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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING THE CREATION OF A SCHOOL SAFETY GRANT PROGRAM,

102 AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

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Bill Summary

*(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://leg.colorado.gov>.)*

The bill creates the enhance school safety incident response grant program in the division of homeland security and emergency management in the department of public safety (grant program) to provide funding for research, program development, and training to improve school safety incident response. The funding can be used by recipients to provide training, develop best practices and protocols, conduct research and

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Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing statute.  
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1 INCIDENT RESPONSE GRANT PROGRAM CREATED IN SECTION 24-33.5-2103.

2 (4) "LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY" MEANS THE COLORADO STATE  
3 PATROL, AN AGENCY OF STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT AUTHORIZED TO  
4 ENFORCE THE LAWS OF COLORADO, OR A CAMPUS POLICE AGENCY.

5 (5) "SCHOOL" MEANS AN INSTITUTION AT WHICH INSTRUCTION IS  
6 PROVIDED BY INSTRUCTORS TO STUDENTS IN ONE OR MORE BUILDINGS ON  
7 A CAMPUS, INCLUDING A SCHOOL SERVING ANY OF GRADES PRESCHOOL  
8 THROUGH TWELFTH AND AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION.

9 (6) "SCHOOL SAFETY INCIDENT" MEANS THE OCCURRENCE OR  
10 IMMINENT THREAT OF AN UNEXPECTED EVENT THAT PLACES LIFE OR  
11 PROPERTY IN DANGER AND REQUIRES AN IMMEDIATE RESPONSE,  
12 INCLUDING A SCHOOL INVASION, ACTIVE ATTACKER, BOMB OR EXPLOSIVE  
13 DEVICE, OR OTHER ACT OF TERRORISM OR VIOLENCE WITHIN A SCHOOL OR  
14 ITS CAMPUS.

15 (7) "SCHOOL SAFETY INCIDENT RESPONSE" MEANS THE ACTIONS  
16 TAKEN DIRECTLY FOLLOWING THE ONSET OF A SCHOOL SAFETY INCIDENT  
17 TO PROVIDE IMMEDIATE ASSISTANCE TO PROTECT LIVES; CONTAIN THE  
18 INCIDENT; ENSURE THE SECURITY OF THE SCHOOL, ITS STUDENTS AND  
19 PERSONNEL, AND THE SURROUNDING COMMUNITY; AND RESTORE  
20 ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS.

21 **24-33.5-2103. Enhance school safety incident response grant**  
22 **program - creation - guidelines.** (1) THERE IS HEREBY CREATED IN THE  
23 DIVISION THE ENHANCE SCHOOL SAFETY INCIDENT RESPONSE GRANT  
24 PROGRAM TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR RESEARCH, PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT,  
25 AND TRAINING TO IMPROVE SCHOOL SAFETY INCIDENT RESPONSE.

26 (2) GRANT RECIPIENTS MAY USE THE MONEY RECEIVED THROUGH  
27 THE GRANT PROGRAM FOR THE FOLLOWING PURPOSES:

1 (a) DEVELOPING AND PROVIDING TRAINING PROGRAMS,  
2 CURRICULUMS, AND SEMINARS RELATED TO SCHOOL SAFETY INCIDENT  
3 RESPONSE;

4 (b) DEVELOPING BEST PRACTICES AND PROTOCOLS RELATED TO  
5 SCHOOL SAFETY INCIDENT RESPONSE;

6 (c) CONDUCTING RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT RELATING TO  
7 SCHOOL SAFETY INCIDENT RESPONSE; AND

8 (d) UPGRADING TECHNOLOGY AND INFRASTRUCTURE USED TO  
9 PROVIDE TRAINING AND EDUCATION RELATED TO SCHOOL SAFETY  
10 INCIDENT RESPONSE.

11 (3) THE DIVISION SHALL ADMINISTER THE GRANT PROGRAM AND,  
12 SUBJECT TO AVAILABLE APPROPRIATIONS, SHALL AWARD GRANTS AS  
13 PROVIDED IN THIS PART 21. SUBJECT TO AVAILABLE APPROPRIATIONS,  
14 GRANTS SHALL BE PAID OUT OF MONEY ANNUALLY APPROPRIATED FOR THE  
15 GRANT PROGRAM AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 24-33.5-2106.

16 (4) THE DIVISION SHALL IMPLEMENT THE GRANT PROGRAM IN  
17 ACCORDANCE WITH THIS PART 21 AND SHALL ESTABLISH GUIDELINES AS  
18 NECESSARY TO ACCOMPLISH THE PURPOSES OF THIS PART 21.

19 **24-33.5-2104. Enhance school safety incident response grant**  
20 **program - application - criteria - awards.** (1) TO RECEIVE A GRANT, AN  
21 APPLICANT MUST SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE DIVISION IN THE FORM  
22 PRESCRIBED BY THE DIVISION ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 1 EACH YEAR OF  
23 THE GRANT PROGRAM. AT A MINIMUM, THE APPLICATION MUST INCLUDE  
24 DOCUMENTATION DEMONSTRATING THAT THE APPLICANT:

25 (a) IS A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION THAT IS EXEMPT FROM  
26 TAXATION UNDER SECTION 501 (c)(3) OF THE FEDERAL "INTERNAL  
27 REVENUE CODE OF 1986", AS AMENDED;

1 (b) HAS EXPERIENCE PROVIDING TRAINING FOR SCHOOL SAFETY  
2 INCIDENT RESPONSE;

3 (c) HAS EXPERIENCE WORKING WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES  
4 AND OTHER FIRST RESPONDERS; AND

5 (d) HAS EXPERIENCE WORKING WITH SCHOOL DISTRICTS, SCHOOL  
6 PERSONNEL, AND STUDENTS ON ISSUES RELATED TO SCHOOL SAFETY  
7 INCIDENT RESPONSE.

