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INTERIM COMMITTEE BILL

School Safety and Youth in Crisis Committee

BILL TOPIC: "Awareness Of The Safe2Tell Program"

A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING EXPANDING AWARENESS OF THE SAFE 2 TELL PROGRAM.**

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://www.leg.state.co.us/billsummaries>.)

School Safety and Youth in Crisis Committee. In creating and enforcing a school conduct and discipline code, each school district board of education shall ensure that each copy of the code that is distributed to a student includes information concerning the safe2tell program. On or before August 1, 2016, and on or before August 1 of each year thereafter, the department of law shall deliver safe2tell awareness and education

*Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.*

materials to each school district of the state in quantities that are sufficient to allow each school district to satisfy the new requirement.

1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-32-109.1, **amend**
3 (2) (a) (II) (C) and (2) (a) (II) (D); and **add** (2) (a) (II) (E) as follows:

4 **22-32-109.1. Board of education - specific powers and duties**
5 **- safe school plan - conduct and discipline code - safe school reporting**
6 **requirements - school response framework - school resource officers**
7 **- definitions - repeal.** (2) **Safe school plan.** In order to provide a
8 learning environment that is safe, conducive to the learning process, and
9 free from unnecessary disruption, each school district board of education
10 or institute charter school board for a charter school authorized by the
11 charter school institute shall, following consultation with the school
12 district accountability committee and school accountability committees,
13 parents, teachers, administrators, students, student councils where
14 available, and, where appropriate, the community at large, adopt and
15 implement a safe school plan, or review and revise, as necessary in
16 response to any relevant data collected by the school district, any existing
17 plans or policies already in effect. In addition to the aforementioned
18 parties, each school district board of education, in adopting and
19 implementing its safe school plan, may consult with victims' advocacy
20 organizations, school psychologists, local law enforcement, and
21 community partners. The plan, at a minimum, must include the following:

22 (a) **Conduct and discipline code.** (II) In creating and enforcing
23 a school conduct and discipline code pursuant to subparagraph (I) of this
24 paragraph (a), each school district board of education, on and after
25 August 1, 2013, shall:

1 (C) Ensure that the implementation of the code complies with all
2 state and federal laws concerning the education of students with
3 disabilities, as defined in section 22-20-103 (5); and

4 (D) Ensure that, in implementing the code, each school of the
5 school district shows due consideration of the impact of certain violations
6 of the code upon victims of such violations, in accordance with the
7 provisions of title IX of the United States Code and other state and federal
8 laws; AND

9 (E) ENSURE THAT, ON AND AFTER AUGUST 1, 2016, EACH COPY OF
10 THE CODE THAT IS DISTRIBUTED TO A STUDENT OF A SCHOOL OF THE
11 SCHOOL DISTRICT OR TO A STUDENT OF A CHARTER SCHOOL OF THE
12 SCHOOL DISTRICT INCLUDES INFORMATION CONCERNING THE SAFE2TELL
13 PROGRAM DESCRIBED IN PART 6 OF ARTICLE 31 OF TITLE 24, C.R.S. FOR
14 THE PURPOSE OF SATISFYING THIS SUB-SUBPARAGRAPH (E), THE SCHOOL
15 DISTRICT SHALL COORDINATE ITS EFFORTS WITH THOSE OF THE
16 DEPARTMENT OF LAW, AS DESCRIBED IN SECTION 24-31-611, C.R.S.

17 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 24-31-611 as
18 follows:

19 **24-31-611. Safe2tell awareness and education materials -**
20 **annual distribution to school districts.** (1) ON OR BEFORE AUGUST 1,
21 2016, AND ON OR BEFORE AUGUST 1 OF EACH YEAR THEREAFTER, THE
22 DEPARTMENT SHALL DELIVER SAFE2TELL AWARENESS AND EDUCATION
23 MATERIALS TO EACH SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE STATE.

24 (2) IN DELIVERING MATERIALS TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS PURSUANT TO
25 SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ENSURE THAT
26 EACH SCHOOL DISTRICT RECEIVES, AT THE LEAST, SUFFICIENT QUANTITIES
27 OF THE MATERIALS TO ALLOW THE SCHOOL DISTRICT TO SATISFY THE

1 PROVISIONS OF SECTION 22-32-109.1 (2) (a) (II) (E), C.R.S.

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