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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING CREATING THE COLORADO SAFE STUDENT PROTECTION  
102 PROGRAM, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, MAKING AN  
103 APPROPRIATION.

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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 creates the Colorado safe student protection program (program) to provide grants to school districts and charter schools to support student safety, including equipment and training to ensure safe student transportation on school buses, and to facilitate the development of a secure website, online application, and mobile application that

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provide parental notifications about student safety and age-appropriate health and safety information at no cost to parents (secure digital notification and information tools). The department of education (department) operates the grant program and selects a program facilitator to support schools awarded a program grant. The department allocates a portion of the program money to the program facilitator.

Subject to available appropriations, program grants are 3-year grants that cover the 2022-23 through 2024-25 school years. The department annually distributes grant money. A grant recipient may use a grant award to:

- Provide parents with the secure digital notification and information tools;
- Increase the safety of students and the security of school buses by equipping school buses with hardware and software that monitor driver behavior and enable the buses to communicate directly with first responders; and
- Fund relevant school bus safety training, including federal transportation security awareness training.

The program facilitator may be a public benefit corporation or a nonprofit organization that operates with a charitable purpose and must have at least 7 years of experience in student safety, including student transportation safety. The department allocates program money to the program facilitator. The program facilitator must use program money to:

- Support program grant recipients;
- Develop the secure digital notification and information tools;
- Recruit school bus drivers and conduct or facilitate federal transportation security awareness training;
- Develop and make publicly available school bus transportation safety information and age-appropriate student safety educational materials;
- Conduct a statewide awareness campaign to reduce instances of drivers illegally failing to stop for a school bus; and
- Seek additional sources of funding on behalf of the program.

The program is a 3-year program that repeals in 2025. The bill makes an appropriation.

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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** article 106 to  
3 title 22 as follows:

1 **ARTICLE 106**

2 **Colorado Safe Student Protection Act**

3 **22-106-101. Short title.** THE SHORT TITLE OF THIS ARTICLE 106 IS  
4 THE "COLORADO SAFE STUDENT PROTECTION ACT".

5 **22-106-102. Definitions.** AS USED IN THIS ARTICLE 106, UNLESS  
6 THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE REQUIRES:

7 (1) "CHARITABLE PURPOSE" HAS THE SAME MEANING AS SET FORTH  
8 IN SECTION 6-16-103 (2).

9 (2) "DEPARTMENT" MEANS THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION  
10 CREATED AND EXISTING PURSUANT TO SECTION 24-1-115.

11 (3) "FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION SECURITY AWARENESS TRAINING  
12 PROGRAM" MEANS THE SECURITY AWARENESS TRAINING PROGRAM  
13 OFFERED TO FRONT LINE TRANSPORTATION PROFESSIONALS THAT IS  
14 MANAGED BY THE FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION SECURITY ADMINISTRATION  
15 WITHIN THE FEDERAL DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, KNOWN AS  
16 "FIRST OBSERVER PLUS".

17 (4) "GRANT PROGRAM" MEANS THE PROGRAM TO AWARD GRANTS  
18 PURSUANT TO SECTION 22-106-104.

19 (5) "PROGRAM" MEANS THE COLORADO SAFE STUDENT  
20 PROTECTION PROGRAM CREATED IN SECTION 22-106-103.

21 (6) "PROGRAM FACILITATOR" MEANS THE ORGANIZATION  
22 SELECTED BY THE DEPARTMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION 22-106-105 TO  
23 SUPPORT GRANT RECIPIENTS.

