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INTERIM COMMITTEE BILL

School Safety Committee

BILL TOPIC: "School Security Disbursement Program"

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING MEASURES TO MAKE THE SCHOOL SECURITY**
102 **DISBURSEMENT PROGRAM MORE EFFECTIVE.**

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, there is a school security disbursement program that provides funding to local education providers for school safety measures. The bill makes the funding for the program annual. The bill also allows eligible community-based organizations to apply for funding. The bill states that applicants from a rural area of the state have priority in receiving funding requests in

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Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.*

addition to school districts with matching funds. The bill allows funding to be used for school-wide programs that promote a positive school atmosphere and culture to create safer school environments for students and faculty.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-33.5-1810,
3 **amend** (1), (2), (3) introductory portion, (3)(a) introductory portion,
4 (3)(a)(I), (3)(a)(II), (3)(a)(V), (3)(b), (3)(d), (4) introductory portion,
5 (4)(f), (5), and (6)(a); and **add** (3)(e) as follows:

6 **24-33.5-1810. School security disbursement program - created**
7 **- rules - definitions - report - repeal.** (1) As used in this section, unless
8 the context otherwise requires:

9 (a) ~~"Disbursement program" means the school security~~
10 ~~disbursement program created in subsection (2) of this section.~~

11 "COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATION" MEANS AN ORGANIZATION THAT
12 PROVIDES DIRECT SERVICES TO YOUNG PEOPLE SIX YEARS OF AGE AND
13 OLDER BUT YOUNGER THAN NINETEEN YEARS OF AGE THAT INCLUDE
14 EVIDENCE-INFORMED PROGRAMS, SERVICES, OR ACTIVITIES, BUT NOT
15 SINGLE-ACTIVITY FOCUSED, THAT PROVIDE SUPPLEMENTAL EDUCATIONAL
16 OR DEVELOPMENTAL SUPPORT FOR MORE THAN TWELVE HOURS PER WEEK
17 OUTSIDE OF NORMAL SCHOOL HOURS.

18 (b) ~~"Local education provider" means a school district, a charter~~
19 ~~school that is authorized pursuant to part 1 of article 30.5 of title 22, an~~
20 ~~institute charter school that is authorized pursuant to part 5 of article 30.5~~
21 ~~of title 22, or a board of cooperative services as defined in section~~
22 ~~22-5-103~~ "DISBURSEMENT PROGRAM" MEANS THE SCHOOL SECURITY
23 DISBURSEMENT PROGRAM CREATED IN SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS SECTION.

1 (c) "LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDER" MEANS A SCHOOL DISTRICT, A
2 CHARTER SCHOOL THAT IS AUTHORIZED PURSUANT TO PART 1 OF ARTICLE
3 30.5 OF TITLE 22, AN INSTITUTE CHARTER SCHOOL THAT IS AUTHORIZED
4 PURSUANT TO PART 5 OF ARTICLE 30.5 OF TITLE 22, OR A BOARD OF
5 COOPERATIVE SERVICES AS DEFINED IN SECTION 22-5-103.

6 (2) There is created in the department the school security
7 disbursement program to provide disbursements to local education
8 providers OR COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS to use for the purposes
9 described in subsection (3) of this section to improve security within
10 public schools OR ORGANIZATION FACILITIES. THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
11 SHALL MAKE ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS TO THE SCHOOL SECURITY
12 DISBURSEMENT PROGRAM. Subject to ~~available~~ ANNUAL appropriations,
13 the department shall disburse money to applicants as provided in
14 subsection (5) of this section from money credited to the school security
15 disbursement program account within the school safety resource center
16 cash fund created in section 24-33.5-1807. It is the intent of the general
17 assembly that the department distribute the money credited to the school
18 security disbursement program account for the disbursement program as
19 quickly as practicable based on the receipt of qualifying applications.

