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**BILL 9**

LLS NO. 20-0395.01 Conrad Imel x2313

**INTERIM COMMITTEE BILL**

**School Safety Committee**

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**BILL TOPIC: "School Safety Survey"**

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101 **CONCERNING A SURVEY RELATED TO SCHOOL SAFETY.**

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**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 requires the school safety resource center to develop a school safety climate survey (survey) to provide school districts, the state charter school institute (institute), and schools with information to evaluate the climate of a school as it relates to school safety.

The bill requires school districts and the institute to administer the survey to school employees who work in schools of the district or institute, students who attend schools of the district or institute, and those

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

students' parents and guardians. The survey must be conducted every other school year, and the responses to the survey are anonymous. School districts and the institute shall provide the results of the survey publicly online; to the department of education and the school safety resource center; and to each school of the school district or institute. Each school must make the survey results available to school employees and students' parents and guardians.

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

2           **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-33.5-1803, **add**  
3 (3)(o) as follows:

4           **24-33.5-1803. School safety resource center - created - duties.**

5 (3) The center has the following duties:

6           (o) TO DEVELOP A SCHOOL SAFETY CLIMATE SURVEY TO BE  
7 ADMINISTERED BY SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND THE STATE CHARTER SCHOOL  
8 INSTITUTE TO PROVIDE SCHOOL DISTRICTS, THE INSTITUTE, AND SCHOOLS  
9 WITH INFORMATION TO EVALUATE THE CLIMATE OF A SCHOOL AS IT  
10 RELATES TO SCHOOL SAFETY AND MAKE CHANGES TO SCHOOL DISTRICT,  
11 INSTITUTE, AND SCHOOL POLICIES, PROCEDURES, AND ADMINISTRATION  
12 RELATING TO SCHOOL SAFETY. THE SURVEY MUST INCLUDE QUESTIONS  
13 RELATED TO THE PHYSICAL SAFETY OF STUDENTS AND SCHOOL EMPLOYEES  
14 AT THE SCHOOL, SCHOOL FACILITIES, AND SCHOOL RULES AND  
15 PROCEDURES THAT CREATE AN ENVIRONMENT THAT PROMOTES STUDENT  
16 SAFETY. THE SURVEY MAY INCLUDE DIFFERENT QUESTIONS FOR SCHOOL  
17 EMPLOYEES, STUDENTS, AND STUDENTS' PARENTS AND GUARDIANS. WHEN  
18 DEVELOPING THE SURVEY, THE CENTER SHALL EXAMINE SURVEYS  
19 RELATED TO SCHOOL SAFETY PREVIOUSLY ADMINISTERED BY SCHOOL  
20 DISTRICTS OR SCHOOLS IN COLORADO.

21           **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 22-32-148 as  
22 follows:

1           **22-32-148. School safety climate survey - definitions.** (1) AS  
2 USED IN THIS SECTION, UNLESS THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE REQUIRES:

3           (a) "DEPARTMENT" MEANS THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION  
4 CREATED AND EXISTING PURSUANT TO SECTION 24-1-115.

5           (b) "SCHOOL" MEANS A PUBLIC SCHOOL AS DEFINED IN SECTION  
6 22-1-101, INCLUDING A CHARTER SCHOOL AUTHORIZED BY A SCHOOL  
7 DISTRICT PURSUANT TO PART 1 OF ARTICLE 30.5 OF THIS TITLE 22.

8           (c) "SCHOOL DISTRICT" MEANS A SCHOOL DISTRICT AUTHORIZED  
9 BY SECTION 15 OF ARTICLE IX OF THE STATE CONSTITUTION AND  
10 ORGANIZED PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 30 OF THIS TITLE 22, AND A BOARD OF  
11 COOPERATIVE SERVICES CREATED PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 5 OF THIS TITLE  
12 22.

13           (d) "SCHOOL EMPLOYEE" MEANS A PERSON WHO WORKS IN A  
14 SCHOOL AND WHO IS EMPLOYED BY A SCHOOL DISTRICT, THE CHARTER  
15 SCHOOL INSTITUTE, OR SCHOOL.

16           (e) "SCHOOL SAFETY RESOURCE CENTER" MEANS THE SCHOOL  
17 SAFETY RESOURCE CENTER ESTABLISHED IN SECTION 24-33.5-1803.

18           (f) "SURVEY" MEANS THE SCHOOL SAFETY CLIMATE SURVEY  
19 DEVELOPED BY THE SCHOOL SAFETY RESOURCE CENTER PURSUANT TO  
20 SECTION 24-33.5-1803 (3)(o).

21           (g) "SURVEY PARTICIPANT" MEANS A PERSON WHO IS INVITED TO  
22 PARTICIPATE IN THE SURVEY.

