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STATE OF COLORADO

BILL A

LLS NO. 20-0388.01 Shelby Ross x4510

SENATE BILL

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Senate Committees

House Committees

A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING EXCUSED ABSENCES IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS RESULTING
102 FROM BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CONCERNS.

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/>.)

School Safety Committee. Current law requires school districts to adopt a written policy setting forth the school district's attendance requirements. The bill requires the policy to include excused absences for behavioral health concerns.

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-33-104, **amend**
3 (2)(c) and (4)(a) as follows:

4 **22-33-104. Compulsory school attendance.** (2) The provisions
5 of subsection (1) of this section shall not apply to a child:

6 (c) Who is absent for an extended period due to ~~physical, mental,~~
7 ~~or emotional disability~~ A PHYSICAL DISABILITY OR A MENTAL OR
8 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DISORDER;

9 (4) (a) The board of education shall adopt a written policy setting
10 forth the district's attendance requirements. ~~Said~~ THE policy ~~shall~~ MUST
11 provide for excused absences, including those listed as exclusions from
12 compulsory school attendance in accordance with subsection (2) of this
13 section, AS WELL AS TEMPORARY ABSENCES DUE TO BEHAVIORAL HEALTH
14 CONCERNS. An attendance policy developed pursuant to this section may
15 include appropriate penalties for nonattendance due to unexcused
16 absence.

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