

## CHAPTER 117

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**EDUCATION - PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

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**SENATE BILL 05-164**

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also REPRESENTATIVE(S) Garcia, Butcher, Carroll T., Coleman, Frangas, Gallegos, Green, King, Knoedler, Madden, Marshall, Merrifield, Paccione, Penry, Solano, Stafford, and Todd.

**AN ACT****CONCERNING WRITTEN NOTIFICATION TO PARENTS OF A HIGH SCHOOL DROPOUT WHO IS NOT SUBJECT TO COMPULSORY EDUCATION LAWS.**

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

**SECTION 1.** Part 1 of article 33 of title 22, Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION to read:

**22-33-107.1. Parental notice of dropout status.** (1) NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 1, 2005, THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF EACH SCHOOL DISTRICT SHALL ADOPT AND IMPLEMENT POLICIES AND PROCEDURES REQUIRING THE SCHOOL DISTRICT TO NOTIFY THE PARENT OR PARENTS WITH CUSTODY OR DECISION-MAKING RESPONSIBILITY WITH RESPECT TO EDUCATION OR THE LEGAL GUARDIAN OR THE LEGAL CUSTODIAN OF A HIGH SCHOOL DROPOUT WHO IS NOT SUBJECT TO THE COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENT SPECIFIED IN SECTION 22-33-104. AT A MINIMUM, THE NOTICE SHALL INCLUDE WRITTEN NOTIFICATION. THE BOARD OF EDUCATION SHALL DEVELOP THE NOTICE WITH THE GOAL OF ATTEMPTING TO RETURN THE STUDENT TO SCHOOL AND OF CONVEYING TO THE STUDENT'S PARENT OR PARENTS WITH CUSTODY OR DECISION-MAKING RESPONSIBILITY WITH RESPECT TO EDUCATION OR THE STUDENT'S LEGAL GUARDIAN OR LEGAL CUSTODIAN THE LONG-TERM RAMIFICATIONS TO THE STUDENT OF DROPPING OUT OF SCHOOL.

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

**SECTION 2. 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: April 27, 2005