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School Safety Committee

BILL TOPIC: "Colorado Working Group On School Safety"

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING CREATING A MULTI-AGENCY WORKING GROUP TO
102 ADDRESS SCHOOL SAFETY.

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. The bill creates the Colorado interagency working group on school safety. The working group consists of 10 voting members. The mission of the working group is to enhance school safety through the cost-effective use of public resources. The working group shall:

- Study and implement recommendations of the state

*Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.*

auditor's report regarding school safety released September 2019, which may include program reorganization;

- Identify shared metrics to examine program effectiveness;
- Facilitate interagency coordination and communication;
- Increase transparency and accessibility of state grants and resources, including by improving outreach;
- Facilitate and address data sharing when appropriate and allowable under state and federal law; and
- Address school safety program challenges in a coordinated way.

The working group may contract with a consultant to optimize the alignment and effectiveness of the school safety efforts in Colorado and identify evidence-based best practices. The general assembly may appropriate money to the working group for a consultant, and the working group can accept gifts, grants, and donations.

The bill repeals the working group on September 1, 2023.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** article 17 to title
3 22 as follows:

4 **ARTICLE 17**

5 **Colorado Interagency Working Group on School Safety**

6 **22-17-101. Legislative declaration.** (1) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
7 FINDS AND DECLARES THAT:

8 (a) ENSURING THE SAFETY OF STUDENTS, TEACHERS, AND OTHER
9 EMPLOYEES WHILE AT SCHOOL IS A PARAMOUNT CONCERN FOR THE
10 CITIZENS OF COLORADO;

11 (b) IMPROVING THE EFFECTIVE ADMINISTRATION OF SCHOOL
12 SAFETY PROGRAMS AND FUNDING IS CRITICAL TO PROVIDING SAFE
13 SCHOOLS; AND

14 (c) MAINTAINING SCHOOL SAFETY THROUGH THE MOST
15 COST-EFFECTIVE USE OF LIMITED STATE RESOURCES IS IN THE INTEREST OF
16 THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF COLORADO.

1 (2) THEREFORE, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY DECLARES THAT A
2 WORKING GROUP COMPRISED OF STATE AND LOCAL AGENCY OFFICIALS
3 MUST BE FORMED TO INCREASE COORDINATION OF SCHOOL SAFETY
4 PROGRAMS ACROSS STATE GOVERNMENT AND ANNUALLY REPORT TO THE
5 GOVERNOR, THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AND THE
6 PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE ON THEIR ACTIVITIES.

7 **22-17-102. Colorado interagency working group on school**
8 **safety - creation - membership - operation - immunity.** (1) (a) THERE
9 IS HEREBY CREATED IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION THE COLORADO
10 INTERAGENCY WORKING GROUP ON SCHOOL SAFETY, REFERRED TO IN THIS
11 ARTICLE 17 AS THE "WORKING GROUP". THE WORKING GROUP HAS THE
12 POWERS AND DUTIES SPECIFIED IN THIS ARTICLE 17.

13 (b) THE WORKING GROUP SHALL EXERCISE ITS POWERS AND
14 PERFORM ITS DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS AS IF THE SAME WERE TRANSFERRED
15 TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION BY A **TYPE 2** TRANSFER, AS SUCH
16 TRANSFER IS DEFINED IN THE "ADMINISTRATIVE ORGANIZATION ACT OF
17 1968", ARTICLE 1 OF TITLE 24.

18 (2) (a) THE WORKING GROUP CONSISTS OF TEN VOTING MEMBERS,
19 AS FOLLOWS:

20 (I) THE COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION, OR HIS OR HER DESIGNEE,
21 WHO SHALL SERVE AS THE CHAIR OF THE WORKING GROUP;

22 (II) THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC
23 SAFETY, OR HIS OR HER DESIGNEE;

24 (III) THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC
25 HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT, OR HIS OR HER DESIGNEE;

26 (IV) THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN
27 SERVICES, OR HIS OR HER DESIGNEE;

1 (V) THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, OR HIS OR HER DESIGNEE, WHO
2 SHALL SERVE AS THE VICE-CHAIR OF THE WORKING GROUP;

3 (VI) THE DIRECTOR OF THE SCHOOL SAFETY RESOURCE CENTER;
4 AND

5 (VII) THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR:

6 (A) A SCHOOL DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT WHO SERVES AN URBAN
7 OR SUBURBAN SCHOOL DISTRICT;

8 (B) A SCHOOL DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT WHO SERVES A RURAL
9 SCHOOL DISTRICT;

10 (C) A CHIEF OF POLICE; AND

11 (D) A COUNTY SHERIFF.

12 (3) THE MEMBERS OF THE WORKING GROUP SERVE WITHOUT
13 COMPENSATION BUT MAY BE REIMBURSED FOR ANY ACTUAL AND
14 NECESSARY TRAVEL EXPENSES INCURRED IN THE PERFORMANCE OF THEIR
15 DUTIES PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE 17.

16 (4) THE WORKING GROUP SHALL MEET AT LEAST ONCE PER
17 QUARTER TO REVIEW INFORMATION NECESSARY FOR MAKING
18 RECOMMENDATIONS.

19 (5) THE WORKING GROUP MAY CONTRACT WITH A CONSULTANT TO
20 OPTIMIZE THE ALIGNMENT AND EFFECTIVENESS OF THE SCHOOL SAFETY
21 EFFORTS IN COLORADO AND IDENTIFY EVIDENCE-BASED BEST PRACTICES.
22 THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY MAY APPROPRIATE MONEY TO THE WORKING
23 GROUP FOR A CONSULTANT IF REQUESTED BY THE WORKING GROUP.

