

HB26-1264 be amended as follows:

1 Amend printed bill, strike everything below the enacting clause and  
2 substitute:

3 **"SECTION 1. Legislative declaration.** (1) The general  
4 assembly finds and declares that:

5 (a) Colorado law currently requires school districts to adopt  
6 policies addressing bullying and provides reporting mechanisms,  
7 including the safe2tell program;

8 (b) While these policies establish important frameworks, current  
9 law does not define a consistent, minimum response timeline or  
10 trauma-informed intervention expectations following reported incidents;

11 (c) Students experiencing bullying, cyberbullying, or exposure to  
12 threats involving weapons may suffer significant emotional,  
13 psychological, and educational harm if responses are delayed or  
14 inconsistent;

15 (d) It is in the best interest of the state to ensure timely, consistent,  
16 and trauma-informed responses to all student safety incidents; and

17 (e) Therefore, the general assembly intends to supplement existing  
18 law by establishing minimum response expectations and timelines without  
19 duplicating existing statutory requirements related to bullying prevention,  
20 reporting, or school safety planning.

21 (2) The general assembly further finds and declares that these  
22 requirements may be implemented, to the extent practicable, using  
23 existing resources and personnel.

24 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 22-1-151 as  
25 follows:

26 **22-1-151. School safety response protocols - school safety plan**  
27 **- definitions.**

28 (1) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, UNLESS THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE  
29 REQUIRES:

30 (a) "BULLYING" HAS THE SAME MEANING SET FORTH IN SECTION  
31 22-32-109.1 (1).

32 (b) "CYBERBULLYING" MEANS BULLYING THAT OCCURS THROUGH  
33 ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION THAT SUBSTANTIALLY DISRUPTS A  
34 STUDENT'S EDUCATIONAL ENVIRONMENT OR IMPACTS STUDENT SAFETY.

35 (c) "INITIAL SAFETY ASSESSMENT" MEANS A PRELIMINARY  
36 EVALUATION OF A STUDENT OR SCHOOL COMMUNITY TO DETERMINE  
37 WHETHER THE STUDENT OR SCHOOL COMMUNITY IS AT IMMEDIATE RISK OF  
38 HARM AND WHETHER IMMEDIATE ACTION IS NECESSARY.

39 (d) "SCHOOL" MEANS A SCHOOL OF A SCHOOL DISTRICT, A

1 CHARTER SCHOOL AUTHORIZED BY A SCHOOL DISTRICT PURSUANT TO PART  
2 1 OF ARTICLE 30.5 OF THIS TITLE 22 , OR A CHARTER SCHOOL AUTHORIZED  
3 BY THE STATE CHARTER SCHOOL INSTITUTE PURSUANT TO PART 5 OF  
4 ARTICLE 30.5 OF THIS TITLE 22.

5 (e) "STUDENT SAFETY INCIDENT" MEANS A REPORT OF:

6 (I) BULLYING OR CYBERBULLING; OR

7 (II) A CREDIBLE THREAT OF VIOLENCE INVOLVING THE POSSESSION,  
8 THREATENED USE, OR USE OF A WEAPON.

9 (2) (a) UPON RECEIVING A REPORT OF A STUDENT SAFETY  
10 INCIDENT, A SCHOOL SHALL:

11 (I) CONDUCT AN INITIAL SAFETY ASSESSMENT AS SOON AS  
12 PRACTICABLE, BUT NO LATER THAN TWENTY-FOUR HOURS AFTER  
13 RECEIVING THE REPORT; AND

14 (II) DETERMINE WHETHER IMMEDIATE ACTION IS NECESSARY TO  
15 PROTECT STUDENT OR STAFF SAFETY.

16 (b) IF THE STUDENT SAFETY INCIDENT INVOLVES A WEAPON OR  
17 CREDIBLE THREAT OF VIOLENCE, THE SCHOOL SHALL:

18 (I) TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO SECURE THE SAFETY OF  
19 STUDENTS AND STAFF IN ACCORDANCE WITH EXISTING LAW; AND

20 (II) FOLLOW ALL APPLICABLE STATE AND FEDERAL LAWS  
21 REGARDING NOTIFICATION OF LAW ENFORCEMENT.

22 (3) A SCHOOL SHALL MAKE A GOOD FAITH EFFORT TO NOTIFY THE  
23 PARENT OR GUARDIAN OF A STUDENT INVOLVED IN A STUDENT SAFETY  
24 INCIDENT WITHIN TWENTY-FOUR HOURS AFTER THE SCHOOL SAFETY  
25 INCIDENT, UNLESS DOING SO WOULD COMPROMISE STUDENT SAFETY.

26 (4) (a) TO THE EXTENT PRACTICABLE, A SCHOOL SHALL OFFER A  
27 STUDENT IMPACTED BY A STUDENT SAFETY INCIDENT AVAILABLE SUPPORT  
28 SERVICES WITHIN FORTY-EIGHT HOURS AFTER THE REPORT.

29 (b) A SCHOOL SHALL OFFER THE SERVICES IN A TRAUMA-INFORMED  
30 MANNER, WHICH MAY INCLUDE:

31 (I) A REFERRAL TO SCHOOL-BASED OR COMMUNITY-BASED  
32 SERVICES;

33 (II) FOLLOW-UP SUPPORT OR CHECK-INS; OR

34 (III) OTHER APPROPRIATE INTERVENTIONS.

35 (5) A SCHOOL MAY IMPLEMENT INCIDENT-SPECIFIC MEASURES  
36 CONSISTENT WITH EXISTING POLICIES, WHICH MAY INCLUDE:

37 (a) ADJUSTMENTS TO THE HARMED STUDENT'S SCHEDULE OR  
38 ENVIRONMENT;

39 (b) IDENTIFICATION OF A DESIGNATED STAFF MEMBER TO SUPPORT  
40 THE HARMED STUDENT; AND

41 (c) OTHER PROTECTIVE MEASURES, AS APPROPRIATE.

42 (6) A SCHOOL SHALL TAKE ACTION CONSISTENT WITH SCHOOL  
43 POLICY, INCLUDING DISCIPLINARY OR SUPPORTIVE INTERVENTIONS, TO

1 RESPOND TO CYBERBULLYING THAT OCCURS OFF SCHOOL PROPERTY IF THE  
2 BEHAVIOR:

- 3 (a) CREATES A HOSTILE ENVIRONMENT AT SCHOOL;
- 4 (b) SUBSTANTIALLY DISRUPTS THE EDUCATIONAL PROCESS; OR
- 5 (c) INVOLVES THREATS OF VIOLENCE INVOLVING THE POSSESSION,  
6 THREATENED USE, OR USE OF A WEAPON.

7 (7) A SCHOOL SHALL PROHIBIT RETALIATION AGAINST ANY  
8 STUDENT WHO REPORTS A STUDENT SAFETY INCIDENT AND SHALL ADDRESS  
9 ANY RETALIATORY BEHAVIOR PROMPTLY, USING AN EXISTING  
10 DISCIPLINARY FRAMEWORK.

11 (8) (a) A SCHOOL SHALL USE EXISTING STAFF, RESOURCES, AND  
12 INFRASTRUCTURE TO IMPLEMENT THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION.

13 (b) THIS SECTION DOES NOT REQUIRE A SCHOOL TO DEVELOP A NEW  
14 POLICY.

15 **SECTION 3. Safety clause.** The general assembly finds,  
16 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate  
17 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety or for appropriations for  
18 the support and maintenance of the departments of the state and state  
19 institutions."

\*\* \*\* \*\* \*\* \*\*