

SENATE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE AMENDMENT

Committee on Education.

SB20-023 be amended as follows:

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

3 "SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** article 25 to  
4 title 24 as follows:

5 **ARTICLE 25**

6 **Colorado Interagency Working Group on School Safety**

7 **24-25-101. Legislative declaration.** (1) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
8 FINDS AND DECLARES THAT:

9 (a) ENSURING THE SAFETY OF STUDENTS, TEACHERS, AND OTHER  
10 EMPLOYEES WHILE AT SCHOOL IS A PARAMOUNT CONCERN FOR THE  
11 CITIZENS OF COLORADO;

12 (b) IMPROVING THE EFFECTIVE ADMINISTRATION OF SCHOOL  
13 SAFETY PROGRAMS AND FUNDING IS CRITICAL TO PROVIDING SAFE  
14 SCHOOLS; AND

15 (c) MAINTAINING SCHOOL SAFETY THROUGH THE MOST  
16 COST-EFFECTIVE USE OF LIMITED STATE RESOURCES IS IN THE INTEREST OF  
17 THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF COLORADO.

18 (2) THEREFORE, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY DECLARES THAT A  
19 WORKING GROUP COMPRISED OF STATE AND LOCAL AGENCY OFFICIALS  
20 MUST BE FORMED TO INCREASE COORDINATION OF SCHOOL SAFETY  
21 PROGRAMS ACROSS STATE GOVERNMENT AND ANNUALLY REPORT TO THE  
22 GOVERNOR, THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AND THE  
23 PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE ON THEIR ACTIVITIES.

24 **24-25-102. Colorado interagency working group on school**  
25 **safety - creation - membership - operation - immunity.** (1) THERE IS  
26 HEREBY CREATED IN THE DEPARTMENT THE COLORADO INTERAGENCY  
27 WORKING GROUP ON SCHOOL SAFETY, REFERRED TO IN THIS ARTICLE 25 AS  
28 THE "WORKING GROUP". THE WORKING GROUP HAS THE POWERS AND  
29 DUTIES SPECIFIED IN THIS ARTICLE 25.

30 (2) THE WORKING GROUP CONSISTS OF TEN MEMBERS, AS  
31 FOLLOWS:

32 (a) THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC  
33 SAFETY, OR HIS OR HER DESIGNEE, WHO SHALL SERVE AS THE CHAIR OF THE  
34 WORKING GROUP;

35 (b) THE COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION, OR HIS OR HER DESIGNEE,  
36 WHO SHALL SERVE AS THE VICE-CHAIR OF THE WORKING GROUP;

37 (c) THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC  
38 HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT, OR HIS OR HER DESIGNEE;

39 (d) THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN  
40 SERVICES, OR HIS OR HER DESIGNEE;

41 (e) THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, OR HIS OR HER DESIGNEE, WHO

1 SHALL SERVE AS THE VICE-CHAIR OF THE WORKING GROUP;  
2 (f) THE DIRECTOR OF THE SCHOOL SAFETY RESOURCE CENTER;  
3 (g) THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR:  
4 (I) A SCHOOL DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT WHO SERVES AN URBAN  
5 OR SUBURBAN SCHOOL DISTRICT;  
6 (II) A SCHOOL DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT WHO SERVES A RURAL  
7 SCHOOL DISTRICT;  
8 (III) A CHIEF OF POLICE; AND  
9 (IV) A COUNTY SHERIFF.  
10 (3) THE MEMBERS OF THE WORKING GROUP SERVE WITHOUT  
11 COMPENSATION BUT THE MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR MAY BE  
12 REIMBURSED FOR ANY ACTUAL AND NECESSARY TRAVEL EXPENSES  
13 INCURRED IN THE PERFORMANCE OF THEIR DUTIES PURSUANT TO THIS  
14 ARTICLE 25.  
15 (4) THE WORKING GROUP SHALL MEET AT LEAST ONCE PER  
16 QUARTER TO REVIEW INFORMATION NECESSARY FOR MAKING  
17 RECOMMENDATIONS.  
18 (5) THE WORKING GROUP MAY CONTRACT WITH A CONSULTANT TO  
19 OPTIMIZE THE ALIGNMENT AND EFFECTIVENESS OF THE SCHOOL SAFETY  
20 EFFORTS IN COLORADO AND IDENTIFY EVIDENCE-BASED BEST PRACTICES.  
21 THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY MAY APPROPRIATE MONEY TO THE WORKING  
22 GROUP FOR A CONSULTANT IF REQUESTED BY THE WORKING GROUP.  
23 (6) MEMBERS OF THE WORKING GROUP, EMPLOYEES, AND  
24 CONSULTANTS ARE IMMUNE FROM SUIT IN ANY CIVIL ACTION BASED UPON  
25 ANY OFFICIAL ACT PERFORMED IN GOOD FAITH PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE  
26 25.  
27 **24-25-103. Duties of the working group - mission.** (1) THE  
28 MISSION OF THE WORKING GROUP IS TO ENHANCE SCHOOL SAFETY  
29 THROUGH THE COST-EFFECTIVE USE OF PUBLIC RESOURCES. THE WORK OF  
30 THE WORKING GROUP WILL FOCUS ON EVIDENCE-BASED BEST PRACTICES.  
31 (2) THE WORKING GROUP SHALL:  
32 (a) STUDY AND IMPLEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE STATE  
33 AUDITOR'S REPORT REGARDING SCHOOL SAFETY RELEASED SEPTEMBER  
34 2019;  
35 (b) CONSIDER PROGRAM ORGANIZATION AND RECOMMEND  
36 REORGANIZATION IF NECESSARY;  
37 (c) IDENTIFY SHARED METRICS TO EXAMINE PROGRAM  
38 EFFECTIVENESS;  
39 (d) FACILITATE INTERAGENCY COORDINATION AND  
40 COMMUNICATION;  
41 (e) INCREASE TRANSPARENCY AND ACCESSIBILITY OF STATE  
42 GRANTS AND RESOURCES, PARTICULARLY FOR SCHOOL DISTRICTS WITHOUT  
43 A GRANT WRITER, WHICH INCLUDES IMPROVING OUTREACH AND MAY

