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SENATE BILL 22-054

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING THE ADDITION OF A RECOMMENDATION THAT A DISTRICT  
102 PUBLIC SCHOOL BE CONVERTED TO A COMMUNITY SCHOOL IF  
103 THE DISTRICT PUBLIC SCHOOL FAILS TO MAKE SUBSTANTIAL  
104 PROGRESS UNDER ITS TURNAROUND PLAN.

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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 authorizes the state review panel to recommend that a district public school be converted to a community school if the district public school fails to make substantial progress under its turnaround plan.

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing statute.  
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.

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

2           **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-11-209, **amend**  
3 (2)(a)(I)(D); and **add** (2)(a)(I)(F) as follows:

4           **22-11-209. Removal of accreditation - recommended actions**  
5 **- review - appeal - rules.** (2) (a) If a school district or the institute is  
6 accredited with a turnaround plan and the department determines that the  
7 school district or institute has failed to make substantial progress under  
8 its turnaround plan, or if the school district or institute has been on  
9 performance watch for the full five years, the commissioner shall assign  
10 the state review panel to critically evaluate the school district's or the  
11 institute's performance and to recommend one or more of the following  
12 actions:

13           (I) If the recommendation applies to a school district:

14           (D) That one or more of the district public schools be granted  
15 status as an innovation school pursuant to section 22-32.5-104 or that the  
16 local school board recognize a group of district public schools as an  
17 innovation school zone pursuant to section 22-32.5-104; **or**

18           (F) THAT ONE OR MORE OF THE DISTRICT PUBLIC SCHOOLS BE  
19 CONVERTED TO A COMMUNITY SCHOOL, AS DEFINED IN SECTION  
20 22-32.5-103 (1.5); **OR**

21           **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-11-210, **amend**  
22 (5)(a)(IV) and (5)(a)(V); and **add** (5)(a)(VI) as follows:

23           **22-11-210. Public schools - annual review - plans - supports**  
24 **and interventions - rules.** (5) (a) If a public school fails to make  
25 adequate progress under its turnaround plan or continues on performance  
26 watch for the full five years, the commissioner shall assign the state

1 review panel to critically evaluate the public school's performance, which  
2 evaluation must include at least one on-site visit to the public school.  
3 Upon completing the evaluation, the state review panel shall determine  
4 whether to recommend:

5 (IV) With regard to a district public school, that the district public  
6 school be granted status as an innovation school pursuant to section  
7 22-32.5-104; ~~or~~

8 (V) That the public school be closed or, with regard to a district  
9 charter school or an institute charter school, that the public school's  
10 charter be revoked; OR

11 (VI) WITH REGARD TO A DISTRICT PUBLIC SCHOOL, THAT THE  
12 DISTRICT PUBLIC SCHOOL BE CONVERTED TO A COMMUNITY SCHOOL, AS  
13 DEFINED IN SECTION 22-32.5-103 (1.5).

14 **SECTION 3. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act  
15 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the  
16 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly; except  
17 that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V  
18 of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this  
19 act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take  
20 effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in  
21 November 2022 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the  
22 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.