8 (2) THE DIVISION SHALL REVIEW THE APPLICATIONS RECEIVED  
9 PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION. IN AWARDING GRANTS, THE DIVISION SHALL  
10 CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA:

11 (a) THE APPLICANT'S CAPACITY TO COORDINATE WITH LAW  
12 ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES AND FIRST RESPONDERS STATEWIDE;

13 (b) THE APPLICANT'S CAPACITY TO SERVE SCHOOL DISTRICTS,  
14 SCHOOL PERSONNEL, AND STUDENTS STATEWIDE;

15 (c) THE APPLICANT'S EXPERIENCE IN PROVIDING TRAINING  
16 RELATED TO SCHOOL SAFETY INCIDENT RESPONSE;

17 (d) THE APPLICANT'S EXPERIENCE IN ADDRESSING THE  
18 PSYCHOLOGICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH TRAUMA AFFECTING VICTIMS AND  
19 FIRST RESPONDERS FOLLOWING SCHOOL SAFETY INCIDENTS, THE  
20 PSYCHOLOGICAL FOOTPRINT OF A SCHOOL SAFETY INCIDENT, AND TRAUMA  
21 RECOVERY; AND

22 (e) THE APPLICANT'S EXPERIENCE PROVIDING RECOMMENDATIONS  
23 TO LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES AND OTHER FIRST RESPONDERS, SCHOOL  
24 DISTRICTS, AND COMMUNITIES TO SUPPORT MENTAL HEALTH RECOVERY  
25 AFTER SCHOOL SAFETY INCIDENTS.

26 (3) SUBJECT TO AVAILABLE APPROPRIATIONS, ON OR BEFORE  
27 DECEMBER 1 EACH YEAR OF THE GRANT PROGRAM, THE DIVISION SHALL

1 AWARD GRANTS AS PROVIDED IN THIS PART 21. THE DIVISION SHALL  
2 DISTRIBUTE THE GRANT MONEY WITHIN THIRTY DAYS AFTER AWARDING  
3 THE GRANTS.

4 **24-33.5-2105. Reporting requirements.** ON OR BEFORE  
5 DECEMBER 1, 2019, AND ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1 EACH YEAR  
6 THEREAFTER, EACH ORGANIZATION THAT RECEIVES A GRANT THROUGH  
7 THE GRANT PROGRAM SHALL SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE DIVISION. AT A  
8 MINIMUM, THE REPORT MUST DOCUMENT THE ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED,  
9 SERVICES OR TRAININGS PROVIDED, TOOLS OR PROTOCOLS DEVELOPED,  
10 AND SUCH OTHER INFORMATION AS THE DIVISION MAY REQUEST TO  
11 MONITOR THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE GRANT.

12 **24-33.5-2106. Funding for grant program.** THE GENERAL  
13 ASSEMBLY SHALL ANNUALLY APPROPRIATE MONEY FROM THE GENERAL  
14 FUND OR FROM THE MARIJUANA TAX CASH FUND CREATED IN SECTION  
15 39-28.8-501 TO THE DIVISION TO IMPLEMENT THE GRANT PROGRAM. THE  
16 DIVISION MAY USE A PORTION OF THE MONEY ANNUALLY APPROPRIATED  
17 FOR THE PROGRAM TO PAY THE DIRECT AND INDIRECT COSTS THAT THE  
18 DIVISION INCURS TO ADMINISTER THE GRANT PROGRAM.

19 **24-33.5-2107. Repeal of part.** THIS PART 21 IS REPEALED,  
20 EFFECTIVE JUNE 30, 2021.

21 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-33.5-1807, **add**  
22 (6) as follows:

23 **24-33.5-1807. School safety resource center cash fund - repeal.**  
24 (6) (a) IN ADDITION TO ANY OTHER PURPOSE AUTHORIZED BY THIS  
25 SECTION, SUBJECT TO ANNUAL APPROPRIATION BY THE GENERAL  
26 ASSEMBLY, THE DIVISION OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY  
27 MANAGEMENT IS AUTHORIZED TO EXPEND MONEY FROM THE FUND FOR

1 THE ENHANCE SCHOOL SAFETY INCIDENT RESPONSE GRANT PROGRAM  
2 CREATED IN PART 21 OF THIS ARTICLE 33.5.

3 (b) THIS SUBSECTION (6) IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JUNE 30, 2021.

4 **SECTION 3. Appropriation.** For the 2018-19 state fiscal year,  
5 \$500,000 is appropriated to the department of public safety for use by the  
6 division of homeland security and emergency management. This  
7 appropriation is from the school safety resource center cash fund created  
8 in section 24-33.5-1807, C.R.S. To implement this act, the division may  
9 use this appropriation for the enhance school safety incident response  
10 grant program.

11 **SECTION 4. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,  
12 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate  
13 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.