

# TWO SMART WAYS TO REDUCE GUN VIOLENCE



Kansans forcefully demonstrated support for sensible new gun policies last year in the wake of the Parkland, Florida, tragedy and during the political campaigns. The bills described here respond to citizen calls for action.



## HB 2111 – Background Checks

This Federal & State Committee bill would keep guns out of dangerous hands by expanding the background checks system in Kansas to include private sales online and at gun shows. It would prohibit more felons, domestic abusers, the seriously mentally ill and others from buying guns.

- Background checks work. After the national background check law took effect, gun murders nationwide fell 32 percent over the next 13 years. More than 3 million sales to prohibited purchasers have been halted by the U.S. law. In the states with expanded checks like HB 2111, gun deaths overall have dropped 35 percent. Shootings of law enforcement officers fell by half, as did the number of women shot by intimate partners. Gun trafficking and mass shootings fell 48 percent each.
- Public support is overwhelming. Surveys repeatedly show 90 percent and more want expanded checks.
- Checks are quick and inexpensive. Dealers typically do them in minutes for less than \$10.

This bill would not require checks on sales and transfers between friends, neighbors and relatives.

## HB 2129 & SB 183 – ERPOs

This bill would establish Extreme Risk Protection Orders (ERPOs) allowing family members and law enforcement to request court orders for temporary removal of guns from individuals shown to be a risk to themselves or others.

- ERPOs most often are invoked by families of loved ones who have demonstrated suicidal behaviors. Denying means of suicide is a key to prevention. Guns are the deadliest of all common means.
- ERPOs also allow removal when a person's emotional or mental state endangers a family or the community.
- ERPOs work. A study of Connecticut's law found that one life was saved for each 10-20 ERPO warrants issued. In 44 percent of cases, individuals received mental health services they might not have otherwise accessed.
- Due process is assured for gun owners, who can appeal for reinstatement of guns when their condition improves. In the first year of California's ERPO law, only 10 of the 86 orders were extended after a reinstatement hearing. The due process provision enhances current law allowing law enforcement to temporarily remove firearms in domestic violence cases.

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# MISSOURI BILLS

In the 2019 session of Missouri House and Senate, eight bills pertaining to background checks and extreme risk protection orders have been introduced.

Bill	Sponsors	Description	Contact Information
HJR 21	Peter Merideth	Proposes a constitutional amendment to require a background check for all firearm transfers of ownership and to require a permit to conceal carry a firearm.	Room 101 K 573-751-6736
SB 217	Jill Schupp	Creates the offense of unlawful transfer of weapons for a licensed firearms dealer to deliver a handgun to a purchaser without waiting at least 72 hours.	Room 427 573-751-9762
HB 210	Greg Razer, Judy Morgan	Requires that all sales or transfers of firearms be processed through a licensed firearms dealer.	Razer, Room 103 BC 573-751-2437 Morgan, Room 105 A 573-751-4485
HB 40	Deb Lavender; Richard Brown; Ingrid Burnett	Modifies orders of protection by adding provisions that allow the confiscation of firearms from individuals a court deems to be a danger to themselves or others.	Lavender, 101 C 573-751-4069 Brown, Room 109 G 573-751-7639 Burnett, 105 G 573-751-3310
HB 695	Ian Mackey, Morgan	Establishes extreme risk protection orders and gun violence seizure warrants and prohibits certain persons involved in domestic violence from possessing a firearm.	Mackey, 105 J 573-751-0100 Morgan, 105 A 573-751-4485
SB 75	S. Kiki Curls	Modifies provisions relating to concealed weapons to prevent a respondent of a full order of protection still in effect to be granted a concealed carry permit. (Referred to Senate Judiciary and Civil and Criminal Jurisprudence Committee)	Room 225 573-751-3158
SB 42	Jill Schupp	Creates extreme orders of protection. (Referred to Senate Judiciary and Civil and Criminal Jurisprudence Committee)	Room 427 573-751-9762
HB 545	Alan Green	Establishes "Extreme Risk Protection Order Act"	Room 130 DA 573-751-2135

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