

SENATE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE REPORT

Chair of Committee

Date

February 5, 2020

Committee on Education.

After consideration on the merits, the Committee recommends the following:

SB20-023 be amended as follows, and as so amended, be referred to the Committee on Appropriations with favorable recommendation:

1 Amend printed bill, strike everything below the enacting clause and
2 substitute:

3 "SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** article 25 to
4 title 24 as follows:

5 **ARTICLE 25**

6 **Colorado Interagency Working Group on School Safety**

7 **24-25-101. Legislative declaration.** (1) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
8 FINDS AND DECLARES THAT:

9 (a) ENSURING THE SAFETY OF STUDENTS, TEACHERS, AND OTHER
10 EMPLOYEES WHILE AT SCHOOL IS A PARAMOUNT CONCERN FOR THE
11 CITIZENS OF COLORADO;

12 (b) IMPROVING THE EFFECTIVE ADMINISTRATION OF SCHOOL
13 SAFETY PROGRAMS AND FUNDING IS CRITICAL TO PROVIDING SAFE
14 SCHOOLS; AND

15 (c) MAINTAINING SCHOOL SAFETY THROUGH THE MOST
16 COST-EFFECTIVE USE OF LIMITED STATE RESOURCES IS IN THE INTEREST OF
17 THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF COLORADO.

18 (2) THEREFORE, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY DECLARES THAT A
19 WORKING GROUP COMPRISED OF STATE AND LOCAL AGENCY OFFICIALS
20 MUST BE FORMED TO INCREASE COORDINATION OF SCHOOL SAFETY
21 PROGRAMS ACROSS STATE GOVERNMENT AND ANNUALLY REPORT TO THE
22 GOVERNOR, THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AND THE
23 PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE ON THEIR ACTIVITIES.

24 **24-25-102. Colorado interagency working group on school**
25 **safety - creation - membership - operation - immunity.** (1) THERE IS

1 HEREBY CREATED IN THE DEPARTMENT THE COLORADO INTERAGENCY
2 WORKING GROUP ON SCHOOL SAFETY, REFERRED TO IN THIS ARTICLE 25 AS
3 THE "WORKING GROUP". THE WORKING GROUP HAS THE POWERS AND
4 DUTIES SPECIFIED IN THIS ARTICLE 25.

5 (2) THE WORKING GROUP CONSISTS OF ELEVEN MEMBERS, AS
6 FOLLOWS:

7 (a) THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC
8 SAFETY, OR HIS OR HER DESIGNEE, WHO SHALL SERVE AS THE CHAIR OF THE
9 WORKING GROUP;

10 (b) THE COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION, OR HIS OR HER DESIGNEE,
11 WHO SHALL SERVE AS THE VICE-CHAIR OF THE WORKING GROUP;

12 (c) THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC
13 HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT, OR HIS OR HER DESIGNEE;

14 (d) THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN
15 SERVICES, OR HIS OR HER DESIGNEE;

16 (e) THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, OR HIS OR HER DESIGNEE, WHO
17 SHALL SERVE AS THE VICE-CHAIR OF THE WORKING GROUP;

18 (f) THE DIRECTOR OF THE SCHOOL SAFETY RESOURCE CENTER;

19 (g) THE STATE ARCHITECT OR HIS OR HER DESIGNEE; AND

20 (h) THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR:

21 (I) A SCHOOL DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT WHO SERVES AN URBAN
22 OR SUBURBAN SCHOOL DISTRICT;

23 (II) A SCHOOL DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT WHO SERVES A RURAL
24 SCHOOL DISTRICT;

25 (III) A CHIEF OF POLICE; AND

26 (IV) A COUNTY SHERIFF.

27 (3) THE MEMBERS OF THE WORKING GROUP SERVE WITHOUT
28 COMPENSATION BUT THE MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR MAY BE
29 REIMBURSED FOR ANY ACTUAL AND NECESSARY TRAVEL EXPENSES
30 INCURRED IN THE PERFORMANCE OF THEIR DUTIES PURSUANT TO THIS
31 ARTICLE 25.

32 (4) THE WORKING GROUP SHALL MEET AT LEAST ONCE PER
33 QUARTER TO REVIEW INFORMATION NECESSARY FOR MAKING
34 RECOMMENDATIONS.

35 (5) THE WORKING GROUP MAY CONTRACT WITH A CONSULTANT TO
36 OPTIMIZE THE ALIGNMENT AND EFFECTIVENESS OF THE SCHOOL SAFETY
37 EFFORTS IN COLORADO AND IDENTIFY EVIDENCE-BASED BEST PRACTICES.
38 THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY MAY APPROPRIATE MONEY TO THE WORKING
39 GROUP FOR A CONSULTANT IF REQUESTED BY THE WORKING GROUP.

40 (6) MEMBERS OF THE WORKING GROUP, EMPLOYEES, AND
41 CONSULTANTS ARE IMMUNE FROM SUIT IN ANY CIVIL ACTION BASED UPON

1 ANY OFFICIAL ACT PERFORMED IN GOOD FAITH PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE
2 25.

3 **24-25-103. Duties of the working group - mission.** (1) THE
4 MISSION OF THE WORKING GROUP IS TO ENHANCE SCHOOL SAFETY
5 THROUGH THE COST-EFFECTIVE USE OF PUBLIC RESOURCES. THE WORK OF
6 THE WORKING GROUP WILL FOCUS ON EVIDENCE-BASED BEST PRACTICES.