24 (7) "RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT" MEANS A SCHOOL DISTRICT IN  
25 COLORADO THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION DETERMINES IS RURAL  
26 BASED ON THE GEOGRAPHIC SIZE OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT AND THE  
27 DISTANCE OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT FROM THE NEAREST LARGE,

1 URBANIZED AREA.

2 (8) "SCHOOL DISTRICT" MEANS ANY SCHOOL DISTRICT ORGANIZED  
3 AND EXISTING PURSUANT TO LAW. "SCHOOL DISTRICT" INCLUDES A  
4 CHARTER SCHOOL AUTHORIZED BY A SCHOOL DISTRICT PURSUANT TO PART  
5 1 OF ARTICLE 30.5 OF TITLE 22 OR A CHARTER SCHOOL AUTHORIZED BY  
6 THE STATE CHARTER SCHOOL INSTITUTE PURSUANT TO PART 5 OF ARTICLE  
7 30.5 OF TITLE 22 THAT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE TRANSPORTATION OF  
8 STUDENTS ENROLLED IN THE SCHOOL.

9 (9) "SECURE DIGITAL NOTIFICATION AND INFORMATION TOOLS"  
10 MEANS THE SECURE WEBSITE, ONLINE APPLICATION, AND MOBILE  
11 APPLICATION DESCRIBED IN SECTION 22-106-103 (1)(b).

12 (10) "SILENT DURESS ALARM" MEANS A SILENT ALARM THAT  
13 SENDS A DISTRESS CALL AND THE LAST-KNOWN GLOBAL POSITIONING  
14 SYSTEM COORDINATES OF THE SCHOOL BUS TO SCHOOL OFFICIALS AND  
15 EMERGENCY RESPONSE PERSONNEL.

16 (11) "STATE BOARD" MEANS THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
17 CREATED AND EXISTING PURSUANT TO SECTION 1 OF ARTICLE IX OF THE  
18 STATE CONSTITUTION.

19 **22-106-103. Colorado safe student protection program -**  
20 **creation - department duties - rules.** (1) THERE IS CREATED IN THE  
21 DEPARTMENT THE COLORADO SAFE STUDENT PROTECTION PROGRAM TO:

22 (a) INCREASE THE SAFETY OF STUDENTS, INCLUDING THE SAFETY  
23 AND SECURITY OF SCHOOL BUSES;

24 (b) FACILITATE THE DEVELOPMENT, MAINTENANCE, AND  
25 IMPLEMENTATION OF SECURE DIGITAL NOTIFICATION AND INFORMATION  
26 TOOLS, INCLUDING AN INTERNET WEBSITE, ONLINE APPLICATION, AND  
27 MOBILE APPLICATION, THAT SEND STUDENT SAFETY NOTIFICATIONS TO

1 PARENTS AND PROVIDE USERS WITH GENERAL STUDENT HEALTH AND  
2 SAFETY RESOURCES AND INFORMATION. EACH TOOL MUST:

3 (I) PROVIDE SECURE AND VERIFIABLE PARENTAL NOTIFICATION, AT  
4 NO COST TO PARENTS, RELATING TO STUDENT SAFETY, INCLUDING, IF  
5 APPLICABLE, SCHOOL BUS STATUS;

6 (II) HAVE THE CAPABILITY TO ALLOW PARENTS TO OPT IN OR OUT  
7 OF RECEIVING NOTIFICATIONS;

8 (III) INCLUDE DATA PRIVACY AND INTEGRITY PROTECTIONS; AND

9 (IV) INCLUDE DEVICE IDENTITY AND INTEGRITY PROTECTIONS;

10 (c) PROVIDE SCHOOL DISTRICTS WITH GRANTS TO EQUIP THEIR  
11 SCHOOL BUSES WITH HARDWARE AND SOFTWARE THAT MONITOR DRIVER  
12 BEHAVIOR AND ENABLE THE BUSES TO COMMUNICATE DIRECTLY WITH  
13 FIRST RESPONDERS BY CELLULAR, SATELLITE, OR ANY OTHER AVAILABLE  
14 MEANS OF COMMUNICATION AND BY USING A SILENT DURESS ALARM;

15 (d) IMPROVE SCHOOL BUS DRIVER TRAINING, INCLUDING TRAINING  
16 RELATED TO TRANSPORTATION FOR STUDENTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS; AND

17 (e) INFORM AND EDUCATE THE PUBLIC ABOUT STUDENT SAFETY,  
18 INCLUDING SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY.

