

State Approaches to Legislator Security

Security Funding

Nevada

In November 2025, Nevada enacted several pieces of legislation aimed to increase legislator safety and security.

- [Assembly Bill 3 a](#) authorizes public officers, including legislators, to have personal information contained in Secretary of State or county and city clerk records kept confidential. The bill also classifies personal security as a permissible campaign expense.
- [Assembly Concurrent Resolution 3 a](#) permits legislators to apply for reimbursement to offset the cost of personal security funds incurred between November 6, 2024 and November 3, 2026. Legislators can receive up to \$5,000 to be paid from the [Legislative Fund](#).
- [Senate Bill 2 a](#) appropriates \$2,204,813 from the State General Fund to the [Legislative Fund](#) for the costs of providing legislative security.

Minnesota

In July 2025, Minnesota lawmakers received access to up to [\\$4,500 of chamber funds](#) for home security.

Colorado

In 2022, the Colorado General Assembly passed [SB 133](#), which authorized the Colorado state patrol to provide additional protection and security services to members of the General Assembly when requested by the legislative council executive committee and deemed necessary by the state patrol chief. The legislature appropriated \$1,115,090 to the department of public safety to implement.

Campaign Funds for Security Expenses

California, Louisiana and Minnesota already specified security expenditures for candidates and elected officials, including staff, were approved campaign fund expenditures. Security for family members is also included in the list of approved expenditures in California and Louisiana. In 2025, California amended the existing \$10,000 lifetime cap on security expenses, [removing the cap through January 1, 2029](#). Starting in 2029, candidates and elected officers can spend \$10,000 of campaign funds annually on security expenses.

Several state ethics commissions have recently issued opinions approving the use of campaign funds for personal legislator security, including [New Mexico](#), [Ohio](#), and [Oklahoma](#).

Other states, such as [Kentucky](#), are considering legislation to include security measures as a permissible campaign expense.

Additional information on campaign fund security expenditures can be found in the July 2025 NCSL article [Only a Handful of States Let Candidates Pay for Security with Campaign Funds](#).