24 (6) MEMBERS OF THE WORKING GROUP, EMPLOYEES, AND
25 CONSULTANTS ARE IMMUNE FROM SUIT IN ANY CIVIL ACTION BASED UPON
26 ANY OFFICIAL ACT PERFORMED IN GOOD FAITH PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE
27 17.

1 **22-17-103. Duties of the working group - mission.** (1) THE
2 MISSION OF THE WORKING GROUP IS TO ENHANCE SCHOOL SAFETY
3 THROUGH THE COST-EFFECTIVE USE OF PUBLIC RESOURCES. THE WORK OF
4 THE WORKING GROUP WILL FOCUS ON EVIDENCE-BASED BEST PRACTICES.

5 (2) THE WORKING GROUP SHALL:

6 (a) STUDY AND IMPLEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE STATE
7 AUDITOR'S REPORT REGARDING SCHOOL SAFETY RELEASED SEPTEMBER
8 2019;

9 (b) CONSIDER PROGRAM REORGANIZATION AND RECOMMEND
10 REORGANIZATION IF NECESSARY;

11 (c) IDENTIFY SHARED METRICS TO EXAMINE PROGRAM
12 EFFECTIVENESS;

13 (d) FACILITATE INTERAGENCY COORDINATION AND
14 COMMUNICATION;

15 (e) INCREASE TRANSPARENCY AND ACCESSIBILITY OF STATE
16 GRANTS AND RESOURCES, PARTICULARLY FOR SCHOOL DISTRICTS WITHOUT
17 A GRANT WRITER, WHICH INCLUDES IMPROVING OUTREACH AND MAY
18 INCLUDE DEVELOPING COMMON GRANT APPLICATIONS;

19 (f) FACILITATE AND ADDRESS DATA SHARING WHEN APPROPRIATE
20 AND ALLOWABLE UNDER STATE AND FEDERAL LAW; AND

21 (g) ADDRESS SCHOOL SAFETY PROGRAM CHALLENGES IN A
22 COORDINATED WAY.

23 (3) THE WORKING GROUP MAY USE AVAILABLE RESOURCES,
24 MODALITIES, AND NONMEMBERS FROM INTERESTED MEMBERS OF THE
25 COMMUNITY TO FOCUS ON SPECIFIC SUBJECT MATTERS.

26 (4) THE SCHOOL SAFETY RESOURCE CENTER SERVES AS THE
27 CLEARINGHOUSE FOR ALL MATERIALS PRODUCED BY THE WORKING GROUP.

1 (5) THE DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF
2 PUBLIC SAFETY, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION,
3 SHALL PROVIDE RESOURCES FOR DATA COLLECTION, RESEARCH, ANALYSIS,
4 AND PUBLICATION OF THE WORKING GROUP'S FINDINGS AND REPORTS.

5 **22-17-104. Colorado working group on school safety cash fund**

6 **- created - gifts, grants, and donations.** (1) THE DEPARTMENT OF
7 EDUCATION AND THE WORKING GROUP ARE AUTHORIZED TO ACCEPT GIFTS,
8 GRANTS, OR DONATIONS, INCLUDING IN-KIND DONATIONS FROM PRIVATE
9 OR PUBLIC SOURCES, FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS ARTICLE 17. ALL PRIVATE
10 AND PUBLIC MONEY RECEIVED THROUGH GIFTS, GRANTS, OR DONATIONS
11 BY THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION OR BY THE WORKING GROUP MUST BE
12 TRANSMITTED TO THE STATE TREASURER, WHO SHALL CREDIT THE SAME
13 TO THE COLORADO WORKING GROUP ON SCHOOL SAFETY CASH FUND,
14 WHICH FUND IS CREATED IN THE STATE TREASURY AND REFERRED TO IN
15 THIS ARTICLE 17 AS THE "CASH FUND". THE STATE TREASURER SHALL
16 INVEST ANY MONEY IN THE CASH FUND NOT EXPENDED FOR THE PURPOSES
17 OF THIS ARTICLE 17 AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 24-36-113. ALL INTEREST
18 AND INCOME DERIVED FROM THE INVESTMENT AND DEPOSIT OF MONEY IN
19 THE CASH FUND MUST BE CREDITED TO THE CASH FUND. ANY UNEXPENDED
20 AND UNENCUMBERED MONEY REMAINING IN THE CASH FUND AT THE END
21 OF ANY FISCAL YEAR REMAINS IN THE CASH FUND AND SHALL NOT BE
22 CREDITED OR TRANSFERRED TO THE GENERAL FUND OR ANY OTHER FUND.

23 (2) THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IS NOT REQUIRED TO SOLICIT
24 GIFTS, GRANTS, OR DONATIONS FROM ANY SOURCE FOR THE PURPOSES OF
25 THIS ARTICLE 17.

26 **22-17-105. Repeal of article.** THIS ARTICLE 17 IS REPEALED,
27 EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1, 2023. PRIOR TO SUCH REPEAL, THE DEPARTMENT

1 OF REGULATORY AGENCIES SHALL REVIEW THE WORKING GROUP AS
2 DESCRIBED IN SECTION 2-3-1203.

3 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 2-3-1203, **add**
4 (14)(a)(XII) as follows:

5 **2-3-1203. Sunset review of advisory committees - legislative**
6 **declaration - definition - repeal.** (14) (a) The following statutory
7 authorizations for the designated advisory committees are scheduled for
8 repeal on September 1, 2023:

9 (XII) THE COLORADO INTERAGENCY WORKING GROUP ON SCHOOL
10 SAFETY CREATED IN SECTION 22-17-102.