

**(Wyo.)-Senate Panel Endorses School Resource Officer Bill**

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CHEYENNE, Wyo. (AP) - The Senate Appropriations Committee has endorsed a bill that would seek to improve safety in Wyoming's public schools.

But the committee on Thursday decided to recommend that House Bill 230 be stripped of its proposed \$2.3 million appropriation.

The bill heads to the full Senate for debate. It has already passed the state House.

The bill comes after the massacre of children in a Connecticut school late last year.

The proposal makes \$2.3 million available to help school districts put police officers in schools during the next school year. It also calls for a study of school safety across the state.

Bill sponsor Republican Rep. Nathan Winters, of Thermopolis, says some smaller districts can't afford to pay for the so-called school resource officers.