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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER PROGRAMS.

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>.)

The bill defines "school resource officer" and "community partners" and expressly includes school resource officers as community partners for the purposes of school safety, readiness, and incident management. The school safety resource center is required to contract the services of a full-time grant writer and to create and provide templates and guidance to school districts and schools seeking school safety funding. The school safety resource center is also required to provide

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
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suggestions concerning training for school resource officers. The school safety resource center advisory board is increased from 13 to 14 members to reflect the addition of a school resource officer.

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

2 **SECTION 1. Legislative declaration.** (1) The general assembly
3 hereby finds and declares that:

4 (a) School resource officers work in public safety and school
5 safety and serve as an important bridge between the two;

6 (b) School resource officers are committed to making safety for
7 all students and staff a priority in each public school in Colorado;

8 (c) As part of their mission, school resource officers are dedicated
9 to helping schools adopt, implement, review, and revise as necessary safe
10 school plans and internet safety plans;

11 (d) School resource officers support agreements with other state
12 agencies where the end goal is keeping the school environment safe; and

13 (e) Schools, in conjunction with school resource officers, assess
14 overall alignment and compliance with the national incident management
15 system, create and implement an all-hazard exercise program based on the
16 national incident management system, and determine action steps to
17 achieve and maintain the goals of the national incident management
18 system.

19 (2) The general assembly further finds and declares that:

20 (a) State or regional assistance in coordinating funding strategies
21 for school resource officer programs would provide consistency and also
22 benefit school districts and schools by creating efficiencies of time and
23 resources; and

24 (b) State technical assistance would help schools and school

1 districts develop and maintain successful school resource officer
2 programs.

3 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-32-109.1, **amend**
4 (2) introductory portion, (4) (d) introductory portion, (4) (n), and (4) (o);
5 and **add** (1) (b.5), (1) (g.5), and (4) (p) as follows:

6 **22-32-109.1. Board of education - specific powers and duties**
7 **- safe school plan - conduct and discipline code - safe school reporting**
8 **requirements - school response framework - school resource officers**
9 **- definitions.** (1) **Definitions.** As used in this section, unless the context
10 otherwise requires:

11 (b.5) "COMMUNITY PARTNERS" MEANS, COLLECTIVELY, LOCAL
12 FIRE DEPARTMENTS, STATE AND LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES,
13 LOCAL 911 AGENCIES, INTEROPERABLE COMMUNICATIONS PROVIDERS, THE
14 SAFE2TELL PROGRAM DESCRIBED IN SECTION 16-15.8-103, C.R.S., LOCAL
15 EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE PERSONNEL, LOCAL MENTAL HEALTH
16 ORGANIZATIONS, LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH AGENCIES, LOCAL EMERGENCY
17 MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL, LOCAL OR REGIONAL HOMELAND SECURITY
18 PERSONNEL, AND SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS.

19 (g.5) "SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER" MEANS A PEACE OFFICER, AS
20 DESCRIBED IN SECTION 16-2.5-101, C.R.S., WHO HAS SPECIALIZED
21 TRAINING, AS DESCRIBED IN SECTION 24-31-312, C.R.S., TO WORK WITH
22 SCHOOL STAFF AND STUDENTS AND WHO IS ASSIGNED TO A PUBLIC SCHOOL
23 OR CHARTER SCHOOL FOR THE PURPOSE OF CREATING A SAFE LEARNING
24 ENVIRONMENT AND RESPONDING TO ALL-HAZARD THREATS THAT MAY
25 IMPACT THE SCHOOL.

26 (2) **Safe school plan.** In order to provide a learning environment
27 that is safe, conducive to the learning process, and free from unnecessary

1 disruption, following consultation with the school district accountability
2 committee and school accountability committees, parents, teachers,
3 administrators, students, student councils where available, and, where
4 appropriate, the community at large, each school district board of
5 education shall adopt and implement a safe school plan, or review and
6 revise, as necessary in response to any relevant data collected by the
7 school district, any existing plans or policies already in effect. In addition
8 to the aforementioned parties, each school district board of education, in
9 adopting and implementing its safe school plan, may consult with victims
10 advocacy organizations, school psychologists, ~~and~~ local law enforcement
11 agencies, AND COMMUNITY PARTNERS. The plan, at a minimum, shall
12 include the following:

13 (4) **School response framework - school safety, readiness, and**
14 **incident management plan.** Each board of education shall establish a
15 school response framework that shall consist of policies described in this
16 subsection (4). By satisfying the requirements of this subsection (4), a
17 school or school district shall be in compliance with the national incident
18 management system, referred to in this subsection (4) as "NIMS",
19 developed by the federal emergency management agency. At a minimum,
20 the policies shall require:

21 (d) Each school district, on or before July 1, 2009, to start to
22 develop a school safety, readiness, and incident management plan,
23 including, to the extent possible, emergency communications, that
24 coordinates with any statewide or local emergency operation plans. In
25 developing the plan, a school district may collaborate with ~~local fire~~
26 ~~departments, state and local law enforcement agencies, local 911~~
27 ~~agencies, interoperable communications providers, the safe2tell program~~

1 ~~described in section 16-15.8-103, C.R.S., local emergency medical~~
2 ~~service personnel, local mental health organizations, local public health~~
3 ~~agencies, local emergency management personnel, and local or regional~~
4 ~~homeland security personnel, which entities are collectively referred to in~~
5 ~~this subsection (4) as "community partners"~~ COMMUNITY PARTNERS. The
6 school safety, readiness, and incident management plan shall, at a
7 minimum, identify for each public school in the school district:

8 (n) Each school district to coordinate with community partners to
9 assess overall alignment and compliance with NIMS; identify
10 requirements already met; establish a baseline for NIMS compliance; and
11 determine action steps, including developing a plan and timeline, to
12 achieve and maintain all NIMS goals; and

13 (o) Each school district to develop a timeline and strategy for
14 compliance with the requirements of this subsection (4) and to
15 strategically plan, schedule, and conduct all activities with community
16 partners; AND

17 (p) SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS TO BE FAMILIAR WITH THE
18 SCHOOL RESPONSE FRAMEWORK OUTLINED IN THIS SUBSECTION (4), THE
19 ALL-HAZARD EXERCISE PROGRAM, AND THE INTEROPERABLE
20 COMMUNICATIONS OF THE SCHOOL TO WHICH HE OR SHE IS ASSIGNED.

21 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-33.5-1213.4,
22 **amend** (1) as follows:

23 **24-33.5-1213.4. School all-hazard emergency planning and**
24 **response.** (1) The school response framework created in section
25 22-32-109.1 (4), C.R.S., sets forth the framework for school emergency
26 incident response and emergency preparedness, including emergency
27 communications AND THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF SCHOOL RESOURCE

1 OFFICERS. Pursuant to the school response framework, emergency
2 response personnel are community partners with schools. As part of its
3 duty to regularly inspect school buildings to ensure compliance with the
4 fire code, the division, local fire departments, and certified fire inspectors
5 may partner with schools in assessing each school's implementation of
6 NIMS, ~~and~~ the interoperability of the school's emergency
7 communications equipment with state and local emergency response
8 agencies, AND THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER
9 PROGRAM.

10 **SECTION 4.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-33.5-1801,
11 **amend** (2) (a) as follows:

12 **24-33.5-1801. Legislative declaration.** (2) The general assembly
13 further finds that:

14 (a) The most appropriate way to prevent and prepare for acts of
15 violence and other emergencies that may occur on school campuses is to
16 foster a cooperative effort by schools, SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS, law
17 enforcement agencies, emergency responders, behavioral health experts,
18 parents, and community members to identify, gather, and apply the
19 necessary resources; and

20 **SECTION 5.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-33.5-1803, **add**
21 (3) (i), (3) (j), and (3) (k) as follows:

22 **24-33.5-1803. School safety resource center - created - duties.**

23 (3) The center has the following duties:

24 (i) TO CONTRACT FOR THE SERVICES OF A FULL-TIME GRANT
25 WRITER TO PREPARE STATE-LEVEL GRANT APPLICATIONS FOR SCHOOL
26 SAFETY AND TO PROVIDE TEMPLATES AND OTHER GRANT WRITING
27 GUIDANCE TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS, SCHOOLS, AND THEIR COMMUNITY

1 PARTNERS THAT ARE SEEKING SCHOOL SAFETY FUNDING;

2 (j) TO PROVIDE INFORMATION AND RESOURCES RELATING TO THE
3 DEVELOPMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER
4 PROGRAMS, AS DETERMINED BY THE CENTER, TO THE DIVISION OF FIRE
5 PREVENTION AND CONTROL IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY FOR
6 DISTRIBUTION TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND SCHOOLS PURSUANT TO SECTION
7 24-33.5-1213.4 AND TO LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES AND OTHER
8 COMMUNITY PARTNERS, AS DESCRIBED IN SECTION 22-32-109.1, C.R.S.;
9 AND

10 (k) TO PROVIDE SUGGESTIONS FOR SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER
11 TRAINING TO THE PEACE OFFICERS STANDARDS AND TRAINING BOARD,
12 PURSUANT TO SECTION 24-31-312.

13 **SECTION 6.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-33.5-1804,
14 **amend** (2) (a) introductory portion; and **add** (2) (a) (XIV) as follows:

15 **24-33.5-1804. School safety resource center advisory board -**
16 **created - repeal.** (2) (a) The advisory board shall consist of not less than
17 ~~thirteen~~ FOURTEEN members, each of whom shall be appointed to a term
18 of two years as follows:

19 (XIV) ONE MEMBER MUST BE A SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER, AS
20 DEFINED IN SECTION 22-32-109.1 (1), C.R.S., AND BE APPOINTED BY THE
21 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR IN CONSULTATION WITH A STATEWIDE ASSOCIATION
22 REPRESENTING SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS.

23 **SECTION 7. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,
24 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
25 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.