

SB19-262

## SENATE FLOOR AMENDMENT

Second Reading

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1 Amend printed bill, page 2, after line 22 insert:

2 "SECTION 3. In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** part 23 to  
3 article 33.5 of title 24 as follows:

## PART 23

## SMART SCHOOL BUS SAFETY PILOT PROGRAM

6 **24-33.5-2301. Short title.** THE SHORT TITLE OF THIS PART 23 IS  
7 THE "SMART SCHOOL BUS SAFETY PILOT PROGRAM ACT".

8 **24-33.5-2302. Definitions.** AS USED IN THIS PART 23, UNLESS THE  
9 CONTEXT OTHERWISE REQUIRES:

10 (1) "FIRSTNET" MEANS THE NATIONWIDE PUBLIC SAFETY  
11 BROADBAND NETWORK DEPLOYED AND OPERATED BY THE FIRST  
12 RESPONDER NETWORK AUTHORITY PURSUANT TO SECTION 6206 OF THE  
13 FEDERAL "MIDDLE CLASS TAX RELIEF AND JOB CREATION ACT OF 2012",  
14 47 U.S.C. SEC. 1426.

15 (2) "PILOT PROGRAM" MEANS THE SMART SCHOOL BUS SAFETY  
16 PILOT PROGRAM CREATED IN SECTION 24-33.5-2303.

17 (3) "PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR" MEANS A PUBLIC BENEFIT  
18 CORPORATION ORGANIZED IN ANY STATE WITH EXPERIENCE IN SCHOOL BUS  
19 SAFETY, SURFACE TRANSPORTATION SECURITY, CHILD SAFETY CAMPAIGN  
20 MANAGEMENT, AND CONDUCTING FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGNS THAT  
21 SUPPORT SAFETY-RELATED INITIATIVES THAT HAS ENTERED INTO AN  
22 AGREEMENT WITH THE DEPARTMENT TO ADMINISTER THE PILOT PROGRAM  
23 PURSUANT TO SECTION 24-33.5-2303 (2).

24 (4) "RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT" MEANS A SCHOOL DISTRICT IN  
25 COLORADO THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION DETERMINES IS RURAL,  
26 BASED ON THE GEOGRAPHIC SIZE OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT AND THE  
27 DISTANCE OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT FROM THE NEAREST LARGE,  
28 URBANIZED AREA.

29 **24-33.5-2303. Smart school bus safety pilot program - creation**  
30 **- use of funds - department duties - rules.** (1) THERE IS CREATED IN THE  
31 DEPARTMENT THE SMART SCHOOL BUS SAFETY PILOT PROGRAM TO  
32 PROVIDE SCHOOL DISTRICTS WITH GRANTS, PURSUANT TO SECTION  
33 24-33.5-2304, TO INCREASE THE SAFETY OF STUDENTS AND THE  
34 EFFICIENCY OF THE SCHOOL BUSES, PROVIDE INFORMATION TO PARENTS  
35 ABOUT SCHOOL BUSES AND STUDENT SAFETY, AND INFORM AND EDUCATE  
36 THE PUBLIC ABOUT SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY.

37 (2)(a) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH  
38 A PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR TO ADMINISTER THE PILOT PROGRAM IN  
39 ACCORDANCE WITH DEPARTMENT RULES.

1 (b) THE PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR MAY USE PILOT PROGRAM  
2 FUNDS FOR THE FOLLOWING:

3 (I) ASSISTING RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS WITH COMPLETING AN  
4 APPLICATION FOR A GRANT AWARDED PURSUANT TO SECTION  
5 24-33.5-2304;

6 (II) SUPPORTING SCHOOL DISTRICTS AWARDED GRANTS PURSUANT  
7 TO SECTION 24-33.5-2304;

8 (III) DEVELOPING OR MAINTAINING AN INTERNET WEBSITE, ONLINE  
9 SERVICE, ONLINE APPLICATION, OR MOBILE APPLICATION TO PROVIDE  
10 PARENTAL NOTIFICATION AT NO COST TO PARENTS;

11 (IV) RECRUITING SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS;

12 (V) DEVELOPING FOR THE PUBLIC SCHOOL BUS TRANSPORTATION  
13 SAFETY INFORMATION AND EDUCATION; AND

14 (VI) DEVELOPING PRIVATE-PUBLIC PARTNERSHIP FUNDING AND  
15 STUDYING THE AVAILABILITY OF NEW FUNDING SOURCES.

