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INTERIM COMMITTEE BILL

School Safety Committee

BILL TOPIC: "Consultant To Align State School Safety Programs"

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING EMPLOYING A CONSULTANT TO ALIGN THE STATE'S
102 SCHOOL SAFETY PROGRAMS.

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. The bill requires the department of education, in conjunction with the department of public safety, the department of public health and environment, and the department of law, (4 departments) to contract with a consultant to align the state's school safety programs. The 4 departments shall:

- Study and implement recommendations of the state

*Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.*

auditor's report regarding school safety released September 2019;

- Study the use of lockdown drills, including their effectiveness and any harm they do to the participating students;
- Identify school safety best practices and then rank the effectiveness of the best practices;
- Identify actions to improve transparency, reduce duplication, improve services, and improve communication;
- Create minimum school safety standards;
- Provide school risk assessments and training;
- Develop standardized language for describing threats to schools and the procedures to be followed in investigating a threat;
- Create a list of approved school safety resource vendors and tools;
- Recommend minimum standards or procedural guidelines for behavioral threat assessment tools;
- Report on a monthly basis aggregated behavioral and risk assessment data;
- Create an annual report of findings and recommendations, including evidence-based analysis and data; and
- Study and evaluate the implemented changes.

The consultant may create advisory committees that will study and report findings on the issues studied.

The bill repeals the act on September 1, 2025.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** article 17 to title

3 22 as follows:

4 **ARTICLE 17**

5 **School Safety Consultant**

6 **22-17-101. School safety consultant - repeal.** (1) THE

7 DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF

8 PUBLIC SAFETY, THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT,

9 AND THE DEPARTMENT OF LAW, COLLECTIVELY THE "FOUR

10 DEPARTMENTS", SHALL CONTRACT WITH A CONSULTANT TO OPTIMIZE THE

1 ALIGNMENT AND EFFECTIVENESS OF THE SCHOOL SAFETY EFFORTS IN
2 COLORADO AND IDENTIFY EVIDENCE-BASED BEST PRACTICES. THE
3 DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SHALL SELECT THE CONSULTANT THROUGH
4 A REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL PROCESS.

5 (2) WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE CONSULTANT, THE FOUR
6 DEPARTMENTS SHALL:

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

10 (b) STUDY THE USE OF LOCKDOWN DRILLS, INCLUDING THEIR
11 EFFECTIVENESS AND ANY HARM THEY DO TO THE PARTICIPATING
12 STUDENTS;

13 (c) IDENTIFY EVIDENCE-BASED SCHOOL SAFETY BEST PRACTICES
14 AND THEN RANK THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE BEST PRACTICES;

15 (d) IDENTIFY ACTIONS TO IMPROVE TRANSPARENCY, REDUCE
16 DUPLICATION, IMPROVE SERVICES, AND IMPROVE COMMUNICATION;

17 (e) CREATE MINIMUM SCHOOL SAFETY STANDARDS;

18 (f) PROVIDE SCHOOL RISK ASSESSMENTS AND TRAINING;

19 (g) DEVELOP STANDARDIZED LANGUAGE FOR DESCRIBING THREATS
20 TO SCHOOLS AND THE PROCEDURES TO BE FOLLOWED IN INVESTIGATING A
21 THREAT;

22 (h) CREATE A LIST OF APPROVED SCHOOL SAFETY RESOURCE
23 VENDORS AND TOOLS;

24 (i) RECOMMEND MINIMUM STANDARDS OR PROCEDURAL
25 GUIDELINES FOR BEHAVIORAL THREAT ASSESSMENT TOOLS;

26 (j) REPORT ON A MONTHLY BASIS AGGREGATED BEHAVIORAL AND
27 RISK ASSESSMENT DATA;

1 (k) CREATE AN ANNUAL REPORT OF FINDINGS AND
2 RECOMMENDATIONS, INCLUDING EVIDENCE-BASED ANALYSIS AND DATA;
3 AND

4 (l) STUDY AND EVALUATE THE OUTCOMES OF THE IMPLEMENTED
5 CHANGES.

6 (3) THE CONSULTANT, WITH ASSISTANCE FROM THE FOUR
7 DEPARTMENTS, MAY ESTABLISH ADVISORY COMMITTEES THAT FOCUS ON
8 SPECIFIC SUBJECT MATTERS AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE FOUR
9 DEPARTMENTS.

10 (4) THE SCHOOL SAFETY RESOURCE CENTER CREATED IN SECTION
11 24-33.5-1803 SHALL SERVE AS THE CLEARINGHOUSE FOR ALL MATERIALS
12 PRODUCED BY THE CONSULTANT AND FOUR DEPARTMENTS.

13 (5) THE DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF
14 PUBLIC SAFETY, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION,
15 SHALL PROVIDE RESOURCES FOR DATA COLLECTION, RESEARCH, ANALYSIS,
16 AND PUBLICATION TO THE CONSULTANT AND FOUR DEPARTMENTS.

17 (6) THE FOUR DEPARTMENTS, THEIR EMPLOYEES, AND THE
18 CONSULTANT ARE IMMUNE FROM SUIT IN ANY CIVIL ACTION BASED UPON
19 ANY OFFICIAL ACT PERFORMED IN GOOD FAITH PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE
20 17.

21 (7) THIS ARTICLE 17 IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1, 2025.