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## Memorandum

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**TO:** Members of the School Safety Committee

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**SUBJECT:** School Safety Committee Information

### Summary

This memorandum provides information regarding the School Safety Committee's charge, membership, meeting schedule, bill request process, and staff.

### Overview and Charge

The School Safety Committee was created pursuant to Section 2-3-303 (3)(c), C.R.S., which allows the Executive Committee of the Legislative Council to create an interim committee by resolution after the conclusion of the legislative session. The resolution adopted by the executive committee is included as Attachment A.

The School Safety Committee is required to:

- review existing statutes relating to school safety, emergency response planning, and the prevention of threats to the safety of students, teachers, administrators, employees, and volunteers who are present on the grounds of each public and private school in the state; and
- study and evaluate programs and methods for identifying and monitoring students in crisis.

The committee can also consider additional matters relevant to its charge.

### Membership

The School Safety Committee consists of the following eight members.

## 2019 School Safety Committee

Representative Dafna Michaelson Jenet, Chair	Senator Rhonda Fields, Vice-Chair
Representative Susan Beckman	Senator Bob Gardner
Representative Emily Sirota	Senator Julie Gonzales
Representative Kevin Van Winkle	Senator Paul Lundeen

### Meeting Dates

Pursuant to the Executive Committee resolution, and subsequent authorization from the Executive Committee to add an additional meeting, the School Safety Committee is authorized to meet four times. The following four meetings of the committee have been scheduled.

- Thursday, July 11, 2019 – 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Old State Library
- Tuesday, August 20, 2019 – 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Old State Library
- Friday, September 20, 2019 – 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Old State Library (*Deadline to Request Bills*)
- Thursday, October 31, 2019 – 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Old State Library (*Deadline to Approve Bills*)

### Bill Request and Approval Process

**Legislative Council review and bill limits.** Joint Rule 24A (d) (8) requires interim committees to report findings and recommendations to the Legislative Council. In 2019, the Legislative Council will meet on November 15 for this purpose. Joint Rule 24 (b) (1) (D) limits the School Safety Committee to recommending no more than *five* bills to the Legislative Council. Bills approved by the Legislative Council do not count against a member's five-bill limit for the regular legislative session. Bills not approved by Legislative Council may be introduced in the regular session, but such bills will count against a member's five-bill limit.

**Requirements for bill drafts.** The Executive Committee of the Legislative Council's guidelines for interim committees require that at least a majority of the committee membership (five members) approve a bill in concept prior to requesting a bill draft. Requests for draft bills must occur during a single committee meeting set for requesting legislation (September 20). Bill requests must be made at least 42 days before the final meeting to allow sufficient time for drafting, the preparation of a fiscal note, and final consideration by the committee. Committee members must make drafting information available at the meeting at which the members request bills (September 20) or must submit such information to the bill drafter *within three calendar days after the meeting (September 23)*. Failure to submit the drafting information prior to the deadline will be deemed as a withdrawal of the bill request.

The School Safety Committee will act on requested bills on October 31. At this meeting, members can propose amendments to the draft bills. Bills must be approved by a majority of the entire committee

membership (five members) in order to be forwarded to Legislative Council. Once a bill has been approved by the committee, the chair will assign sponsors. Interim committee bills must have prime sponsors prior to consideration by the Legislative Council.

## **Public Information and Input**

The committee's website provides information about the committee, agendas, and relevant meeting materials. It can be found here: <http://leg.colorado.gov/committees/school-safety-committee/2019-regular-session>

Interested persons can also follow the twitter feed for interim committees to receive updates about the School Safety Committee: <https://twitter.com/COInterimComm>

Finally, the chair has created a public input form for interested persons to share their thoughts regarding the committee. The form can be accessed on the committee's website here: <http://www.leg.state.co.us/CLICS/cslFrontPages.nsf/SS.xsp>

## **Staff**

The following staff from Legislative Council Staff and the Office of Legislative Legal Services are available to assist the committee.

The committee's main email address is: [schoolsafetycomm.ga@state.co.us](mailto:schoolsafetycomm.ga@state.co.us). Emailing this address will reach all Legislative Council Staff assigned to the committee.

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