23           (2) (a) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (2)(e) OF THIS  
24 SECTION, BEGINNING IN THE 2020-21 SCHOOL YEAR, AND EVERY OTHER  
25 SCHOOL YEAR THEREAFTER, EACH SCHOOL DISTRICT SHALL ADMINISTER  
26 THE SURVEY TO ALL SCHOOL EMPLOYEES WHO WORK IN A SCHOOL OF THE  
27 DISTRICT, STUDENTS WHO ATTEND A SCHOOL OF THE DISTRICT, AND THE

1 PARENTS OR GUARDIANS OF THOSE STUDENTS.

2 (b) EACH SCHOOL DISTRICT SHALL MAKE THE SURVEY AVAILABLE  
3 TO SURVEY PARTICIPANTS IN MARCH OF THE SCHOOL YEAR IN WHICH THE  
4 SURVEY IS ADMINISTERED.

5 (c) THE SURVEY IS ANONYMOUS, AND THE DEPARTMENT, EACH  
6 SCHOOL DISTRICT, AND EACH SCHOOL SHALL ENSURE THAT THE RESPONSES  
7 COLLECTED REMAIN ANONYMOUS.

8 (d) A SCHOOL DISTRICT MAY INCLUDE THE SCHOOL SAFETY  
9 CLIMATE SURVEY QUESTIONS AS A PART OF A GENERAL SURVEY PROVIDED  
10 TO SURVEY PARTICIPANTS THAT INCLUDES QUESTIONS REGARDING  
11 ADDITIONAL SUBJECTS, SO LONG AS THE SCHOOL SAFETY CLIMATE SURVEY  
12 QUESTIONS ARE CLEARLY DESIGNATED AND PARTICIPANTS' RESPONSES TO  
13 SCHOOL SAFETY CLIMATE SURVEY QUESTIONS ARE COLLECTED  
14 ANONYMOUSLY.

15 (e) A SCHOOL DISTRICT IS EXEMPT FROM ADMINISTERING THE  
16 SCHOOL SAFETY CLIMATE SURVEY DESCRIBED IN THIS SECTION IF THE  
17 DISTRICT ADMINISTERS A DIFFERENT SURVEY THAT PROVIDES THE SCHOOL  
18 DISTRICT AND SCHOOLS OF THE DISTRICT WITH INFORMATION TO  
19 EVALUATE THE CLIMATE OF A SCHOOL AS IT RELATES TO SCHOOL SAFETY.  
20 A SCHOOL DISTRICT THAT DOES NOT ADMINISTER THE SCHOOL SAFETY  
21 CLIMATE SURVEY SHALL REPORT THAT TO THE DEPARTMENT AND THE  
22 SCHOOL SAFETY RESOURCE CENTER.

23 (3) (a) EACH SCHOOL DISTRICT SHALL:

24 (I) PUBLISH THE RESULTS OF THE SURVEY ONLINE;

25 (II) REPORT THE RESULTS OF THE SURVEY TO THE DEPARTMENT  
26 AND THE SCHOOL SAFETY RESOURCE CENTER; AND

27 (III) MAKE THE RESULTS OF EACH SURVEY FROM AN INDIVIDUAL

1 SCHOOL OF THE DISTRICT AVAILABLE TO THE SCHOOL IN WHICH THE  
2 SURVEY WAS ADMINISTERED.

3 (b) EACH SCHOOL SHALL MAKE THE RESULTS OF THE SURVEY  
4 AVAILABLE TO EACH SCHOOL EMPLOYEE AND ANY PARENT OR GUARDIAN  
5 OF A STUDENT WHO ATTENDS THE SCHOOL.

6 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-30.5-505, **add**  
7 (21) as follows:

8 **22-30.5-505. State charter school institute - institute board -**  
9 **appointment - powers and duties - rules.** (21) THE INSTITUTE SHALL  
10 ADMINISTER THE SCHOOL SAFETY CLIMATE SURVEY IN THE MANNER  
11 DESCRIBED IN SECTION 22-32-148 (2) TO ALL EMPLOYEES IN EACH  
12 INSTITUTE CHARTER SCHOOL, ALL STUDENTS WHO ATTEND AN INSTITUTE  
13 CHARTER SCHOOL, AND THOSE STUDENTS' PARENTS AND GUARDIANS. THE  
14 INSTITUTE SHALL REPORT THE RESULTS OF THE SURVEY IN THE MANNER  
15 DESCRIBED IN SECTION 22-32-148 (3).

16 **SECTION 4. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act  
17 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the  
18 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August  
19 5, 2020, if adjournment sine die is on May 6, 2020); except that, if a  
20 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the  
21 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act  
22 within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect  
23 unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in  
24 November 2020 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the  
25 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.