SENATE BILL 22-054

BY SENATOR(S) Zenzinger and Kirkmeyer, Ginal, Hisey, Holbert, Moreno, Pettersen, Priola, Rankin, Scott, Smallwood, Story, Woodward; also REPRESENTATIVE(S) Titone, Bacon, Benavidez, Bernett, Bird, Boesenecker, Caraveo, Cutter, Esgar, Exum, Gonzales-Gutierrez, Herod, Kennedy, Kipp, Lindsay, Lontine, McCormick, McLachlan, Sirota, Snyder, Young.

CONCERNING THE ADDITION OF A RECOMMENDATION THAT A DISTRICT PUBLIC SCHOOL BE CONVERTED TO A COMMUNITY SCHOOL IF THE DISTRICT PUBLIC SCHOOL FAILS TO MAKE SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS UNDER ITS TURNAROUND PLAN.

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

SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-11-209, amend (2)(a)(I)(D); and add (2)(a)(I)(F) as follows:

22-11-209. Removal of accreditation - recommended actions - review - appeal - rules. (2) (a) If a school district or the institute is accredited with a turnaround plan and the department determines that the school district or institute has failed to make substantial progress under its turnaround plan, or if the school district or institute has been on

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performance watch for the full five years, the commissioner shall assign the
state review panel to critically evaluate the school district's or the institute's
performance and to recommend one or more of the following actions:

(I) If the recommendation applies to a school district:

(D) That one or more of the district public schools be granted status
as an innovation school pursuant to section 22-32.5-104 or that the local
school board recognize a group of district public schools as an innovation
school zone pursuant to section 22-32.5-104; or

(F) THAT ONE OR MORE OF THE DISTRICT PUBLIC SCHOOLS BE
CONVERTED TO A COMMUNITY SCHOOL, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 22-32.5-103
(1.5); or

SECTION 2. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-11-210, amend
(5)(a)(IV) and (5)(a)(V); and add (5)(a)(VI) as follows:

22-11-210. Public schools - annual review - plans - supports and
interventions - rules. (5) (a) If a public school fails to make adequate
progress under its turnaround plan or continues on performance watch for
the full five years, the commissioner shall assign the state review panel to
critically evaluate the public school's performance, which evaluation must
include at least one on-site visit to the public school. Upon completing the
evaluation, the state review panel shall determine whether to recommend:

(IV) With regard to a district public school, that the district public
school be granted status as an innovation school pursuant to section
22-32.5-104; or

(V) That the public school be closed or, with regard to a district
charter school or an institute charter school, that the public school's charter
be revoked; OR

(VI) WITH REGARD TO A DISTRICT PUBLIC SCHOOL, THAT THE
DISTRICT PUBLIC SCHOOL BE CONVERTED TO A COMMUNITY SCHOOL, AS
DEFINED IN SECTION 22-32.5-103 (1.5).

SECTION 3. Act subject to petition - effective date. This act
takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly; except that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in November 2022 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.

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APPROVED  March 24, 2022 at 4:42 pm  
(President of the Senate)

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