16 (3) (a) PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 4 OF THIS TITLE 24, THE EXECUTIVE  
17 DIRECTOR SHALL PROMULGATE RULES NECESSARY FOR THE  
18 ADMINISTRATION OF THIS PART 23.

19 (b) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL NOTIFY SCHOOL DISTRICTS OF THE  
20 PILOT PROGRAM, INCLUDING ANY GRANT PROGRAM APPLICATION  
21 DEADLINES. THE DEPARTMENT MAY COORDINATE WITH THE DEPARTMENT  
22 OF EDUCATION CONCERNING SCHOOL DISTRICT NOTIFICATION.

23 (c) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DISTRIBUTE FUNDS TO THE PROGRAM  
24 ADMINISTRATOR NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS PART 23.

25 (d) THE DEPARTMENT MAY SEEK, ACCEPT, AND EXPEND GIFTS,  
26 GRANTS, OR DONATIONS FROM PRIVATE OR PUBLIC SOURCES FOR THE  
27 PURPOSES OF THIS PART 23.

28 **24-33.5-2304. Grant program - report - rules.** (1) SUBJECT TO  
29 AVAILABLE FUNDING, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROVIDE GRANTS TO  
30 SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO ACHIEVE THE GOALS OF THE PILOT PROGRAM BY  
31 PROVIDING THOSE DISTRICTS WITH FUNDING NECESSARY TO EQUIP SCHOOL  
32 BUSES WITH HARDWARE AND SOFTWARE, FOR EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE,  
33 AND FOR ANY RELEVANT TRAINING TO INCREASE THE SAFETY OF STUDENTS  
34 AND THE EFFICIENCY OF SCHOOL BUSES.

35 (2) A GRANT AWARDED PURSUANT TO THE PROGRAM MUST  
36 PROVIDE FUNDING FOR THREE YEARS.

37 (3) A SCHOOL DISTRICT THAT RECEIVES A GRANT SHALL CONSULT  
38 WITH AND RECEIVE SUPPORT FROM THE PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR AND  
39 SHALL USE A GRANT AWARD FOR THE FOLLOWING:

40 (a) THE ACQUISITION OF EQUIPMENT NECESSARY TO JOIN AND  
41 OPERATE ON FIRSTNET, INCLUDING ANY TRAINING, INSTALLATION,  
42 MAINTENANCE, AND DATA-RELATED COSTS;

43 (b) THE OPERATION AND USE OF AN INTERNET WEBSITE, ONLINE

1 SERVICE, ONLINE APPLICATION, OR MOBILE APPLICATION TO PROVIDE  
2 PARENTAL NOTIFICATION, AT NO COST TO PARENTS, RELATING TO SCHOOL  
3 BUS AND STUDENT STATUS;

4 (c) SCHOOL BUS DRIVER TRAINING AND THE PROVISION OF  
5 BACKGROUND CHECKS NECESSARY FOR SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS TO  
6 PARTICIPATE IN FIRSTNET; AND

7 (d) THE TRAINING NECESSARY TO USE ANY EQUIPMENT ACQUIRED  
8 WITH GRANT MONEY TO IMPROVE SCHOOL BUS MAINTENANCE.

9 (4) ON OR BEFORE JUNE 30, 2020, AND ON OR BEFORE EACH JUNE  
10 30 THEREAFTER, A SCHOOL DISTRICT THAT RECEIVES A GRANT PURSUANT  
11 TO THIS SECTION SHALL SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE PROGRAM  
12 ADMINISTRATOR. AT A MINIMUM, THE REPORT MUST INCLUDE THE  
13 FOLLOWING:

14 (a) THE NUMBER OF BUSES EQUIPPED WITH EQUIPMENT  
15 NECESSARY TO JOIN AND OPERATE ON FIRSTNET;

16 (b) WHETHER ANY SUCH EQUIPMENT WAS USED IN AN EMERGENCY  
17 SITUATION;

18 (c) ANY SCHOOL BUS MAINTENANCE OR OPERATION DECISIONS  
19 MADE BASED ON INFORMATION LEARNED FROM EQUIPMENT ACQUIRED  
20 WITH GRANT MONEY; AND

21 (d) ANY OTHER USE OF GRANT MONEY.

