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SENATE BILL 24-084

SENATE SPONSORSHIP

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HOUSE SPONSORSHIP

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Senate Committees

Judiciary
Appropriations

House Committees

A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING A REQUIREMENT THAT THE ATTORNEY GENERAL**
102 **COORDINATE WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN AN**
103 **EFFORT TO PREVENT THE PROLIFERATION OF MISINFORMATION**
104 **AND DISINFORMATION BY SHARING RESOURCES TO ENCOURAGE**
105 **RESPECTFUL DISCOURSE.**

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>.)

To prevent and combat the sharing and spreading of misinformation and disinformation, the attorney general is required to:

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.

- Establish an initiative to encourage respectful engagement and discourse;
- Develop and share a curriculum to facilitate productive and honest conversations regarding statewide and national issues to help people find common ground; and
- Collaborate with organizations across the state to develop and update the materials that are used in connection with the curriculum.

The attorney general is also required to study how the internet and other media channels, including social media platforms, are used to share and spread misinformation and disinformation. In addition, the attorney general is required to review relevant state and federal constitutional provisions and federal laws and regulations to address preemption and the intersection of state and federal authority. The attorney general may invite experts to collaborate or consult with the attorney general or to provide other assistance to the attorney general in performing the duties specified in the bill.

The attorney general is required to publish a report of its findings and to submit the report to the judiciary committees of the senate and the house of representatives. The report must include recommendations for state legislation.

For the 2024-2025 state fiscal year, \$150,000 is appropriated to the department of law for the implementation of the bill.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 24-31-117 as
3 follows:

4 **24-31-117. Misinformation and disinformation prevention**
5 **campaign - study - report - appropriation - repeal.** (1) TO PREVENT
6 AND COMBAT THE SHARING AND SPREADING OF MISINFORMATION AND
7 DISINFORMATION, THE ATTORNEY GENERAL SHALL, AT A MINIMUM:

8 (a) ESTABLISH AN INITIATIVE TO ENCOURAGE RESPECTFUL
9 ENGAGEMENT AND DISCOURSE;

10 (b) DEVELOP AND SHARE RESOURCES THAT CAN BE USED BY
11 SCHOOLS, ORGANIZATIONS, AND COMMUNITY LEADERS TO FACILITATE
12 PRODUCTIVE AND HONEST CONVERSATIONS REGARDING STATEWIDE AND

1 NATIONAL ISSUES TO HELP PEOPLE FIND COMMON GROUND; AND

2 (c) COLLABORATE WITH ORGANIZATIONS ACROSS THE STATE TO
3 DEVELOP AND UPDATE THE MATERIALS THAT ARE USED IN CONNECTION
4 WITH THE RESOURCES AND COORDINATE WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF
5 EDUCATION TO MAKE THE RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO SCHOOLS AND
6 SCHOOL DISTRICTS IN THE STATE.

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8 (2) THIS SECTION IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026.

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10 **SECTION 2. Safety clause.** The general assembly finds,
11 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
12 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety or for appropriations for
13 the support and maintenance of the departments of the state and state
14 institutions.