19 (2) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL:

20 (a) AWARD PROGRAM GRANTS, AS DESCRIBED IN SECTION  
21 22-106-104, IN ACCORDANCE WITH STATE BOARD RULES; AND

22 (b) SELECT AN ORGANIZATION TO SERVE AS THE PROGRAM  
23 FACILITATOR, AS DESCRIBED IN SECTION 22-106-105, IN ACCORDANCE  
24 WITH STATE BOARD RULES.

25 (3) PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 4 OF THIS TITLE 22, THE STATE BOARD  
26 SHALL ADOPT RULES NECESSARY FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THIS  
27 ARTICLE 106. AT A MINIMUM, THE RULES MUST INCLUDE:

1 (a) PROCEDURES TO IMPLEMENT THE GRANT PROGRAM,  
2 INCLUDING:

- 3 (I) AN APPLICATION PROCESS, INCLUDING DEADLINES;
- 4 (II) THE CRITERIA FOR AWARDING A GRANT TO A SCHOOL DISTRICT  
5 AND DETERMINING THE AMOUNT OF THE AWARD; AND
- 6 (III) A PROCESS FOR ACHIEVING A BALANCED DISTRIBUTION OF  
7 GRANT MONEY TO RURAL, URBAN, AND SUBURBAN SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND  
8 SCHOOL DISTRICTS IN ALL AREAS OF THE STATE; AND

9 (b) PROCEDURES FOR SELECTING A PROGRAM FACILITATOR,  
10 INCLUDING:

- 11 (I) AN APPLICATION PROCESS, INCLUDING DEADLINES;
- 12 (II) A PROCESS FOR DISTRIBUTING PROGRAM MONEY TO THE  
13 PROGRAM FACILITATOR; AND
- 14 (III) PROCEDURES FOR VERIFYING THE PROGRAM FACILITATOR'S  
15 CONTINUED ELIGIBILITY TO SERVE AS THE FACILITATOR.

16 (4) THE DEPARTMENT MAY SEEK, ACCEPT, AND EXPEND GIFTS,  
17 GRANTS, AND DONATIONS FROM PRIVATE OR PUBLIC SOURCES FOR THE  
18 PURPOSES OF THIS ARTICLE 106.

19 **22-106-104. Program grants - report.** (1) (a) SUBJECT TO  
20 AVAILABLE MONEY, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL AWARD GRANTS TO SCHOOL  
21 DISTRICTS TO ACHIEVE THE GOALS OF THE PROGRAM BY PROVIDING THOSE  
22 DISTRICTS WITH FUNDING NECESSARY TO:

- 23 (I) PROVIDE PARENTS WITH NO-COST SECURE DIGITAL  
24 NOTIFICATION AND INFORMATION TOOLS;
- 25 (II) INCREASE THE SAFETY OF STUDENTS AND THE SECURITY OF  
26 SCHOOL BUSES BY EQUIPPING SCHOOL BUSES WITH HARDWARE AND  
27 SOFTWARE THAT MONITOR DRIVER BEHAVIOR AND ENABLE THE BUSES TO

1 COMMUNICATE DIRECTLY WITH FIRST RESPONDERS; AND

2 (III) FUND NECESSARY AND RELEVANT SCHOOL BUS SAFETY

3 TRAINING.

4 (b) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL NOTIFY SCHOOL DISTRICTS OF THE

5 PROGRAM AND ANY GRANT PROGRAM APPLICATION DEADLINES.

6 (2) IN ORDER TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR A GRANT PURSUANT TO THIS

