

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.

24-25-104. Colorado working group on school safety cash fund

- 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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