at 1:30 pm on Monday, February 01, 2016 in Room 144-S of the Capitol.

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With no further business before the Committee, Chairperson Abrams adjourned the meeting at 1:55 pm.

The next meeting of the Senate Education Committee will be on Tuesday, February 2, 2016 at 1:30 pm in Room 144-S of the Capitol.

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