

CHAPTER 67

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AN ACT**CONCERNING EXPANDING THE ROLE OF AN ADVISORY BOARD TO SERVE THE OFFICE OF SCHOOL SAFETY.**

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

SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend** 24-33.5-1802 as follows:

24-33.5-1802. Definitions. As used in this part 18, unless the context otherwise requires:

~~(1)~~ "Advisory board" means the school safety resource center advisory board created in the office in the department pursuant to section 24-33.5-1804.

~~(2)~~ (1) "Center" means the school safety resource center created in the office pursuant to section 24-33.5-1803.

~~(3)~~ (2) "Director" means the director of the center.

~~(3.3)~~ (3) "First responder" means an individual who responds in a professional capacity to an emergency that occurs in a school building, including, but not limited to, peace officers, firefighters, emergency medical service providers, school administrators, and teachers.

~~(3.5)~~ (4) "Office" means the office of school safety created in section 24-33.5-2702.

~~(4)~~ (5) "School" means an institution at which instruction is provided by instructors to students in one or more buildings on a campus. "School" includes a

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school serving any of grades preschool through twelve and an institution of higher education.

SECTION 2. In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add with amended and relocated provisions 24-33.5-2705** as follows:

24-33.5-2705. [Formerly 24-33.5-1804] Office of school safety advisory board - created. (1) There is hereby created in the office the ~~school safety resource center~~ OFFICE OF SCHOOL SAFETY advisory board, REFERRED TO IN THIS SECTION AS THE "ADVISORY BOARD", to recommend policies of the ~~center~~ OFFICE.

(2) (a) The advisory board ~~shall consist~~ CONSISTS of not less than fourteen members, each of whom ~~shall be~~ IS appointed to a term of two years as follows:

(I) One member ~~shall~~ MUST represent the department of education, created pursuant to section 24-1-115, and be appointed by the commissioner of education.

(II) One member ~~shall~~ MUST be an individual with professional expertise in behavioral health treatment who represents an elementary or secondary school or a school district and be appointed by the commissioner of education.

(III) One member ~~shall~~ MUST be a school administrator and be appointed by the commissioner in consultation with a statewide association of school executives.

(IV) One member ~~shall~~ MUST represent state universities and colleges and be appointed by the executive director of the Colorado commission on higher education appointed pursuant to section 24-1-114.

(V) One member ~~shall~~ MUST represent community colleges and local district colleges and be appointed by the state board for community colleges and occupational education created pursuant to section 23-60-104. ~~C.R.S.~~

(VI) One member ~~shall~~ MUST be a member of a parents' organization and be appointed by the governor.

(VII) One member ~~shall~~ MUST be a district attorney and be appointed by the governor.

(VIII) One member ~~shall~~ MUST represent the ~~unit within the department of human services, created pursuant to section 26-1-105, C.R.S., that administers behavioral health programs and services, including those related to mental health and substance abuse, and be appointed by the executive director of the department of human services.~~ BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADMINISTRATION ESTABLISHED IN SECTION 27-50-102 AND BE APPOINTED BY THE COMMISSIONER OF THE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADMINISTRATION APPOINTED PURSUANT TO SECTION 27-50-103.

(IX) One member ~~shall~~ MUST represent the department of public health and environment, created pursuant to section 25-1-102, ~~C.R.S.~~, and be appointed by the executive director of the department of public health and environment.

(X) One member ~~shall~~ MUST represent the Colorado department of law, created pursuant to section 24-1-113, and be appointed by the attorney general.

(XI) One member ~~shall~~ MUST represent the department and be appointed by the executive director.

(XII) One member ~~shall~~ MUST be an individual with professional expertise in school security and be appointed by the executive director.

(XIII) One member ~~shall~~ MUST be a law enforcement professional and be appointed by the executive director.

(XIV) One member must be a school resource officer, as defined in section 22-32-109.1 (1), ~~C.R.S.~~, and be appointed by the executive director in consultation with a statewide association representing school resource officers.

(b) The appointing authority of each member of the advisory board shall appoint the member on or before October 1, 2008, and reappoint the member or appoint a new member no later than one month before the expiration of the member's term.

(c) Additional advisory board members may be added to the advisory board as necessary subject to:

(I) The approval of the executive director; and

(II) A majority vote of approval by the existing advisory board members.

(3) If any member of the advisory board vacates ~~his or her~~ THE MEMBER'S office during the term for which THE MEMBER WAS appointed to the advisory board, the vacancy ~~shall~~ MUST be filled by appointment by the executive director for the unexpired term.

(4) The advisory board shall annually elect from its members a chairperson and a secretary.

(5) The advisory board shall meet as determined necessary by the director. The members of the advisory board shall receive no compensation but shall be reimbursed by the department for necessary travel and other expenses actually incurred in the performance of ~~their~~ THE MEMBERS' official duties.

~~(6) Repealed.~~

SECTION 3. Repeal of relocated provisions in this act. In Colorado Revised Statutes, **repeal** 24-33.5-1804.

SECTION 4. Safety clause. The general assembly finds, determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety or for appropriations for the support and maintenance of the departments of the state and state institutions.

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