7 SECTION, A SCHOOL DISTRICT MUST SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE

8 DEPARTMENT. THE APPLICATION MUST INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING

9 INFORMATION:

10 (a) A DESCRIPTION OF ANY STUDENT SAFETY AND SECURITY

11 CHALLENGES FACED BY THE SCHOOL DISTRICT;

12 (b) A SUMMARY OF THE SCHOOL BUS TRANSPORTATION PROVIDED

13 BY THE SCHOOL DISTRICT TO ITS STUDENTS AND A DESCRIPTION OF ANY

14 SCHOOL BUS SAFETY AND SECURITY CHALLENGES FACED BY THE SCHOOL

15 DISTRICT;

16 (c) HOW THE SCHOOL DISTRICT WILL USE A GRANT AWARD IN

17 FURTHERANCE OF THE GOALS OF THE PROGRAM, AS DESCRIBED IN SECTION

18 22-106-103 (1);

19 (d) ANY MEASURABLE GOALS THAT THE SCHOOL DISTRICT EXPECTS

20 TO ACHIEVE WITH GRANT MONEY; AND

21 (e) ANY OTHER INFORMATION REQUIRED BY STATE BOARD RULE.

22 (3) (a) AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS

23 SECTION, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL AWARD GRANTS TO APPLICANTS IN

24 ACCORDANCE WITH STATE BOARD RULES. THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

25 STRONGLY ENCOURAGES THE DEPARTMENT TO AWARD GRANTS BEFORE

26 THE START OF THE 2022-23 ACADEMIC YEAR.

27 (b) GRANTS AWARDED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION ARE

1 THREE-YEAR GRANTS THAT COVER THE 2022-23 ACADEMIC YEAR  
2 THROUGH THE 2024-25 ACADEMIC YEAR. SUBJECT TO AVAILABLE  
3 APPROPRIATIONS, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ANNUALLY DISTRIBUTE GRANT  
4 MONEY TO GRANT RECIPIENTS.

5 (4) THE PROGRAM FACILITATOR SHALL PROVIDE A SCHOOL  
6 DISTRICT THAT RECEIVES A GRANT AWARD SUPPORT AND  
7 RECOMMENDATIONS. A SCHOOL DISTRICT THAT RECEIVES A GRANT AWARD  
8 SHALL USE THE GRANT AWARD FOR THE FOLLOWING:

9 (a) THE OPERATION AND USE OF SECURE DIGITAL NOTIFICATION  
10 AND INFORMATION TOOLS TO PROVIDE SECURE AND VERIFIABLE PARENTAL  
11 NOTIFICATION, AT NO COST TO PARENTS, RELATING TO STUDENT SAFETY,  
12 INCLUDING SCHOOL BUS STATUS, AND TO MAKE STUDENT SAFETY  
13 RESOURCES AND INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS AVAILABLE TO USERS;

14 (b) ACQUIRING EQUIPMENT NECESSARY FOR SCHOOL BUSES TO  
15 COMMUNICATE DIRECTLY WITH FIRST RESPONDERS BY CELLULAR,  
16 SATELLITE, OR ANY OTHER AVAILABLE MEANS OF AND BY USING A SILENT  
17 DURESS ALARM, INCLUDING INSTALLATION, MAINTENANCE, TRAINING,  
18 TELECOMMUNICATION, AND DATA-RELATED COSTS RELATED TO THE  
19 EQUIPMENT;

20 (c) ACQUIRING EQUIPMENT TO MONITOR SCHOOL BUS DRIVER  
21 BEHAVIOR TO PREVENT EXCESSIVE SPEED, TRAVELING OFF ROUTE, AND  
22 UNNECESSARY IDLING, SO THAT GRANT RECIPIENTS CAN TRAIN DRIVERS TO  
23 FOLLOW PROCEDURES THAT REDUCE ACCIDENTS, LOWER SCHOOL BUS  
24 OPERATING COSTS, AND REDUCE EMISSIONS PRODUCED BY SCHOOL BUSES;

25 (d) SCHOOL BUS DRIVER TRAINING, INCLUDING TRAINING RELATED  
26 TO PROVIDING TRANSPORTATION FOR STUDENTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS, AND  
27 THE PROVISION OF BACKGROUND CHECKS WHEN NECESSARY FOR SCHOOL