22 (5) (a) PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 4 OF THIS TITLE 24, THE EXECUTIVE  
23 DIRECTOR SHALL PROMULGATE RULES TO IMPLEMENT THE GRANT  
24 PROGRAM, INCLUDING RULES RELATING TO:

25 (I) THE APPLICATION PROCESS, INCLUDING DEADLINES; AND

26 (II) THE CRITERIA FOR AWARDING A GRANT TO A SCHOOL DISTRICT  
27 AND DETERMINING THE AMOUNT OF THE AWARD, INCLUDING A PROCESS  
28 FOR ACHIEVING A BALANCED DISTRIBUTION OF GRANT MONEY TO RURAL,  
29 URBAN, AND SUBURBAN SCHOOL DISTRICTS.

30 (b) IN PROMULGATING RULES PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION, THE  
31 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SHALL ENSURE THAT A RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
32 MAY SUBMIT A SIMPLIFIED GRANT APPLICATION.

33 **24-33.5-2305. Reporting.** (1) ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 30,  
34 2020, AND ON OR BEFORE EACH SEPTEMBER 30 THEREAFTER, THE  
35 PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR SHALL SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE DEPARTMENT  
36 CONCERNING THE OPERATION OF THE PILOT PROGRAM. THE REPORT MUST  
37 INCLUDE, BUT IS NOT LIMITED TO, THE USE OF PILOT PROGRAM FUNDS, A  
38 DESCRIPTION OF THE PERFORMANCE OF THE PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR'S  
39 DUTIES DESCRIBED IN SECTION 24-33.5-2303 (2)(b), AND THE  
40 INFORMATION REPORTED TO THE PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR BY A SCHOOL  
41 DISTRICT PURSUANT TO SECTION 24-33.5-2304.

42 (2) NOTWITHSTANDING SECTION 24-1-136 (11)(a)(I), THE  
43 DEPARTMENT SHALL INCLUDE INFORMATION ABOUT THE PILOT PROGRAM

1 IN ITS ANNUAL PRESENTATION TO ITS LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE OF  
2 REFERENCE PURSUANT TO SECTION 2-7-203.

3 **24-33.5-2306. Repeal.** THIS PART 23 IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE  
4 JULY 31, 2023.

5 **SECTION 4.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-33.5-1807, **add**  
6 (8) as follows:

7 **24-33.5-1807. School safety resource center cash fund - repeal.**  
8 (8) (a) IN ADDITION TO ANY OTHER PURPOSE AUTHORIZED BY THIS  
9 SECTION, SUBJECT TO ANNUAL APPROPRIATION BY THE GENERAL  
10 ASSEMBLY, THE DEPARTMENT IS AUTHORIZED TO EXPEND MONEY FROM  
11 THE FUND FOR THE SMART SCHOOL BUS SAFETY PILOT PROGRAM CREATED  
12 IN PART 23 OF THIS ARTICLE 33.5.

13 (b) THIS SUBSECTION (8) IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JULY 31, 2023.

14 **SECTION 5. Appropriation.** (1) For the 2019-20 state fiscal  
15 year, \$4,962,722 is appropriated to the department of public safety for use  
16 by the office of preparedness. This appropriation consists of \$1,112,722  
17 from the general fund and \$3,850,000 from the school safety resource  
18 center cash fund created in section 24-33.5-1807 (1), C.R.S. To  
19 implement this act, the office may use this appropriation for the program  
20 administration. Any money appropriated in this section not expended  
21 prior to July 1, 2020, is further appropriated to the office for the 2020-21  
22 and 2021-22 state fiscal years for the same purpose.

23 (2) For the 2019-20 state fiscal year, \$37,278 is appropriated to  
24 the department of public safety for use by the office of preparedness. This  
25 appropriation is from the general fund, and is based on an assumption that  
26 the division will require an additional 0.5 FTE. To implement this act, the  
27 division may use this appropriation for program administration."

28 Renumber succeeding section accordingly.

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