

CHAPTER 43

EDUCATION - PUBLIC SCHOOLS

SENATE BILL 99-139

BY SENATORS Pascoe, Andrews, and Arnold;
also REPRESENTATIVES Allen, Scott, and Taylor.

AN ACT

CONCERNING THE TERMINATION OF THE LAW-RELATED EDUCATION ADVISORY BOARD.

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

SECTION 1. 22-25-104.5 (3), (4), (5), and (6), Colorado Revised Statutes, are amended to read:

22-25-104.5. Law-related education program - creation. (3) ~~(a) There is hereby created, within the department of education prevention initiatives unit, the law-related education advisory board which board shall consist of a minimum of nine members appointed by the governor, with the consent of the senate. Members of the board shall be appointed for terms of three years, and no person shall be appointed to serve more than two consecutive terms. Expertise in law-related education or delinquency prevention is a requirement of all education and law-related professionals on the board.~~

~~(b) (I) One member of the board shall be a licensed school administrator.~~

~~(II) One member of the board shall be a licensed elementary school teacher.~~

~~(III) One member of the board shall be a licensed secondary school teacher.~~

~~(IV) One member of the board shall be a level I or level Ia peace officer as defined in section 18-1-901 (3) (1), C.R.S., who is currently employed by a law enforcement agency.~~

~~(V) One member of the board shall be a drug or gang prevention practitioner.~~

Capital letters indicate new material added to existing statutes; dashes through words indicate deletions from existing statutes and such material not part of act.

~~(VI) Two members of the board shall be members of the general public who are not licensed teachers, licensed administrators, police officers, or active members of an existing community drug or gang education program, one of whom is the parent of a child currently attending public school in Colorado.~~

~~(VII) One member of the board shall be a licensed school social worker or a licensed mental health professional, the majority of whose practice deals with children or adolescents.~~

~~(VIII) One member shall be a director or coordinator of law-related education programs with expertise in delinquency prevention theory and research or implementation of school-based law-related education programs.~~

~~(c) Any member of the board may be removed at any time for cause by the governor. If any member of the board vacates his or her office, a vacancy on the board shall exist, and the governor shall fill such vacancy by appointment.~~

~~(d) Members of the board shall be reimbursed for their actual and necessary expenses in the performance of their duties pursuant to this article.~~

~~(e) The department of education prevention initiatives unit shall provide such office space, equipment, and staff services to the board as is necessary for the board to carry out its powers and duties as set forth in this article.~~

~~(f) The term "licensed", as it appears in subparagraphs (I) to (III) of paragraph (b) of this subsection (3), shall include any person certificated pursuant to the provisions of article 60 of this title.~~

~~(g) (I) This subsection (3) is repealed, effective July 1, 1999.~~

~~(II) Prior to such repeal, the advisory board shall be reviewed as provided in section 2-3-1203, C.R.S.~~

~~(4) (a) In addition to any other duties conferred upon the law-related education advisory board, the advisory board shall study, develop, and make recommendations to the state board of education regarding the following:~~

~~(I) Guidelines to assist school districts in the implementation of effective, comprehensive law-related education programs;~~

~~(II) Suggested topics for instruction;~~

~~(III) Suggested texts and other instructional materials;~~

~~(IV) Age-specific training program guidelines for instructors and administrators in antisocial gang behavior and substance abuse;~~

~~(V) An inventory and evaluation of existing law-related education programs which are currently available in school districts and communities. New collaboratives and approaches should be encouraged following a review of research regarding promising practices and effective programs;~~

~~(VI) Allocation of grants to school districts to implement law-related education programs; and~~

~~(VII) Methods and procedures by which a law-related education program which may be implemented by a school district is to be measured to determine its effectiveness against the incidence of gang involvement and substance abuse by the students of that school district.~~

~~(b) Any recommendations made by the law-related education advisory board pursuant to this subsection (4) shall be carefully considered by the state board of education. The state board of education may refer any recommendation back to the law-related education advisory board with written comments for further review and discussion.~~

~~(c) This subsection (4) is repealed, effective July 1, 1999.~~

(5) (a) The state board shall promulgate guidelines, ~~based upon the recommendations of the law-related education advisory board~~, to provide grants to and to assist school districts in the implementation of effective, comprehensive law-related education programs addressing gang awareness and substance abuse resistance. ~~The initial version of such guidelines shall be prepared on or before July 1, 1995.~~ Such guidelines shall include, but shall not be limited to, the following:

- (I) Suggested topics for instruction;
- (II) Suggested texts and other instructional materials; and
- (III) The necessary training for instructors.

(b) The state board shall make such guidelines available to all school districts for use in implementing law-related education programs.

(c) The department of education, through the coordinator and staff of the prevention initiatives unit, shall be responsible for implementation, monitoring, and administration of the program and shall maintain certifications and records and act as a statewide clearinghouse for information and assistance for the school district law-related education programs.

(6) (a) All school districts are encouraged to create programs for the training of instructors and administrators in gang awareness and substance abuse resistance education in order to provide effective instruction to students concerning the dangers of gang involvement and substance abuse by the students in the school district.

(b) Upon the request of school district officials, the state board ~~or the law-related education advisory board~~ shall assist school district officials in the preparation of plans for the creation by school districts of training programs for instructors and administrators in gang awareness and substance abuse resistance education.

SECTION 2. Repeal. 2-3-1203 (3) (1) (V), Colorado Revised Statutes, is repealed as follows:

2-3-1203. Sunset review of advisory committees. (3) The following dates are the dates for which the statutory authorization for the designated advisory committees is scheduled for repeal:

(I) July 1, 1999:

(V) ~~The law-related education advisory board, created pursuant to section 22-25-104.5 (3), C.R.S.;~~

SECTION 3. Safety clause. The general assembly hereby finds, determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.

Approved: March 24, 1999