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**SENATE BILL 18-151**

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101 **CONCERNING DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION RESEARCH TO DEVELOP**  
102 **BULLYING PREVENTION POLICIES.**

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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 the department of education (department) to research approaches, policies, and practices in other states related to bullying prevention and education, and to develop a model bullying prevention and education policy after considering its research. The department is required to publish the results of that research and its model policy on the department's website by July 1, 2019, as guidance for school

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

HOUSE  
3rd Reading Unamended  
April 2, 2018

HOUSE  
Amended 2nd Reading  
March 26, 2018

SENATE  
3rd Reading Unamended  
February 22, 2018

SENATE  
Amended 2nd Reading  
February 21, 2018

districts, charter schools, and the charter school institute in developing and implementing bullying prevention and education policies. The research and model policy must be updated and published every 3 years.

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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** 22-2-144 as  
3 follows:

4 **22-2-144. Bullying prevention and education policies - short**  
5 **title - study.** (1) THE SHORT TITLE OF THIS SECTION IS "ASHAWNTY'S  
6 LAW".

7 (2)(a) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL RESEARCH APPROACHES, POLICIES,  
8 AND PRACTICES RELATED TO BULLYING PREVENTION AND EDUCATION  
9 USED BY EDUCATION PROVIDERS, INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION, OR  
10 OTHER PUBLIC AGENCIES IN OTHER STATES, OR ANY OTHER PUBLIC OR  
11 PRIVATE AGENCIES OR ORGANIZATIONS WHOSE INFORMATION IS FREELY  
12 AND PUBLICLY AVAILABLE. ON OR BEFORE JULY 1, 2019, AFTER  
13 CONSIDERATION OF THE RESEARCH CONDUCTED PURSUANT TO THIS  
14 SUBSECTION (2)(a), THE DEPARTMENT, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE  
15 SCHOOL SAFETY RESOURCE CENTER CREATED IN SECTION 24-33.5-1803,  
16 SHALL DEVELOP A SAMPLE BULLYING PREVENTION AND EDUCATION  
17 POLICY. THE RESEARCH AND SAMPLE POLICY DESCRIBED IN THIS  
18 SUBSECTION (2)(a) MUST BE UPDATED EVERY THREE YEARS.

19 (b) ON OR BEFORE JULY 1, 2019, AND EVERY THREE YEARS  
20 THEREAFTER, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PUBLISH THE RESULTS OF THE  
21 RESEARCH AND SAMPLE POLICY REQUIRED BY SUBSECTION (2)(a) OF THIS  
22 SECTION ON ITS WEBSITE AS GUIDANCE FOR SCHOOL DISTRICTS, CHARTER  
23 SCHOOLS, AND THE CHARTER SCHOOL INSTITUTE TO CONSIDER WHEN  
24 DEVELOPING AND IMPLEMENTING BULLYING PREVENTION AND EDUCATION

1 POLICIES.

2           **SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act  
3 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the  
4 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August  
5 8, 2018, if adjournment sine die is on May 9, 2018); except that, if a  
6 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the  
7 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act  
8 within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect  
9 unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in  
10 November 2018 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the  
11 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.