1 BUS DRIVERS TO OPERATE EQUIPMENT ACQUIRED WITH GRANT MONEY;  
2 AND

3 (e) OBTAINING CREDENTIALS OR OTHER PERMISSIONS, INCLUDING  
4 DIGITAL IDENTITIES, NECESSARY FOR DISTRICT PERSONNEL, INCLUDING  
5 BUS DRIVERS, TO PROPERLY OPERATE EQUIPMENT ACQUIRED WITH GRANT  
6 MONEY AND TO FACILITATE PARTICIPATION IN THE FEDERAL  
7 TRANSPORTATION SECURITY AWARENESS TRAINING PROGRAM.

8 (5) ON OR BEFORE JUNE 30, 2023, AND ON OR BEFORE EACH JUNE  
9 30 THEREAFTER, A SCHOOL DISTRICT THAT RECEIVES A GRANT PURSUANT  
10 TO THIS SECTION SHALL SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE DEPARTMENT. AT A  
11 MINIMUM, THE REPORT MUST INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

12 (a) A SUMMARY OF USE AND FEEDBACK FROM PARENTS  
13 REGARDING THE SECURE DIGITAL NOTIFICATION AND INFORMATION TOOLS;

14 (b) THE NUMBER OF BUSES EQUIPPED WITH EQUIPMENT NECESSARY  
15 TO COMMUNICATE DIRECTLY WITH FIRST RESPONDERS, INCLUDING BY  
16 USING A SILENT DURESS ALARM, AND WHETHER ANY SUCH EQUIPMENT  
17 WAS USED IN AN EMERGENCY SITUATION, INCLUDING A SITUATION THAT  
18 REQUIRED ASSISTANCE FROM EMERGENCY RESPONSE PERSONNEL;

19 (c) ANY SCHOOL BUS MAINTENANCE OR OPERATION DECISIONS  
20 MADE BASED ON INFORMATION LEARNED FROM EQUIPMENT ACQUIRED  
21 WITH GRANT MONEY;

22 (d) WHETHER THE SCHOOL DISTRICT ACHIEVED ANY OF THE GOALS  
23 DESCRIBED IN ITS GRANT APPLICATION;

24 (e) THE NUMBER OF SCHOOL BUS PROFESSIONALS WHO  
25 VOLUNTEERED TO RECEIVE TRAINING AND CERTIFICATION FROM THE  
26 FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION SECURITY AWARENESS TRAINING PROGRAM;

27 AND

1 (f) ANY OTHER USE OF GRANT MONEY.

2 **22-106-105. Program facilitator - report.** (1) AS SOON AS  
3 POSSIBLE AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS SECTION, THE DEPARTMENT,  
4 IN ACCORDANCE WITH STATE BOARD RULES, SHALL SELECT AN  
5 ORGANIZATION TO SERVE AS A PROGRAM FACILITATOR THAT SUPPORTS  
6 SCHOOL DISTRICTS AWARDED A GRANT PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE 106.  
7 THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY STRONGLY ENCOURAGES THE DEPARTMENT TO  
8 SELECT AN ORGANIZATION BEFORE THE START OF THE 2022-23 ACADEMIC  
9 YEAR.

10 (2) THE PROGRAM FACILITATOR MAY BE A PUBLIC BENEFIT  
11 CORPORATION, AS DESCRIBED IN SECTION 7-101-503 (1), OR A NONPROFIT  
12 THAT OPERATES WITH A CHARITABLE PURPOSE AND MUST HAVE AT LEAST  
13 SEVEN YEARS OF EXPERIENCE IN STUDENT SAFETY, EVIDENCE-BASED  
14 SCHOOL BUS SAFETY AND SURFACE TRANSPORTATION SECURITY, CHILD  
15 SAFETY CAMPAIGN MANAGEMENT, AND CONDUCTING FUNDRAISING  
16 CAMPAIGNS THAT SUPPORT STUDENT SAFETY-RELATED INITIATIVES.

