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**INTERIM COMMITTEE BILL**

**School Safety and Youth in Crisis Committee**

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**BILL TOPIC: "Crisis Training By School Districts"**

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101 **CONCERNING TRAINING FOR CERTAIN PERSONS TO ASSIST YOUTH IN**  
102 **CRISIS.**

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**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/billssummaries>.)*

**School Safety and Youth in Crisis Committee.** Current law requires each school district board of education and institute charter school board to adopt and implement a safe school plan. The bill requires each safe school plan to include the provision of training to prepare

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

school personnel and students to identify and assist students who may be experiencing depression or mental illness or showing signs of suicidal thoughts or behaviors.

The school safety resource center in the department of public safety shall assist local school districts with the provision of suicide prevention training.

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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) introductory portion; and **add** (2) (d) 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.** (2) **Safe school plan.** In order to provide a learning  
8 environment that is safe, conducive to the learning process, and free from  
9 unnecessary disruption, each school district board of education or institute  
10 charter school board for a charter school authorized by the charter school  
11 institute shall, following consultation with the school district  
12 accountability committee and school accountability committees, parents,  
13 teachers, administrators, students, student councils where available, and,  
14 where appropriate, the community at large, adopt and implement a safe  
15 school plan, or review and revise, as necessary in response to any relevant  
16 data collected by the school district, any existing plans or policies already  
17 in effect. In addition to the aforementioned parties, each school district  
18 board of education, in adopting and implementing its safe school plan,  
19 may consult with PARENTS, STUDENTS, victims' advocacy organizations,  
20 school psychologists AND COUNSELORS, SOCIAL WORKERS, local law  
21 enforcement, COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH PROVIDERS, and OTHER  
22 community partners. The plan, at a minimum, must include the following:

1           (d) **Training to identify and assist youth in crisis.** ON AND  
2 AFTER JULY 1, 2017, EACH SAFE SCHOOL PLAN MUST INCLUDE THE  
3 PROVISION OF TRAINING TO PREPARE SCHOOL PERSONNEL AND STUDENTS  
4 TO IDENTIFY AND ASSIST STUDENTS WHO MAY BE EXPERIENCING  
5 DEPRESSION OR MENTAL ILLNESS OR SHOWING SIGNS OF SUICIDAL  
6 THOUGHTS OR BEHAVIORS. SUCH TRAINING MUST BE PROVIDED TO SCHOOL  
7 PERSONNEL AND STUDENTS AT LEAST ONCE EVERY TWO YEARS. TO THE  
8 EXTENT PRACTICABLE, THE TRAINING MUST:

9           (I) INCORPORATE THE PARTICIPATION OF THE LOCAL COUNTY  
10 DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES AND ONE OR MORE COMMUNITY  
11 MENTAL HEALTH CENTERS, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 27-67-103 (3), C.R.S.;

12           (II) INCLUDE SUICIDE PREVENTION TRAINING, WITH THE  
13 ASSISTANCE OF THE SCHOOL SAFETY RESOURCE CENTER, AS DESCRIBED IN  
14 SECTION 24-33.5-1803 (3) (m), C.R.S., AND THE OFFICE OF SUICIDE  
15 PREVENTION IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT;

16           (III) BE BASED ON EVIDENCE-BASED BEST OR PROMISING  
17 PRACTICES; AND

18           (IV) INCLUDE DISCUSSION OF PROTECTIVE FACTORS FOR  
19 STUDENTS, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO SCHOOL  
20 ENGAGEMENT, CONNECTIONS TO POSITIVE PEERS AND CARING ADULTS, AND  
21 ACCESS TO COMMUNITY SUPPORT RESOURCES SUCH AS MENTAL HEALTH  
22 SERVICES AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT PROGRAMS.

23           **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-33.5-1803,  
24 **amend** (3) (k) and (3) (l); and **add** (3) (m) as follows:

25           **24-33.5-1803. School safety resource center - created - duties**  
26 **- repeal.** (3) The center has the following duties:

27           (k) To provide suggestions for school resource officer training to

1 the peace officers standards and training board, pursuant to section  
2 24-31-312; and

3 (l) To provide materials and training as described in section  
4 24-33.5-1809 to personnel in school districts and charter schools, parents,  
5 and students regarding the awareness and prevention of child sexual  
6 abuse and assault; AND

7 (m) TO ASSIST LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS WITH THE PROVISION OF  
8 SUICIDE PREVENTION TRAINING, AS DESCRIBED IN SECTION 22-32-109.1 (2)  
9 (D) (II), C.R.S.

10 **SECTION 3. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act  
11 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the  
12 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August  
13 10, 2016, if adjournment sine die is on May 11, 2016); except that, if a  
14 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the  
15 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act  
16 within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect  
17 unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in  
18 November 2016 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the  
19 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.