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(S.D.)-State House Passes Bill On Arming Teachers



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PIERRE, S.D. (AP) - The South Dakota House has approved a bill that would allow school districts to arm teachers and other personnel with guns to protect against attacks.

Representatives voted 42-27 Tuesday to send the measure to the Senate.

Supporters say school boards need the option of arming teachers, administrators or volunteers to protect against attacks like last month's school shooting in Connecticut.

The bill's main sponsor, Rep. Scott Craig of Rapid City, says the possibility that a school may have armed protectors could deter attacks.

But opponents say guns in schools would make those schools more dangerous. They say arming teachers could lead to accidental shootings.

Associations representing school boards, school administrators and teachers oppose the bill.