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SENATE BILL 18-151

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION RESEARCH TO DEVELOP
102 BULLYING POLICIES.

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 requires the department of education (department) to research approaches, policies, and practices in other states related to bullying prevention and education, and to develop a model bullying prevention and education policy after considering its research. The department is required to publish the results of that research and its model policy on the department's website by July 1, 2019, as guidance for school

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
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districts, charter schools, and the charter school institute in developing and implementing bullying prevention and education policies. The research and model policy must be updated and published every 3 years.

1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add 22-2-144** as
3 follows:

4 **22-2-144. Bullying prevention and education policies - short**
5 **title - study.** (1) THE SHORT TITLE OF THIS SECTION IS "ASHAWNTY'S
6 LAW".

7 (2)(a) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL RESEARCH APPROACHES, POLICIES,
8 AND PRACTICES RELATED TO BULLYING PREVENTION AND EDUCATION
9 USED BY EDUCATION PROVIDERS IN OTHER STATES. ON OR BEFORE JULY 1,
10 2019, AFTER CONSIDERATION OF THE RESEARCH CONDUCTED PURSUANT
11 TO THIS SUBSECTION (2)(a), THE DEPARTMENT, IN CONSULTATION WITH
12 THE SCHOOL SAFETY RESOURCE CENTER CREATED IN SECTION
13 24-33.5-1803, SHALL DEVELOP A MODEL BULLYING PREVENTION AND
14 EDUCATION POLICY. THE RESEARCH AND MODEL POLICY DESCRIBED IN
15 THIS SUBSECTION (2)(a) MUST BE UPDATED EVERY THREE YEARS.

16 (b) ON OR BEFORE JULY 1, 2019, AND EVERY THREE YEARS
17 THEREAFTER, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PUBLISH THE RESULTS OF THE
18 RESEARCH AND MODEL POLICY REQUIRED BY SUBSECTION (2)(a) OF THIS
19 SECTION ON ITS WEBSITE AS GUIDANCE FOR SCHOOL DISTRICTS, CHARTER
20 SCHOOLS, AND THE CHARTER SCHOOL INSTITUTE TO CONSIDER WHEN
21 DEVELOPING AND IMPLEMENTING BULLYING PREVENTION AND EDUCATION
22 POLICIES.

23 **SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act
24 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the

1 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August
2 8, 2018, if adjournment sine die is on May 9, 2018); except that, if a
3 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the
4 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act
5 within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect
6 unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in
7 November 2018 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
8 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.