

Senate Resolution 2526-053

Resolution to Encourage Review of Current Campus Safety Measures in Relation to Active Shooter Response

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 04, 2026

Whereas Butler University is an open campus located within Indianapolis, Indiana, and

Whereas there has been an increase in the number of instances of gun violence on college campuses in the past year, and

Whereas the current students of Butler University have grown up in an era of in-school gun violence, meaning there is an unknown number of students on this campus who have previously been victims of gun violence in their school, and

Whereas it is the duty of the Butler University Police Department to create proactive and executable plans in the event of an active shooter incident on Butler's Campus, and

Whereas the current educational material created by BUPD highlights the importance of the "Run, Hide, Fight" framework to survive an active shooter situation, and

Whereas it has been noted by students that many classrooms do not have adequate locking mechanisms on doors, or locking mechanisms that would be effective in an active shooter situation, and

Whereas a key part of being able to safely "Hide" includes having the ability to lock and barricade a door successfully, and

Whereas the Student Government Association understands that statistically, a situation is unlikely to occur, but preparedness is crucial to preventing tragedy, let it be

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Resolved that the Butler University Student Government Association formally encourages the evaluation of current campus security and safety measures relating to building and classroom security, let it be further

Resolved That the Student Government Association recommends the addition of emergency locks (As shown in Appendix A) to rooms that do not currently have secure locking mechanisms, let it be further

Resolved that this would increase campus safety and security and allow not only students who have previously experienced gun violence, but all students to feel safer in classrooms.



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Primary Sponsor:

Abigail McKenzie, Class of 2028 Senator

Secondary Sponsor:

Kasi Harner, Class of 2027 Senator

Vote:

In Favor: 17

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Resolution PASSES

Signatures:

Brenna S. Bailey, Speaker of the Senate

Note: The signature of the Speaker serves only as verification of vote count and does not indicate support of a resolution

Eloise Ayotte, Student Body President



Appendix A: Potential Additions to Doors



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