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For HB 4824

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I oppose HB 4824.
I urge you to let it die in committee.

I have two reasons for opposing it.

- 1) I can't support the idea of a "commissioned security officer" (line 13, p1) being considered for anything covered by this bill.
- 2) HB 2111 solves this for me and is a significantly better bill.

I do have my doubts, however, on the effectiveness of either bill. Having armed law enforcement in schools didn't stop the massacres we witnessed at Parkland and Robb Elementary. Especially Rob Elementary where there were so many and they refused to do anything but let more children be murdered. Disgusting.

I'm also worried about the psychological impact and trauma students, especially the younger ones, experience as schools, once a safe space, become more akin to prisons.

We need to address the real issue: assault rifles and lax gun safety laws.
But it doesn't appear that this will happen anytime soon.

In the meantime, HB 4824 is not the solution.

Respectfully,
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