7 (2) THE WORKING GROUP SHALL:

8 (a) STUDY AND IMPLEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE STATE
9 AUDITOR'S REPORT REGARDING SCHOOL SAFETY RELEASED SEPTEMBER
10 2019;

11 (b) CONSIDER PROGRAM ORGANIZATION AND RECOMMEND
12 REORGANIZATION IF NECESSARY;

13 (c) IDENTIFY SHARED METRICS TO EXAMINE PROGRAM
14 EFFECTIVENESS;

15 (d) FACILITATE INTERAGENCY COORDINATION AND
16 COMMUNICATION;

17 (e) INCREASE TRANSPARENCY AND ACCESSIBILITY OF STATE
18 GRANTS AND RESOURCES, PARTICULARLY FOR SCHOOL DISTRICTS WITHOUT
19 A GRANT WRITER, WHICH INCLUDES IMPROVING OUTREACH AND MAY
20 INCLUDE DEVELOPING COMMON GRANT APPLICATIONS;

21 (f) FACILITATE AND ADDRESS DATA SHARING, INCLUDING
22 ALLOWABLE DATA SHARING AT THE LOCAL LEVEL, WHEN APPROPRIATE
23 AND ALLOWABLE UNDER STATE AND FEDERAL LAW; AND

24 (g) ADDRESS SCHOOL SAFETY PROGRAM CHALLENGES IN A
25 COORDINATED WAY.

26 (3) THE WORKING GROUP MAY USE AVAILABLE RESOURCES,
27 MODALITIES, AND NONMEMBERS FROM INTERESTED MEMBERS OF THE
28 COMMUNITY TO FOCUS ON SPECIFIC SUBJECT MATTERS.

29 (4) THE SCHOOL SAFETY RESOURCE CENTER SERVES AS THE
30 CLEARINGHOUSE FOR ALL MATERIALS PRODUCED BY THE WORKING GROUP.

31 (5) THE DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF
32 PUBLIC SAFETY, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION,
33 SHALL PROVIDE RESOURCES FOR DATA COLLECTION, RESEARCH, ANALYSIS,
34 AND PUBLICATION OF THE WORKING GROUP'S FINDINGS AND REPORTS.

35 **24-25-104. Colorado working group on school safety cash fund**
36 **- created - gifts, grants, and donations.** (1) THE DEPARTMENT OF
37 PUBLIC SAFETY AND THE WORKING GROUP ARE AUTHORIZED TO ACCEPT
38 GIFTS, GRANTS, OR DONATIONS, INCLUDING IN-KIND DONATIONS FROM
39 PRIVATE OR PUBLIC SOURCES, FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS ARTICLE 25. ALL
40 PRIVATE AND PUBLIC MONEY RECEIVED THROUGH GIFTS, GRANTS, OR
41 DONATIONS BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY OR BY THE WORKING

1 GROUP MUST BE TRANSMITTED TO THE STATE TREASURER, WHO SHALL
2 CREDIT THE SAME TO THE COLORADO WORKING GROUP ON SCHOOL SAFETY
3 CASH FUND, WHICH FUND IS CREATED IN THE STATE TREASURY AND
4 REFERRED TO IN THIS ARTICLE 25 AS THE "CASH FUND". THE STATE
5 TREASURER SHALL INVEST ANY MONEY IN THE CASH FUND NOT EXPENDED
6 FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS ARTICLE 25 AS PROVIDED IN SECTION
7 24-36-113. ALL INTEREST AND INCOME DERIVED FROM THE INVESTMENT
8 AND DEPOSIT OF MONEY IN THE CASH FUND MUST BE CREDITED TO THE
9 CASH FUND. ANY UNEXPENDED AND UNENCUMBERED MONEY REMAINING
10 IN THE CASH FUND AT THE END OF ANY FISCAL YEAR REMAINS IN THE CASH
11 FUND AND SHALL NOT BE CREDITED OR TRANSFERRED TO THE GENERAL
12 FUND OR ANY OTHER FUND.

13 (2) THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY IS NOT REQUIRED TO
14 SOLICIT GIFTS, GRANTS, OR DONATIONS FROM ANY SOURCE FOR THE
15 PURPOSES OF THIS ARTICLE 25.

16 **22-25-105. Repeal of article.** THIS ARTICLE 25 IS REPEALED,
17 EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1, 2022. BEFORE THE REPEAL, THE DEPARTMENT
18 OF REGULATORY AGENCIES SHALL REVIEW THE WORKING GROUP AS
19 DESCRIBED IN SECTION 2-3-1203.

20 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 2-3-1203, **add**
21 (13)(a)(VI) as follows:

22 **2-3-1203. Sunset review of advisory committees - legislative**
23 **declaration - definition - repeal.** (13) (a) The following statutory
24 authorizations for the designated advisory committees are scheduled for
25 repeal on September 1, 2022:

26 (VI) THE COLORADO INTERAGENCY WORKING GROUP ON SCHOOL
27 SAFETY CREATED IN SECTION 24-25-102.

28 **SECTION 3. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,
29 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
30 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety."

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