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INTERIM COMMITTEE BILL

School Safety Committee

**BILL TOPIC: "Create School Safety Committee"**

**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101 CONCERNING CREATING A LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL  
102 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 school safety committee (committee). The committee is charged with studying issues relating to school safety, emergency response planning, and the prevention of threats to the safety of students, school personnel, and volunteers who are present on the grounds of each public and private school in 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.*

The committee must include 8 voting members of the general assembly.

The committee shall meet at least quarterly and may meet at other times as it deems necessary.

During the interim, the committee may recommend legislation that is treated as legislation recommended by an interim committee for purposes of introductory deadlines or bill limitations imposed by the joint rules of the senate and the house of representatives. Outside of the interim, the committee may recommend legislation that is not subject to certain joint rules of the senate and the house of representatives.

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

2           **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** article 15.5 to  
3 title 22 as follows:

4   **ARTICLE 15.5**

5   **School Safety Committee**

6           **22-15.5-101. School safety committee - created - membership**  
7 **- duties - repeal.** (1) THE SCHOOL SAFETY COMMITTEE, REFERRED TO IN  
8 THIS ARTICLE 15.5 AS THE "COMMITTEE", IS CREATED TO STUDY ISSUES  
9 RELATING TO SCHOOL SAFETY, EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLANNING, AND THE  
10 PREVENTION OF THREATS TO THE SAFETY OF STUDENTS, SCHOOL  
11 PERSONNEL, AND VOLUNTEERS WHO ARE PRESENT ON THE GROUNDS OF  
12 EACH PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SCHOOL IN THE STATE.

13           (2) (a) THE COMMITTEE MAY RECOMMEND NO MORE THAN FIVE  
14 BILLS DURING THE INTERIM. LEGISLATION RECOMMENDED BY THE  
15 COMMITTEE PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (2)(a) MUST BE TREATED AS  
16 LEGISLATION RECOMMENDED BY AN INTERIM COMMITTEE FOR PURPOSES  
17 OF ANY INTRODUCTION DEADLINES, BILL LIMITATIONS, AND ANY OTHER  
18 REQUIREMENTS IMPOSED BY THE JOINT RULES OF THE SENATE AND THE  
19 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

20           (b) THE COMMITTEE MAY RECOMMEND BILLS OUTSIDE OF THE

1 INTERIM. LEGISLATION RECOMMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE PURSUANT TO  
2 THIS SUBSECTION (2)(b) MUST RECEIVE DELAYED BILL APPROVAL  
3 PURSUANT TO THE RULES OF THE SENATE OR THE HOUSE OF  
4 REPRESENTATIVES, AS APPLICABLE. LEGISLATION RECOMMENDED BY THE  
5 COMMITTEE PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (2)(b) IS NOT SUBJECT TO BILL  
6 LIMITATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS FOR REPORTING BILLS TO THE  
7 LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL IMPOSED BY THE JOINT RULES OF THE SENATE AND  
8 THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

9 (3) THE COMMITTEE SHALL MEET AT LEAST QUARTERLY AND MAY  
10 MEET AT OTHER TIMES AS IT DEEMS NECESSARY.

11 (4) (a) THE COMMITTEE MUST INCLUDE EIGHT VOTING MEMBERS,  
12 AS FOLLOWS:

13 (I) FOUR MEMBERS OF THE SENATE, NO MORE THAN TWO OF WHOM  
14 MUST BE FROM THE SAME POLITICAL PARTY, WITH TWO MEMBERS  
15 APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE AND TWO MEMBERS  
16 APPOINTED BY THE MINORITY LEADER OF THE SENATE; AND

17 (II) FOUR MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, NO MORE  
18 THAN TWO OF WHOM MUST BE FROM THE SAME POLITICAL PARTY, WITH  
19 TWO MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF  
20 REPRESENTATIVES AND TWO MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE MINORITY  
21 LEADER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

22 (b) EACH APPOINTING AUTHORITY DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION  
23 (4)(a) OF THIS SECTION SHALL MAKE HIS OR HER APPOINTMENTS TO THE  
24 COMMITTEE ON OR BEFORE JUNE 30, 2020.

25 (c) EACH MEMBER SHALL SERVE ON THE COMMITTEE AT THE  
26 PLEASURE OF HIS OR HER APPOINTING AUTHORITY.

27 (5) THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES SHALL

1 APPOINT THE CHAIR OF THE COMMITTEE IN EVEN-NUMBERED YEARS AND  
2 THE VICE-CHAIR IN ODD-NUMBERED YEARS, AND THE PRESIDENT OF THE  
3 SENATE SHALL APPOINT THE CHAIR OF THE COMMITTEE IN ODD-NUMBERED  
4 YEARS AND THE VICE-CHAIR IN EVEN-NUMBERED YEARS.

5 (6) THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS MAY RECEIVE PER DIEM AND  
6 NECESSARY TRAVEL AND SUBSISTENCE EXPENSES AS PROVIDED FOR  
7 MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY WHO ATTEND INTERIM COMMITTEE  
8 MEETINGS PURSUANT TO SECTION 2-2-307.

9 (7) THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL STAFF AND THE OFFICE OF  
10 LEGISLATIVE LEGAL SERVICES STAFF SHALL ASSIST THE COMMITTEE IN  
11 CARRYING OUT ITS DUTIES PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION.

12 (8) THIS ARTICLE 15.5 IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021.

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