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SENATE BILL 25-064

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

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

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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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.

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), (2.5), and (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 (2.5) "LARGE RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT" MEANS A SCHOOL
18 DISTRICT IN COLORADO THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
19 DETERMINES IS RURAL, BASED ON THE GEOGRAPHIC SIZE OF THE DISTRICT
20 AND THE DISTANCE OF THE DISTRICT FROM THE NEAREST LARGE,
21 URBANIZED AREA, THAT HAD A FUNDED PUPIL COUNT FOR THE PRIOR
22 BUDGET YEAR OF ONE THOUSAND PUPILS OR MORE BUT FEWER THAN SIX
23 THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED PUPILS.

1 (5) "SMALL RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT" MEANS A SCHOOL DISTRICT
2 IN COLORADO THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION DETERMINES IS
3 RURAL, BASED ON THE GEOGRAPHIC SIZE OF THE DISTRICT AND THE
4 DISTANCE OF THE DISTRICT FROM THE NEAREST LARGE, URBANIZED AREA,
5 THAT HAD A FUNDED PUPIL COUNT FOR THE PRIOR BUDGET YEAR OF FEWER
6 THAN ONE THOUSAND PUPILS.

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

9 **24-31-606. Safe2tell program - creation - duties - handle-with**
10 **-care notice.** (5) (a) THE PROGRAM SHALL PROVIDE A
11 HANDLE-WITH-CARE NOTICE TO A SCHOOL WHEN A STUDENT HAS HAD AN
12 ADVERSE CHILDHOOD EXPERIENCE:

13 (I) BEGINNING WITH THE 2026-27 SCHOOL YEAR, FOR STUDENTS
14 ENROLLED IN A SCHOOL IN A SMALL RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT;

15 (II) BEGINNING WITH THE 2027-28 SCHOOL YEAR, FOR STUDENTS
16 ENROLLED IN A SMALL RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT OR A LARGE RURAL
17 SCHOOL DISTRICT; AND

18 (III) BEGINNING WITH THE 2028-29 SCHOOL YEAR, FOR STUDENTS
19 ENROLLED IN ANY SCHOOL STATEWIDE.

20 (b) BEGINNING AUGUST 1, 2026, A PEACE OFFICER WHO RESPONDS
21 TO AN INCIDENT THAT IS AN ADVERSE CHILDHOOD EXPERIENCE MAY,
22 SUBJECT TO CONSTITUTIONAL LIMITATIONS, EITHER REPORT TO THE
23 PROGRAM THE NAME AND AGE OF THE CHILD INVOLVED IN THE INCIDENT
24 OR PROVIDE INFORMATION TO THE CHILD'S PARENT OR GUARDIAN ABOUT
25 HOW TO INFORM THE SCHOOL THROUGH THE PROGRAM.

26 (c) UPON RECEIVING A REPORT OF AN ADVERSE CHILDHOOD
27 EXPERIENCE PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (5)(b) OF THIS SECTION, THE

1 PROGRAM SHALL SEND A HANDLE-WITH-CARE NOTICE TO THE CHILD'S
2 SCHOOL BEFORE THE START OF THE NEXT SCHOOL DAY AFTER RECEIVING
3 THE REPORT. THE HANDLE-WITH-CARE NOTICE MUST ONLY INCLUDE THE
4 CHILD'S NAME AND THE PHRASE "HANDLE WITH CARE". THE NOTICE MUST
5 NOT INCLUDE ANY DETAILS ABOUT THE ADVERSE CHILDHOOD EXPERIENCE
6 INCIDENT.

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

14 **SECTION 3. Safety clause.** The general assembly finds,
15 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
16 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety or for appropriations for
17 the support and maintenance of the departments of the state and state
18 institutions.