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STATE OF COLORADO

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LLS NO. 26-0010.02 Owen Hatch x2698

SENATE BILL 26-120

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING LAW ENFORCEMENT PROCEDURES RELATED TO MISSING  
102 PERSONS.

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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 requires a person seeking certification or recertification from the peace officers standards and training board to undergo training on various missing person alerts active within the state. The department of public safety is required to create a missing person alert training program for persons seeking certification or recertification of their peace officer status.

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

The bill allows a state institution of higher education (institution) to conduct a preliminary wellness assessment for no longer than 6 hours if a student is reported missing. If the student is not found within the 6-hour period, the institution does not conduct a preliminary wellness assessment, or if there is evidence of a credible risk to the student's safety, the institution shall notify the institution's police department, or the nearest law enforcement agency if the institution does not have its own police department, of the missing student.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 24-33.5-416.3  
3 as follows:

4 **24-33.5-416.3. Missing persons alert training program -**  
5 **requirements.**

6 (1) A PERSON SEEKING CERTIFICATION, OR RENEWAL OF AN  
7 EXPIRED CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 24-31-305 (1.7), BY THE  
8 PEACE OFFICERS STANDARDS AND TRAINING BOARD PURSUANT TO PART 3  
9 OF ARTICLE 31 OF THIS TITLE 24 SHALL UNDERGO THE TRAINING RELATED  
10 TO MISSING PERSONS ALERTS DESCRIBED IN THIS SECTION.

11 (2) THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY SHALL CREATE A  
12 TRAINING PROGRAM FOR PEACE OFFICERS DESCRIBING THE STATE ALERTS  
13 RELATING TO MISSING PERSONS, INCLUDING MISSING PERSON ALERTS  
14 PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 16-2.7-103, 24-33.5-415.7, 24-33.5-415.8,  
15 24-33.5-415.9, AND 24-33.5-431, AND THE STATE EMERGENCY ALERT  
16 SYSTEM. PURSUANT TO SECTION 24-31-319 (3), THE PEACE OFFICERS  
17 STANDARDS AND TRAINING BOARD SHALL INCLUDE THE TRAINING  
18 PROGRAM IN THE BASIC OR RESERVE PEACE OFFICER TRAINING  
19 CURRICULUM AND TRAINING REQUIRED TO RENEW A PEACE OFFICER  
20 CERTIFICATION THAT EXPIRED.

21 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-31-319, **add** (3)

1 as follows:

2 **24-31-319. Training related to missing indigenous persons -**  
3 **development - missing persons alerts training.**

4 (3) THE P.O.S.T. BOARD SHALL INCLUDE IN THE BASIC OR RESERVE  
5 PEACE OFFICER TRAINING CURRICULUM, AND THE TRAINING REQUIRED TO  
6 RENEW A PEACE OFFICER CERTIFICATION THAT EXPIRED, TRAINING  
7 CONCERNING MISSING PERSONS ALERTS CREATED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF  
8 PUBLIC SAFETY PURSUANT TO SECTION 24-33.5-416.3.

9 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 23-5-141, **add (5)** as  
10 follows:

11 **23-5-141. Campus police information sharing - missing**  
12 **student notifications to law enforcement - legislative declaration -**  
13 **definitions.**

14 (5) (a) IF A STUDENT, FAMILY MEMBER, LEGAL GUARDIAN,  
15 FACULTY MEMBER, OR OTHER PERSON REPORTS TO A STATE INSTITUTION  
16 OF HIGHER EDUCATION THAT A STUDENT ATTENDING THE INSTITUTION IS  
17 MISSING OR CANNOT BE LOCATED, THE INSTITUTION MAY CONDUCT A  
18 PRELIMINARY WELLNESS ASSESSMENT TO LOCATE THE STUDENT.

19 (b) IF A STATE INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION CONDUCTING  
20 A PRELIMINARY WELLNESS ASSESSMENT DOES NOT LOCATE THE STUDENT  
21 WITHIN SIX HOURS AFTER RECEIVING THE REPORT, THE INSTITUTION SHALL,  
22 AT THE EXPIRATION OF THE SIX-HOUR PERIOD, NOTIFY THE INSTITUTION'S  
23 POLICE DEPARTMENT. IF THE INSTITUTION DOES NOT CONDUCT A  
24 PRELIMINARY WELLNESS ASSESSMENT OR AT ANY TIME DETERMINES THERE  
25 IS CREDIBLE EVIDENCE OF RISK TO THE STUDENT'S SAFETY, THE  
26 INSTITUTION SHALL IMMEDIATELY NOTIFY THE INSTITUTION'S POLICE  
27 DEPARTMENT. IF THE INSTITUTION DOES NOT HAVE ITS OWN POLICE

1 DEPARTMENT, THE INSTITUTION SHALL MAKE THE NOTIFICATION REQUIRED  
2 IN THIS SUBSECTION (5)(b) TO THE NEAREST LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY.  
3 AFTER RECEIVING THE MISSING PERSON REPORT, THE INSTITUTION'S POLICE  
4 DEPARTMENT OR NEAREST LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY SHALL FOLLOW  
5 THE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS DESCRIBED IN SECTIONS 16-2.7-102 AND  
6 16-2.7-103, AND ANY OTHER APPLICABLE PROCEDURE.

7           **SECTION 4. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act  
8 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the  
9 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August  
10 12, 2026, if adjournment sine die is on May 13, 2026); except that, if a  
11 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the  
12 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act  
13 within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect  
14 unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in  
15 November 2026 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the  
16 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.