17 (3) IN ORDER TO BE SELECTED AS THE PROGRAM FACILITATOR, AN  
18 ORGANIZATION MUST SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE DEPARTMENT. AN  
19 APPLICATION MUST:

20 (a) DEMONSTRATE THAT THE APPLICANT HAS THE EXPERIENCE  
21 REQUIRED OF THE PROGRAM FACILITATOR, AS DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION  
22 (2) OF THIS SECTION;

23 (b) DESCRIBE ANY PUBLIC SERVICE CAMPAIGNS CONDUCTED BY  
24 THE APPLICANT WITH THE SUPPORT OF GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES OR MEDIA  
25 ORGANIZATIONS;

26 (c) DEMONSTRATE THE APPLICANT'S ABILITY TO OBTAIN  
27 CORPORATE SPONSORSHIPS AND OTHER FUNDING THROUGH GIFTS, GRANTS,

1 AND DONATIONS THAT WOULD ALLOW THE APPLICANT TO PROVIDE SCHOOL  
2 DISTRICTS WITH SERVICES DESCRIBED IN THIS ARTICLE 106, IN ADDITION  
3 TO THE SERVICES FUNDED WITH STATE MONEY; AND

4 (d) INCLUDE ANY OTHER INFORMATION REQUIRED BY STATE  
5 BOARD RULES.

6 (4) (a) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL SELECT ONE ORGANIZATION THAT  
7 MEETS THE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS DESCRIBED IN THIS SECTION TO  
8 SERVE AS THE PROGRAM FACILITATOR.

9 (b) THE ORGANIZATION SELECTED BY THE DEPARTMENT SHALL  
10 CONTINUE TO SERVE AS THE PROGRAM FACILITATOR AS LONG AS THE  
11 ORGANIZATION MEETS THE CRITERIA DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (2) OF  
12 THIS SECTION AND DOES NOT VIOLATE ANY PROVISION OF THIS SECTION.

13 (5) (a) SUBJECT TO AVAILABLE APPROPRIATIONS, THE  
14 DEPARTMENT SHALL ANNUALLY DISTRIBUTE PROGRAM MONEY  
15 APPROPRIATED TO THE DEPARTMENT TO THE PROGRAM FACILITATOR AS  
16 FOLLOWS:

17 (I) FROM THE MONEY APPROPRIATED TO THE DEPARTMENT FOR  
18 FISCAL YEAR 2021-22 FOR USE IN THAT YEAR AND FISCAL YEAR 2022-23,  
19 TWO MILLION FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS;

20 (II) IN FISCAL YEAR 2023-24, ONE MILLION FIVE HUNDRED  
21 THOUSAND DOLLARS; AND

22 (III) IN FISCAL YEAR 2024-25, ONE MILLION DOLLARS.

23 (b) THE PROGRAM FACILITATOR SHALL USE PROGRAM MONEY FOR  
24 THE FOLLOWING:

25 (I) SUPPORTING SCHOOL DISTRICTS AWARDED GRANTS PURSUANT  
26 TO SECTION 22-106-104;

27 (II) DEVELOPING AND MAINTAINING THE SECURE DIGITAL

1 NOTIFICATION AND INFORMATION TOOLS DESCRIBED IN SECTION  
2 22-106-103 (1)(b) TO PROVIDE SECURE AND VERIFIABLE PARENTAL  
3 NOTIFICATION, AT NO COST TO PARENTS, RELATING TO STUDENT SAFETY,  
4 INCLUDING SCHOOL BUS STATUS, AND TO MAKE STUDENT SAFETY  
5 RESOURCES AND INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS AVAILABLE TO USERS;

6 (III) RECRUITING SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS;

