

Chairman Schaible and members of the Education Committee. It is my pleasure to stand before you and introduce SB2186. This bill came at the request of a constituent who was concerned about the safety of our school age children.

This gentleman found that only employees with direct contact with children were required to undergo a background check in order to work within a school district. He felt that all employees in the district should have these background checks as although they might not have permitted direct contact with children, there is always the possibility that they could enter a school building with their ID badge and thus have direct access to children without the knowledge of district administration.

This bill would require that all school district employees going forward would have to undergo a background check as a condition of their interview process. The district would then make a decision about whether or not to employ this individual.

That is the bill and I will stand for any questions at this time.