1 INCLUDE DEVELOPING COMMON GRANT APPLICATIONS;  
2 (f) FACILITATE AND ADDRESS DATA SHARING, INCLUDING  
3 ALLOWABLE DATA SHARING AT THE LOCAL LEVEL, WHEN APPROPRIATE  
4 AND ALLOWABLE UNDER STATE AND FEDERAL LAW; AND

5 (g) ADDRESS SCHOOL SAFETY PROGRAM CHALLENGES IN A  
6 COORDINATED WAY.

7 (3) THE WORKING GROUP MAY USE AVAILABLE RESOURCES,  
8 MODALITIES, AND NONMEMBERS FROM INTERESTED MEMBERS OF THE  
9 COMMUNITY TO FOCUS ON SPECIFIC SUBJECT MATTERS.

10 (4) THE SCHOOL SAFETY RESOURCE CENTER SERVES AS THE  
11 CLEARINGHOUSE FOR ALL MATERIALS PRODUCED BY THE WORKING GROUP.

12 (5) THE DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF  
13 PUBLIC SAFETY, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION,  
14 SHALL PROVIDE RESOURCES FOR DATA COLLECTION, RESEARCH, ANALYSIS,  
15 AND PUBLICATION OF THE WORKING GROUP'S FINDINGS AND REPORTS.

16 **24-25-104. Colorado working group on school safety cash fund**  
17 **- created - gifts, grants, and donations.** (1) THE DEPARTMENT OF

18 PUBLIC SAFETY AND THE WORKING GROUP ARE AUTHORIZED TO ACCEPT  
19 GIFTS, GRANTS, OR DONATIONS, INCLUDING IN-KIND DONATIONS FROM  
20 PRIVATE OR PUBLIC SOURCES, FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS ARTICLE 25. ALL  
21 PRIVATE AND PUBLIC MONEY RECEIVED THROUGH GIFTS, GRANTS, OR  
22 DONATIONS BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY OR BY THE WORKING  
23 GROUP MUST BE TRANSMITTED TO THE STATE TREASURER, WHO SHALL  
24 CREDIT THE SAME TO THE COLORADO WORKING GROUP ON SCHOOL SAFETY  
25 CASH FUND, WHICH FUND IS CREATED IN THE STATE TREASURY AND  
26 REFERRED TO IN THIS ARTICLE 25 AS THE "CASH FUND". THE STATE  
27 TREASURER SHALL INVEST ANY MONEY IN THE CASH FUND NOT EXPENDED  
28 FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS ARTICLE 25 AS PROVIDED IN SECTION  
29 24-36-113. ALL INTEREST AND INCOME DERIVED FROM THE INVESTMENT  
30 AND DEPOSIT OF MONEY IN THE CASH FUND MUST BE CREDITED TO THE  
31 CASH FUND. ANY UNEXPENDED AND UNENCUMBERED MONEY REMAINING  
32 IN THE CASH FUND AT THE END OF ANY FISCAL YEAR REMAINS IN THE CASH  
33 FUND AND SHALL NOT BE CREDITED OR TRANSFERRED TO THE GENERAL  
34 FUND OR ANY OTHER FUND.

35 (2) THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY IS NOT REQUIRED TO  
36 SOLICIT GIFTS, GRANTS, OR DONATIONS FROM ANY SOURCE FOR THE  
37 PURPOSES OF THIS ARTICLE 25.

38 **22-25-105. Repeal of article.** THIS ARTICLE 25 IS REPEALED,  
39 EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1, 2022. BEFORE THE REPEAL, THE DEPARTMENT  
40 OF REGULATORY AGENCIES SHALL REVIEW THE WORKING GROUP AS  
41 DESCRIBED IN SECTION 2-3-1203.

42 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 2-3-1203, **add**  
43 (13)(a)(VI) as follows:

1           **2-3-1203. Sunset review of advisory committees - legislative**  
2 **declaration - definition - repeal.** (13) (a) The following statutory  
3 authorizations for the designated advisory committees are scheduled for  
4 repeal on September 1, 2022:

5           (VI) THE COLORADO INTERAGENCY WORKING GROUP ON SCHOOL  
6 SAFETY CREATED IN SECTION 24-25-102.

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

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