7 (IV) CONDUCTING OR FACILITATING, AT NO COST TO SCHOOLS,  
8 TRAINING FROM THE FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION SECURITY AWARENESS  
9 TRAINING PROGRAM;

10 (V) DEVELOPING, AND MAKING PUBLICLY AVAILABLE, SCHOOL BUS  
11 TRANSPORTATION SAFETY INFORMATION AND AGE-APPROPRIATE STUDENT  
12 SAFETY EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS;

13 (VI) CONDUCTING A STATEWIDE AWARENESS CAMPAIGN TO  
14 REDUCE INSTANCES WHEN DRIVERS FAIL TO STOP FOR A SCHOOL BUS WHEN  
15 REQUIRED BY LAW, KNOWN AS A STOP-ARM VIOLATION; AND

16 (VII) SEEKING PRIVATE FUNDING FOR THE PROGRAM AND  
17 STUDYING THE AVAILABILITY OF NEW FUNDING SOURCES, INCLUDING  
18 SEEKING GIFTS, GRANTS, AND DONATIONS ON BEHALF OF THE PROGRAM  
19 FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, CORPORATIONS, OR OTHER  
20 NONGOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES.

21 (6) ON OR BEFORE JUNE 30, 2023, AND ON OR BEFORE EACH JUNE  
22 30 THEREAFTER, THE PROGRAM FACILITATOR SHALL SUBMIT A REPORT TO  
23 THE DEPARTMENT CONCERNING THE OPERATION OF THE PROGRAM. THE  
24 REPORT MUST INCLUDE DOCUMENTATION OF THE PROGRAM FACILITATOR'S  
25 USE OF PROGRAM MONEY AND A DESCRIPTION OF THE PROGRAM  
26 FACILITATOR'S DUTIES PERFORMED AS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO  
27 SUBSECTION (5) OF THIS SECTION.

1 (7) IN ADDITION TO THE RESPONSIBILITIES DESCRIBED IN THIS  
2 SECTION, THE PROGRAM FACILITATOR SHALL MAKE ITS BEST EFFORTS TO  
3 SUPPORT STUDENT SAFETY INITIATIVES IN SCHOOL DISTRICTS THAT WERE  
4 NOT AWARDED A PROGRAM GRANT, INCLUDING SOLICITING AND SECURING  
5 FUNDING FOR THOSE INITIATIVES.

6 **22-106-106. Program funding.** (1) IN ADDITION TO ANY MONEY  
7 APPROPRIATED FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021-22 FOR USE IN THAT YEAR AND  
8 FISCAL YEAR 2022-23, IN STATE FISCAL YEARS 2023-24 AND 2024-25, THE  
9 GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHALL APPROPRIATE THE FOLLOWING AMOUNTS TO  
10 THE DEPARTMENT FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS ARTICLE 106:

11 (a) IN FISCAL YEAR 2023-24, FOUR MILLION FIVE HUNDRED  
12 THOUSAND DOLLARS; AND

13 (b) IN FISCAL YEAR 2024-25, THREE MILLION FIVE HUNDRED  
14 THOUSAND DOLLARS.

15 **22-106-107. Department report.** THE DEPARTMENT SHALL  
16 INCLUDE INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROGRAM IN ITS ANNUAL  
17 PRESENTATION TO THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEES OF REFERENCE  
18 PURSUANT TO SECTION 2-7-203.

19 **22-106-108. Repeal of article.** THIS ARTICLE 106 IS REPEALED,  
20 EFFECTIVE JULY 31, 2025.

21 **SECTION 2. Appropriation.** For the 2021-22 state fiscal year,  
22 \$5,500,000 is appropriated to the department of education. This  
23 appropriation is from the general fund. To implement this act, the  
24 department may use this appropriation for the Colorado safe student  
25 protection program. Any money appropriated in this section not expended  
26 prior to July 1, 2022, is further appropriated to the department for the  
27 2022-23 state fiscal year for the same purpose.

1           **SECTION 3. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,  
2 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate  
3 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety.