

SENATE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE AMENDMENT

Committee on Finance.

SB20-052 be amended as follows:

1 Strike the Education Committee Report, dated January 29, 2020, and
2 substitute:

3 "Amend printed bill, strike everything below the enacting clause and
4 substitute:

5 "SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** part 25 to
6 article 33.5 of title 24 as follows:

7 PART 25
8 SMART SCHOOL BUS SAFETY
9 PILOT PROGRAM

10 **24-33.5-2501. Short title.** THE SHORT TITLE OF THIS PART 25 IS
11 THE "SMART SCHOOL BUS SAFETY PILOT PROGRAM ACT".

12 **24-33.5-2502. Definitions.** AS USED IN THIS PART 25, UNLESS THE
13 CONTEXT OTHERWISE REQUIRES:

14 (1) "CHARITABLE PURPOSE" HAS THE SAME MEANING AS SET FORTH
15 IN SECTION 6-16-103 (2).

16 (2) "CONSULTANT" MEANS THE ORGANIZATION SELECTED BY THE
17 DEPARTMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION 24-33.5-2505 TO CONSULT WITH AND
18 SUPPORT GRANT RECIPIENTS.

19 (3) "GRANT PROGRAM" MEANS THE PROGRAM TO AWARD GRANTS
20 PURSUANT TO SECTION 24-33.5-2504.

21 (4) "PILOT PROGRAM" MEANS THE SMART SCHOOL BUS SAFETY
22 PILOT PROGRAM CREATED IN SECTION 24-33.5-2503.

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

28 (6) "SCHOOL DISTRICT" MEANS ANY SCHOOL DISTRICT ORGANIZED
29 AND EXISTING PURSUANT TO LAW. "SCHOOL DISTRICT" INCLUDES A
30 CHARTER SCHOOL AUTHORIZED BY A SCHOOL DISTRICT PURSUANT TO PART
31 1 OF ARTICLE 30.5 OF TITLE 22 OR A CHARTER SCHOOL AUTHORIZED BY
32 THE STATE CHARTER SCHOOL INSTITUTE PURSUANT TO PART 5 OF ARTICLE
33 30.5 OF TITLE 22 THAT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE TRANSPORTATION OF
34 STUDENTS ENROLLED IN THE CHARTER SCHOOL.

35 (7) "SILENT DURESS ALARM" MEANS A SILENT ALARM THAT SENDS
36 A DISTRESS CALL AND THE LAST-KNOWN GLOBAL POSITIONING SYSTEM
37 COORDINATES OF THE SCHOOL BUS TO SCHOOL OFFICIALS AND EMERGENCY
38 RESPONSE PERSONNEL.

39 **24-33.5-2503. Smart school bus safety pilot program - creation**

1 **- department duties - rules.** (1) THERE IS CREATED IN THE DEPARTMENT
2 THE SMART SCHOOL BUS SAFETY PILOT PROGRAM TO:

3 (a) INCREASE THE SAFETY OF STUDENTS AND THE SECURITY OF
4 SCHOOL BUSES;

5 (b) PROVIDE SCHOOL DISTRICTS WITH GRANTS PURSUANT TO
6 SECTION 24-33.5-2504 TO EQUIP THEIR SCHOOL BUSES WITH HARDWARE
7 AND SOFTWARE THAT ENABLE THE BUSES TO COMMUNICATE DIRECTLY
8 WITH FIRST RESPONDERS BY CELLULAR, SATELLITE, OR ANY OTHER
9 AVAILABLE MEANS OF VOICE COMMUNICATION AND BY USING A SILENT
10 DURESS ALARM;

11 (c) PROVIDE NOTIFICATIONS TO PARENTS ABOUT SCHOOL BUS
12 STATUS AND STUDENT SAFETY;

13 (d) INFORM AND EDUCATE THE PUBLIC ABOUT SCHOOL
14 TRANSPORTATION SAFETY; AND

15 (e) IMPROVE SCHOOL BUS DRIVER TRAINING, INCLUDING TRAINING
16 RELATED TO TRANSPORTATION FOR STUDENTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS.

17 (2) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL:

18 (a) AWARD PILOT PROGRAM GRANTS, AS DESCRIBED IN SECTION
19 24-33.5-2504; AND

20 (b) SELECT AN ORGANIZATION TO SERVE AS A CONSULTANT, AS
21 DESCRIBED IN SECTION 24-33.5-2505.

22 (3) PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 4 OF THIS TITLE 24, THE EXECUTIVE
23 DIRECTOR SHALL PROMULGATE RULES NECESSARY FOR THE
24 ADMINISTRATION OF THIS PART 25. AT A MINIMUM, THE RULES MUST
25 INCLUDE:

26 (a) PROCEDURES TO IMPLEMENT THE GRANT PROGRAM,
27 INCLUDING:

28 (I) AN APPLICATION PROCESS, INCLUDING DEADLINES;

29 (II) THE CRITERIA FOR AWARDING A GRANT TO A SCHOOL DISTRICT
30 AND DETERMINING THE AMOUNT OF THE AWARD; AND

31 (III) A PROCESS FOR ACHIEVING A BALANCED DISTRIBUTION OF
32 GRANT MONEY TO RURAL, URBAN, AND SUBURBAN SCHOOL DISTRICTS;
33 AND

34 (b) PROCEDURES FOR SELECTING A CONSULTANT, INCLUDING:

35 (I) AN APPLICATION PROCESS, INCLUDING DEADLINES;

36 (II) A PROCESS FOR DISTRIBUTING PILOT PROGRAM MONEY TO THE
37 CONSULTANT; AND

38 (III) PROCEDURES FOR VERIFYING THE CONSULTANT'S CONTINUED
39 ELIGIBILITY TO SERVE AS THE CONSULTANT.

40 (4) THE DEPARTMENT MAY SEEK, ACCEPT, AND EXPEND GIFTS,
41 GRANTS, OR DONATIONS FROM PRIVATE OR PUBLIC SOURCES FOR THE
42 PURPOSES OF THIS PART 25.

43 **24-33.5-2504. Pilot program grants - report.** (1) (a) SUBJECT

1 TO AVAILABLE MONEY, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL AWARD GRANTS TO
2 SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO ACHIEVE THE GOALS OF THE PILOT PROGRAM BY
3 PROVIDING THOSE DISTRICTS WITH FUNDING NECESSARY TO EQUIP SCHOOL
4 BUSES WITH HARDWARE AND SOFTWARE, FOR EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE,
5 AND FOR ANY RELEVANT TRAINING TO INCREASE THE SAFETY OF STUDENTS
6 AND THE SECURITY OF SCHOOL BUSES.

7 (b) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL NOTIFY SCHOOL DISTRICTS OF THE
8 PILOT PROGRAM AND ANY GRANT PROGRAM APPLICATION DEADLINES. THE
9 DEPARTMENT MAY COORDINATE WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
10 CONCERNING SCHOOL DISTRICT NOTIFICATION.

11 (2) IN ORDER TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR A GRANT PURSUANT TO THIS
12 SECTION, A SCHOOL DISTRICT MUST SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE
13 DEPARTMENT. THE APPLICATION MUST INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING
14 INFORMATION:

15 (a) A SUMMARY OF THE SCHOOL BUS TRANSPORTATION PROVIDED
16 BY THE SCHOOL DISTRICT TO ITS STUDENTS;

17 (b) A DESCRIPTION OF ANY SCHOOL BUS SAFETY AND SECURITY
18 CHALLENGES FACED BY THE SCHOOL DISTRICT;

19 (c) HOW THE SCHOOL DISTRICT WILL USE A GRANT AWARD IN
20 FURTHERANCE OF THE GOALS OF THE PILOT PROGRAM;

21 (d) ANY MEASURABLE GOALS THAT THE SCHOOL DISTRICT EXPECTS
22 TO ACHIEVE WITH GRANT MONEY; AND

23 (e) ANY OTHER INFORMATION REQUIRED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

24 (3) (a) ON OR BEFORE NOVEMBER 1, 2020, THE DEPARTMENT
25 SHALL AWARD GRANTS TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS SELECTED FROM THOSE
26 SUBMITTING APPLICATIONS PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION.

27 (b) GRANTS AWARDED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION ARE
28 THREE-YEAR GRANTS THAT COVER THE 2020-21 ACADEMIC YEAR
29 THROUGH THE 2022-23 ACADEMIC YEAR. SUBJECT TO AVAILABLE
30 APPROPRIATIONS, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ANNUALLY DISTRIBUTE GRANT
31 MONEY TO GRANT RECIPIENTS.

32 (4) A SCHOOL DISTRICT THAT RECEIVES A GRANT AWARD SHALL
33 RECEIVE SUPPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE CONSULTANT AND
34 SHALL USE A GRANT AWARD FOR THE FOLLOWING:

35 (a) THE ACQUISITION OF EQUIPMENT NECESSARY FOR EACH
36 SCHOOL BUS TO COMMUNICATE DIRECTLY WITH FIRST RESPONDERS BY
37 CELLULAR, SATELLITE, OR ANY OTHER AVAILABLE MEANS OF VOICE
38 COMMUNICATION AND BY USING A SILENT DURESS ALARM;

39 (b) TRAINING, INSTALLATION, MAINTENANCE,
40 TELECOMMUNICATION, AND DATA-RELATED COSTS RELATED TO ANY
41 EQUIPMENT ACQUIRED WITH GRANT MONEY;

42 (c) THE OPERATION AND USE OF AN INTERNET WEBSITE, ONLINE
43 SERVICE, ONLINE APPLICATION, OR MOBILE APPLICATION, OR A

1 COMBINATION THEREOF, THAT INCLUDES DATA PRIVACY AND INTEGRITY
2 AND DEVICE IDENTITY AND INTEGRITY PROTECTIONS, TO PROVIDE SECURE
3 AND VERIFIABLE PARENTAL NOTIFICATION, AT NO COST TO PARENTS,
4 RELATING TO SCHOOL BUS AND STUDENT STATUS;

5 (d) SCHOOL BUS DRIVER TRAINING AND THE PROVISION OF
6 BACKGROUND CHECKS WHEN NECESSARY FOR SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS TO
7 OPERATE EQUIPMENT ACQUIRED WITH GRANT MONEY;

8 (e) ADVANCED SCHOOL BUS DRIVER TRAINING, INCLUDING
9 TRAINING RELATED TO TRANSPORTATION FOR STUDENTS WITH SPECIAL
10 NEEDS;

11 (f) THE TRAINING NECESSARY TO USE ANY EQUIPMENT ACQUIRED
12 WITH GRANT MONEY; AND

13 (g) OBTAINING CREDENTIALS OR OTHER PERMISSIONS, INCLUDING
14 DIGITAL IDENTITIES, NECESSARY FOR BUS DRIVERS OR OTHER PERSONNEL
15 TO PROPERLY OPERATE EQUIPMENT ACQUIRED WITH GRANT MONEY.

16 (5) ON OR BEFORE JUNE 30, 2021, AND ON OR BEFORE EACH JUNE
17 30 THEREAFTER, A SCHOOL DISTRICT THAT RECEIVES A GRANT PURSUANT
18 TO THIS SECTION SHALL SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE DEPARTMENT. AT A
19 MINIMUM, THE REPORT MUST INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

20 (a) THE NUMBER OF BUSES EQUIPPED WITH EQUIPMENT NECESSARY
21 TO COMMUNICATE DIRECTLY WITH FIRST RESPONDERS, INCLUDING BY
22 USING A SILENT DURESS ALARM;

23 (b) WHETHER ANY SUCH EQUIPMENT WAS USED IN AN EMERGENCY
24 SITUATION, INCLUDING A SITUATION THAT REQUIRED ASSISTANCE FROM
25 EMERGENCY RESPONSE PERSONNEL;

26 (c) ANY SCHOOL BUS MAINTENANCE OR OPERATION DECISIONS
27 MADE BASED ON INFORMATION LEARNED FROM EQUIPMENT ACQUIRED
28 WITH GRANT MONEY;

29 (d) WHETHER THE SCHOOL DISTRICT ACHIEVED ANY OF THE GOALS
30 DESCRIBED IN ITS GRANT APPLICATION; AND

31 (e) ANY OTHER USE OF GRANT MONEY.

32 **24-33.5-2505. Pilot program consultant - report.** (1) ON OR
33 BEFORE NOVEMBER 1, 2020, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL SELECT AN
34 ORGANIZATION TO SERVE AS A CONSULTANT THAT SUPPORTS SCHOOL
35 DISTRICTS AWARDED GRANTS PURSUANT TO THIS PART 25.

36 (2) THE CONSULTANT MAY BE A NONPROFIT OR FOR-PROFIT
37 ORGANIZATION THAT OPERATES WITH A CHARITABLE PURPOSE AND MUST
38 HAVE EXPERIENCE IN EVIDENCE-BASED SCHOOL BUS SAFETY AND SURFACE
39 TRANSPORTATION SECURITY, CHILD SAFETY CAMPAIGN MANAGEMENT,
40 AND CONDUCTING FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGNS THAT SUPPORT
41 SAFETY-RELATED INITIATIVES.

