

BILL DRAFT REQUEST #12

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Efficacy of Metal Detectors:

- Richland School District in Pennsylvania started using weapons detectors in August 2023.
- By November of 2023, the number of weapons found went from 62 to 13, the number of handguns dropped from 5 to 1, and the number of knives dropped from 32 to 4.
- Metal detectors were shown to be an effective deterrent.

Bill Overview:

- 2-year pilot program designed to gather information about the effectiveness of metal detectors in Nevada middle and high schools.
- Schools will be selected based on weapons found on campus.
- If 10 or more weapons are found on campus in a one month period, metal detectors will be placed in the school until the end of the semester.

Budget:

- The Clark County School District is using metal detectors at some high school football games to ensure student safety.
- CCSD already purchased 43 metal detectors at a cost of \$3.7 million.
- 43 metal detectors is more than enough to implement this program.

Weapons and Violence Statistics:

- In August, 9 weapons were found at Legacy High, 3 at Craig Elementary, 2 at Bartlett Elementary, and 1 at Cannon Middle, Del Sol High, Findlay Middle, and Green Valley High.
- Keep in mind, most Nevada students did not start school until the 12th and some weapons on campuses were likely not detected.
- CNN tells us there have been 50 school shootings this year, of which 37 took place on K-12 campuses.