20 (3) A local education provider or COMMUNITY-BASED
21 ORGANIZATION that receives a disbursement from the disbursement
22 program may use the disbursed money only for the following purposes:

23 (a) Capital construction that improves the security of a public
24 school facility or public school vehicle OR COMMUNITY-BASED
25 ORGANIZATION FACILITY OR VEHICLE, including any structure or installed
26 hardware, device, or equipment that protects a public school facility or
27 public school vehicle OR COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATION FACILITY OR

1 VEHICLE and the students, educators, and other individuals who attend,
2 work in, or visit a public school facility OR COMMUNITY-BASED
3 ORGANIZATION FACILITY or are transported in a public school vehicle OR
4 COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATION VEHICLE from threats of physical
5 harm including but not limited to any structure or installed hardware,
6 device, or equipment that:

7 (I) Prevents the entry of unauthorized individuals into a public
8 school facility or a protected space within a public school facility or onto
9 a public school vehicle OR COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATION FACILITY,
10 PROTECTED SPACE, OR VEHICLE;

11 (II) Prevents undesired objects and substances from entering a
12 public school facility or public school vehicle OR COMMUNITY-BASED
13 ORGANIZATION FACILITY OR VEHICLE;

14 (V) Enables authorized individuals to visually monitor the public
15 school facility or its grounds or the public school vehicle OR
16 COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATION FACILITY OR ITS GROUNDS OR
17 VEHICLE;

18 (b) Training in student threat assessment, which training is
19 provided to all school building staff who have contact with students OR
20 COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATION STAFF WHO HAVE CONTACT WITH
21 STUDENTS;

22 (d) School emergency response training for all school building
23 staff OR COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATION FACILITY STAFF; AND

24 (e) SCHOOL-WIDE PROGRAMS THAT PROMOTE A POSITIVE SCHOOL
25 ATMOSPHERE AND CULTURE TO CREATE SAFER SCHOOL ENVIRONMENTS
26 FOR STUDENTS AND FACULTY.

27 (4) A local education provider OR COMMUNITY-BASED

1 ORGANIZATION, including any combination of local education providers
2 OR COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS who wish to apply together as a
3 single, regional applicant, may apply for a disbursement by submitting an
4 application to the department that includes the following information:

5 (f) Any additional information, as specified by rule of the
6 executive director, that is necessary for the department to evaluate the
7 likely effectiveness of the applicant's use of the disbursed money in
8 improving security in public school facilities or vehicles OR
9 COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATION FACILITIES OR VEHICLES.

10 (5) The department shall review each application received
11 pursuant to subsection (4) of this section and, subject to ~~available~~
12 ANNUAL appropriations, shall disburse money to the applicant if the
13 department determines that the application meets the requirements
14 specified in subsection (4) of this section and the purpose or purposes for
15 which the applicant intends to use the disbursed money are likely to
16 improve security in public school facilities or vehicles OR
17 COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATION FACILITIES OR VEHICLES. The
18 department shall give priority to applicants that commit to providing
19 financial resources to match the amount of the disbursement AND TO
20 APPLICANTS FROM A RURAL PART OF THE STATE. The department shall
21 determine the disbursement amount taking into account the amount
22 identified in the application.

23 (6) (a) On or before August 1, 2019, and on or before August 1
24 each year thereafter, each local education provider OR COMMUNITY-BASED
25 ORGANIZATION that received a disbursement in the preceding school year
26 shall submit a report to the department specifying the amount received;
27 the source and amount of matching money provided, if applicable; and

1 the purpose or purposes for which the local education provider OR
2 COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATION used the disbursed money, including
3 an itemized accounting of how the money was expended.

4 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-33.5-1807,
5 **amend** (1)(a) as follows:

6 **24-33.5-1807. School safety resource center cash fund - repeal.**

7 (1) There is hereby created in the state treasury the school safety resource
8 center cash fund, referred to in this section as the "fund". The fund shall
9 consist of:

10 (a) Such ~~moneys~~ MONEY as the general assembly ~~may~~ SHALL
11 appropriate to the fund;