

# *Florida senate votes down assault rifle ban*

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Tallahassee, March 6 (RHC)-- In the U.S. state of Florida, the state Senate met for a rare session in which lawmakers voted down a proposal to ban assault rifles in the wake of the February 14th massacre at the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida. Seventeen students and teachers were killed in that shooting incident.

The Florida Senate did vote to spend \$67 million to train teachers to carry guns, with the aim of putting 10 armed teachers into every school in Florida. But a last-minute amendment to the bill rolled back the plan to arm teachers at schools across the state, now allowing school districts to decide whether they want armed teachers or not.

Before the Florida Senate voted, some of the families of the victims of the Valentine's Day school shooting in Parkland, Florida, gathered to demand gun control.

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