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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING NOTIFYING A SCHOOL WHEN A STUDENT HAS  
102 EXPERIENCED A TRAUMATIC EVENT.

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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 safe2tell program (safe2tell) to provide a handle-with-care notice to a school when a student has had an adverse childhood experience. A peace officer who responds to an incident that is an adverse childhood experience shall report to safe2tell the name and age of the child involved in the incident. Upon receipt of a report, safe2tell shall send a handle-with-care notice to the child's school that

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Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing law.  
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includes only the child's name and the phrase "handle with care". A school shall only share the notice with school staff who need to know about the notice. Other than notifying school staff, a school is not required to take any action with respect to the notice.

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

2           **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-31-603, **amend**  
3 the introductory portion and (1); and **add** (1.5) as follows:

4           **24-31-603. Definitions.** As used in this ~~article~~ PART 6, unless the  
5 context otherwise requires:

6           (1) ~~"Department" means the department of law.~~ "ADVERSE  
7 CHILDHOOD EXPERIENCE" MEANS A TRAUMATIC EVENT THAT INVOLVES A  
8 SCHOOL-AGED CHILD OR THE CHILD'S FAMILY OR THAT OCCURS AT THE  
9 CHILD'S HOME. "ADVERSE CHILDHOOD EXPERIENCE" INCLUDES, BUT IS NOT  
10 LIMITED TO, AN INCIDENT OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE; A SERIOUS ACCIDENT;  
11 THE ARREST OF A PARENT OR FAMILY MEMBER; REPORTS OF ABUSE OR  
12 NEGLECT TO A COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN OR SOCIAL SERVICES, THE  
13 STATE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, OR A LAW ENFORCEMENT  
14 AGENCY; A DEATH AT THE CHILD'S HOME OR OF A FRIEND OF THE CHILD;  
15 EXECUTION OF A SEARCH WARRANT; OR A DRUG OR ALCOHOL OVERDOSE.

16           (1.5) "DEPARTMENT" MEANS THE DEPARTMENT OF LAW.

17           **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-31-606, **add** (5)  
18 as follows:

19           **24-31-606. Safe2tell program - creation - duties - handle-with**  
20 **-care notice.** (5) (a) BEGINNING WITH THE 2026-27 SCHOOL YEAR, THE  
21 PROGRAM SHALL PROVIDE A HANDLE-WITH-CARE NOTICE TO A SCHOOL  
22 WHEN A STUDENT HAS HAD AN ADVERSE CHILDHOOD EXPERIENCE.

23           (b) BEGINNING AUGUST 1, 2026, A PEACE OFFICER WHO RESPONDS

1 TO AN INCIDENT THAT IS AN ADVERSE CHILDHOOD EXPERIENCE SHALL  
2 REPORT TO THE PROGRAM THE NAME AND AGE OF THE CHILD INVOLVED IN  
3 THE INCIDENT.

4 (c) UPON RECEIVING A REPORT OF AN ADVERSE CHILDHOOD  
5 EXPERIENCE PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (5)(b) OF THIS SECTION, THE  
6 PROGRAM SHALL SEND A HANDLE-WITH-CARE NOTICE TO THE CHILD'S  
7 SCHOOL BEFORE THE START OF THE NEXT SCHOOL DAY AFTER RECEIVING  
8 THE REPORT. THE HANDLE-WITH-CARE NOTICE MUST ONLY INCLUDE THE  
9 CHILD'S NAME AND THE PHRASE "HANDLE WITH CARE". THE NOTICE MUST  
10 NOT INCLUDE ANY DETAILS ABOUT THE ADVERSE CHILDHOOD EXPERIENCE  
11 INCIDENT.

12 (d) A SCHOOL THAT RECEIVES A HANDLE-WITH-CARE NOTICE  
13 SHALL NOT INCLUDE THE NOTICE IN THE CHILD'S RECORDS AND SHALL  
14 ONLY SHARE THE NOTICE WITH SCHOOL STAFF WHO, IN THE SCHOOL'S  
15 CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S OR THE OFFICER'S DESIGNEE'S  
16 DETERMINATION, NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE NOTICE. OTHER THAN  
17 NOTIFYING SCHOOL STAFF, A SCHOOL IS NOT REQUIRED TO TAKE ANY  
18 ACTION WITH RESPECT TO THE CHILD OR NOTICE.

19 **SECTION 3. Safety clause.** The general assembly finds,  
20 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate  
21 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety or for appropriations for  
22 the support and maintenance of the departments of the state and state  
23 institutions.