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**Introducer's Statement of Intent**  
**LB 64**

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**Chairperson:** Greg Adams  
**Committee:** Education  
**Date of Hearing:** February 3, 2009

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

Legislative Bill 64 would raise awareness about the dangers of dating violence.

LB 64 is modeled after the Lindsay Ann Burke Act, which was enacted by the Rhode Island General Assembly in 2007. Lindsay Ann Burke was a 23-year old Rhode Island woman brutally murdered by a former boyfriend in 2005.

LB 64 would require that:

- 1) The State Department of Education develop a model policy for local school districts on responding to and reporting dating violence;
- 2) Each school district provide dating violence training to administrators, teachers and staff responsible for students in grades six through twelve;
- 3) Each school district establish a policy to address incidents of dating violence involving students "at school," as defined in the act ; and
- 4) Each school district incorporate age-appropriate dating violence education for students into its health curriculum.

LB 64 would integrate dating violence education into school districts' current curricula to protect students against unwarranted conduct and abuse, without imposing an undue burden on school district resources.

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