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Testimony Regarding HB 2773
House Committee on Appropriations
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I want to thank the committee for the opportunity to appear here today and present supportive and informational testimony on House Bill 2773. The Office of the State Fire Marshal or our designee, inspects all K-12 schools annually under the current state statutes and adopted rules and regulations for the fire and life safety codes. With the increase in school violence over the last couple of years, we have met with representatives of the State Board of Education, school districts, local law enforcement and fire representatives, school resource officers and others to discuss the need for additional security/lockdown requirements that may be in opposition to the current fire and life safety codes that the state has adopted. From those discussions our office has issued variances from the current fire and life safety codes to allow schools to make use of a number of different lockdown devices. Our office is more than willing to continue to work with the schools and local first responders to help make sure our schools are safe from any event that may happen in the future.

I would ask the committee to consider an amendment to the current bill and to add our agency to the list of agencies that the State Board of Education shall consult with in developing and adopting statewide standards for making all public schools and attendance centers operated by school districts in the state safe and secure. I believe that having our agency involved at the beginning of this process will help diminish any confusion or conflict with the current fire and life safety codes as the process proceeds and concludes with the Board of Education's final security plans. If there are conflicts that arise with the fire and life safety codes, our office can work with the Board of Education and the school districts to find alternative measures or issue additional variances to help better secure the schools but not lose the current safety that is in our schools from fire and natural disasters.



Office of the State Fire Marshal

Door-Locking Devices Guide

Keeping Kansans in our schools and other facilities safe is a top priority for all of us. This guide sheet provides an overview of door locking devices permitted and prohibited by fire code, and which are permitted only *during* intruder situations.

If you come across new devices and have questions, please contact our office at 785-296-3401 or by email at prevention@ks.gov.

You can find additional safety information on our website at FireMarshal.ks.gov.

Locks that currently meet fire code:

We understand that school districts may not have the funding available to spend on expensive hardware. These locks are examples of devices which currently meet fire code.



Outside knob locked or unlocked by key. Inside knob always unlocked.



Push and turn button device. One motion in order to unlock and open the door.



Single motion locking device. Only requires one motion to unlock and open the door.

Prohibited locking devices:

These types of locks and latches are prohibited and do not meet current fire code.



Locking door chain



Barrel bolt



Hasp



Dead bolt/thumb turn



Drop-in bar



Lockdown panic bar strap

Acceptable devices only DURING intruder situations:

The devices below are approved by the Kansas Office of the State Fire Marshal and may only be used in an actual active shooter or intruder situation and/or when drills are being performed.

- ◆ Acceptable devices should only be used after training of staff and students has been completed.
- ◆ Barricading of classroom doors as recommended in ALICE training will be allowed.
- ◆ Always be aware that students and staff need the ability to get out in the event of fire.

Having a clear and precise intruder plan that is practiced with local law enforcement and fire departments will help ensure the best protection for students and faculty.

Fire Door Armor enables teachers to immediately lock a door from inside the classroom, as well as allowing first responders to unlock from the outside.



Strip Magnets allow a teacher to quickly secure their classroom by removing the strip magnet from the frame, which latches the door.



Nightlock Lockdown enables teachers to immediately lock a door from inside the classroom



Barracuda Intruder Defense System for inward swinging doors.



Nightlock Lockdown 2



The Sleeve fits around the door's closer arm, securing the door from the inside.



Guardian Angel Door Security Device works on OPEN IN, OPEN OUT and DOUBLE DOOR applications.