42 (3) IN ORDER TO BE SELECTED AS THE CONSULTANT, AN
43 ORGANIZATION MUST SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE DEPARTMENT. AN

1 APPLICATION MUST:
2 (a) DEMONSTRATE THAT THE APPLICANT HAS THE EXPERIENCE
3 REQUIRED OF THE CONSULTANT, AS DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS
4 SECTION;
5 (b) DESCRIBE ANY PUBLIC SERVICE CAMPAIGNS CONDUCTED BY
6 THE APPLICANT WITH THE SUPPORT OF GOVERNMENT ENTITIES OR MEDIA
7 ORGANIZATIONS;
8 (c) DEMONSTRATE THE APPLICANT'S ABILITY TO OBTAIN
9 CORPORATE SPONSORSHIPS AND OTHER FUNDING THROUGH GIFTS, GRANTS,
10 AND DONATIONS THAT WOULD ALLOW THE APPLICANT TO PROVIDE SCHOOL
11 DISTRICTS WITH SERVICES DESCRIBED IN THIS PART 25 IN ADDITION TO
12 SUCH SERVICES FUNDED WITH STATE MONEY; AND
13 (d) INCLUDE ANY OTHER INFORMATION REQUIRED BY THE
14 DEPARTMENT.
15 (4) (a) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL SELECT ONE ORGANIZATION THAT
16 MEETS THE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS DESCRIBED IN THIS SECTION TO
17 SERVE AS THE CONSULTANT.
18 (b) THE ORGANIZATION SELECTED BY THE DEPARTMENT SHALL
19 CONTINUE TO SERVE AS THE CONSULTANT AS LONG AS THE ORGANIZATION
20 MEETS THE CRITERIA DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (4)(a) OF THIS SECTION
21 AND DOES NOT VIOLATE ANY PROVISION OF THIS SECTION.
22 (c) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ANNUALLY DISTRIBUTE ONE MILLION
23 DOLLARS OF THE PILOT PROGRAM MONEY APPROPRIATED TO THE
24 DEPARTMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION 24-33.5-2506 TO THE CONSULTANT.
25 (5) THE CONSULTANT SHALL USE PILOT PROGRAM MONEY FOR THE
26 FOLLOWING:
27 (I) SUPPORTING SCHOOL DISTRICTS AWARDED GRANTS PURSUANT
28 TO SECTION 24-33.5-2504;
29 (II) DEVELOPING AND MAINTAINING AN INTERNET WEBSITE,
30 ONLINE APPLICATION, AND MOBILE APPLICATION, THAT INCLUDES DATA
31 PRIVACY AND INTEGRITY AND DEVICE IDENTITY AND INTEGRITY
32 PROTECTIONS, TO PROVIDE SECURE AND VERIFIABLE PARENTAL
33 NOTIFICATION, AT NO COST TO PARENTS, RELATING TO SCHOOL BUS AND
34 STUDENT STATUS;
35 (III) RECRUITING SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS;
36 (IV) DEVELOPING, AND MAKING PUBLICLY AVAILABLE, SCHOOL
37 BUS TRANSPORTATION SAFETY INFORMATION AND EDUCATIONAL
38 MATERIALS; AND
39 (V) DEVELOPING PRIVATE-PUBLIC PARTNERSHIP FUNDING AND
40 STUDYING THE AVAILABILITY OF NEW FUNDING SOURCES, INCLUDING
41 SEEKING GIFTS, GRANTS, AND DONATIONS ON BEHALF OF THE PILOT
42 PROGRAM FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, CORPORATIONS, OR OTHER
43 NONGOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES.

1 (6) ON OR BEFORE JUNE 30, 2021, AND ON OR BEFORE EACH JUNE
2 30 THEREAFTER, THE CONSULTANT SHALL SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE
3 DEPARTMENT CONCERNING THE OPERATION OF THE PILOT PROGRAM. THE
4 REPORT MUST INCLUDE, BUT IS NOT LIMITED TO, DOCUMENTATION OF THE
5 CONSULTANT'S USE OF PILOT PROGRAM MONEY AND A DESCRIPTION OF THE
6 CONSULTANT'S DUTIES PERFORMED AS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO
7 SUBSECTION (5) OF THIS SECTION.

8 **24-33.5-2506. Pilot program funding.** IN STATE FISCAL YEARS
9 2020-21, 2021-22, AND 2022-23, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHALL
10 APPROPRIATE TWO MILLION DOLLARS TO THE DEPARTMENT FOR THE
11 PURPOSES OF THIS PART 25.

12 **24-33.5-2507. Department report.** NOTWITHSTANDING SECTION
13 24-1-136 (11)(a)(I), THE DEPARTMENT SHALL INCLUDE INFORMATION
14 ABOUT THE PILOT PROGRAM IN ITS ANNUAL PRESENTATION TO ITS
15 LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE PURSUANT TO SECTION 2-7-203.

16 **24-33.5-2508. Repeal of part.** THIS PART 25 IS REPEALED,
17 EFFECTIVE JULY 31, 2024.

18 **SECTION 2. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,
19 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
20 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety."."

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