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HOUSE BILL 26-1321

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING MODIFICATION OF THE SCHOOL SECURITY**
102 **DISBURSEMENT PROGRAM.**

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 modifies the definition for an "eligible nonprofit organization" that may receive a disbursement from the school security disbursement program. The modified definition requires that the nonprofit be based in Colorado and provide school safety incident response, violence prevention, and behavioral health training and expertise at no cost to local education providers, law enforcement agencies, and other

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first responders from Colorado. The bill requires the department of public safety to disburse all grant money awarded pursuant to the disbursement program for use in the upcoming school year no later than August 1 of that same calendar year.

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)(c) introductory portion, (1)(c)(I), (1)(c)(III), (1)(c)(IV),
4 (2)(b), and (5) as follows:

5 **24-33.5-1810. School security disbursement program - created**
6 **- rules - definitions - repeal.**

7 (1) As used in this section, unless the context otherwise requires:

8 (c) "Eligible nonprofit organization" means a COLORADO-BASED
9 nonprofit organization that is exempt from taxation under section 501
10 (c)(3) of the federal "Internal Revenue Code of 1986", as amended, that
11 applies to work with specific local education providers or first responders,
12 and that:

13 (I) Has experience providing training for school safety incident
14 response, VIOLENCE PREVENTION, OR BEHAVIORAL HEALTH;

15 (III) Has experience working with school districts, school
16 personnel, and students on issues related to school safety incident
17 response, and VIOLENCE PREVENTION, OR BEHAVIORAL HEALTH; AND

18 (IV) Identifies in its application local education providers, LOCAL
19 LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES, or OTHER LOCAL first responders that will
20 participate in school safety incident response training or programs.

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22 (2) (b) Subject to available appropriations, the department shall
23 disburse money to applicants as provided in subsection (5) of this section

1 from money credited to the school security disbursement cash fund,
2 created in section 24-33.5-1811. It is the intent of the general assembly
3 that the department distribute the money credited to the school security
4 disbursement cash fund as quickly as practicable based on the receipt of
5 qualifying applications. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DISBURSE ALL GRANT
6 MONEY AWARDED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION FOR USE IN THE UPCOMING
7 SCHOOL YEAR NO LATER THAN AUGUST 1 OF THAT CALENDAR YEAR.

8 (5) The department shall review each application received
9 pursuant to subsection (4) of this section. Subject to available
10 appropriations, the department shall disburse money to the applicant if the
11 department determines that the application meets the requirements
12 specified in subsection (4) of this section and the purpose or purposes for
13 which the applicant intends to use the disbursed money are likely to
14 improve security in public school facilities or vehicles and are not likely
15 to exacerbate identified student disciplinary disparities. The department
16 shall give priority to applicants that commit to providing financial
17 resources to match the amount of the disbursement OR COMMIT TO
18 PROVIDING THEIR TRAINING TO LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDERS, LOCAL LAW
19 ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES, AND OTHER LOCAL FIRST RESPONDERS AT NO
20 CHARGE. The department shall determine the disbursement amount taking
21 into account the amount identified in the application.

22 **SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act
23 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
24 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August
25 12, 2026, if adjournment sine die is on May 13, 2026); except that, if a
26 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the
27 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act

1 within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect
2 unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in
3 November 2026 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
4 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.