A BILL FOR AN ACT

CONCERNING ENHANCEMENTS TO THE SAFE2TELL PROGRAM, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

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/.)

School Safety Committee. Under current law, the safe2tell program is required to provide awareness and educational materials to preschools. The bill repeals this requirement.

The bill requires the safe2tell program to:

Devise a process so that all calls and texts are received initially by a crisis operator and then non-crisis calls and
texts are routed appropriately;

! Align the process and procedures for tips received via all communication methods; and

! Conduct an annual advertising campaign regarding awareness, use, and misuse of safe2tell.

The bill allows the attorney general to disclose to law enforcement personnel any materials or information obtained through the implementation or operation of the program if the attorney general reasonably deems such disclosure necessary for the prevention of imminent physical harm or serious bodily injury to one or more persons.

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

SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-31-606, amend (2)(e), (2)(f), (2)(g), (2)(k), (2)(l), and (2)(m); and add (2)(o) and (2)(p) as follows:

24-31-606. Safe2tell program - creation - duties. (2) The program must:

(e) Promptly forward information received by the program to the appropriate law enforcement or public safety agency or school officials. THE PROGRAM IS NOT REQUIRED TO FORWARD INFORMATION IF THE CALL WAS TRANSFERRED TO THE STATEWIDE CRISIS RESPONSE SYSTEM CREATED PURSUANT TO SECTION 27-60-103.

(f) Train law enforcement dispatch centers, school districts, individual schools, and other entities determined by the attorney general on appropriate awareness and response to safe2tell tips. TRAINING MATERIALS OUTLINING APPROPRIATE RESPONSE TO SAFE2TELL TIPS WILL BE DEVELOPED IN COLLABORATION WITH STAKEHOLDERS TO ENSURE STANDARDIZED MESSAGING.

(g) Provide safe2tell awareness and education educational materials to all preschool, elementary and secondary schools in Colorado WITH A PRIMARY FOCUS ON TARGETING MARKETING MATERIALS TO
COLORADO SCHOOL-AGE CHILDREN, TEACHERS, ADMINISTRATORS, EDUCATION PROFESSIONALS, AND, SUBJECT TO AVAILABLE FUNDS, OTHER YOUTH-RELATED ORGANIZATIONS INCLUDING BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS AND 4-H EXTENSION OFFICES at no charge to the school on or before June 30, 2017, and annually each fiscal year thereafter OR RECIPIENT;

(k) Provide training and support to all preschool, elementary and secondary schools and school districts in Colorado regarding school safety related to the safe2tell program, including answering questions and discussing reports received by the program;

(l) Provide educational materials to all preschool, elementary and secondary schools in Colorado aimed at preventing misuse of the program;

(m) Provide technical assistance and support to law enforcement officials and school officials when there is misuse of the program; and

(o) ON OR BEFORE FEBRUARY 1, 2021, THE DEPARTMENT, IN COLLABORATION WITH STAKEHOLDERS, SHALL DEVISE A PROCESS AND DEVELOP STANDARDIZED PROTOCOLS SO THAT ANY COMMUNICATION RELATED TO MENTAL HEALTH OR SUBSTANCE USE RECEIVED BY SAFE2TELL, INCLUDING ANY COMMUNICATION RELATED TO ANOTHER PERSON, MAY BE TRANSFERRED, AS APPROPRIATE, TO THE STATEWIDE CRISIS RESPONSE SYSTEM CREATED PURSUANT TO SECTION 27-60-103; AND

(p) CONDUCT AN ANNUAL ADVERTISING CAMPAIGN REGARDING AWARENESS, USE, AND MISUSE OF SAFE2TELL.

SECTION 2. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-31-607, add (2)(c) as follows:

24-31-607. IN camera review - confidentiality of materials - criminal penalty. (2) (c) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY PROVISION TO THE
CONTRARY, UPON REQUEST BY A LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY, THE
ATTORNEY GENERAL MAY DISCLOSE TO LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL
ANY MATERIALS OR INFORMATION OBTAINED THROUGH THE
IMPLEMENTATION OR OPERATION OF THE PROGRAM IF THE ATTORNEY
GENERAL REASONABLY DEEMS SUCH DISCLOSURE NECESSARY FOR THE
PREVENTION OF IMMINENT PHYSICAL HARM OR SERIOUS BODILY INJURY TO
ONE OR MORE PERSONS.

SECTION 3. Appropriation. For the 2020-21 state fiscal year, $50,000 is appropriated to the department of law. This appropriation is from the general fund. To implement this act, the department may use this appropriation for the office of community engagement.

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