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LLS NO. 10-0771.01 Brita Darling

SENATE BILL 10-154

SENATE SPONSORSHIP

Sandoval,

HOUSE SPONSORSHIP

(None),

Senate Committees
Education

House Committees

A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING ADDING CATEGORIES TO THE DEFINITION OF A**
102 **"HIGH-RISK STUDENT" FOR PURPOSES OF DETERMINING**
103 **WHETHER A PUBLIC SCHOOL QUALIFIES FOR DESIGNATION AS AN**
104 **ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION CAMPUS.**

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>.)

Under current law, a public school that is identified as an alternative education campus is subject to different accreditation

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.

standards. One reason a public school may be identified as an alternative education campus is if more than 95% of the school's student population are "high-risk students". The bill expands the definition of "high-risk student" to include children with disabilities, migrant children, homeless children, children with a documented history of serious psychiatric or behavioral disorders, and children who are 2 or more years behind grade level as determined by statewide assessments or by other assessments approved by the department of education for this purpose.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** 22-7-604.5 (1.5) (i), Colorado Revised Statutes, is
3 amended, and the said 22-7-604.5 (1.5) is further amended BY THE
4 ADDITION OF THE FOLLOWING NEW PARAGRAPHS, to read:

5 **22-7-604.5. Alternative education campuses - criteria -**
6 **application - rule-making.** (1.5) As used in this section, unless the
7 context otherwise requires, a "high-risk student" means a student enrolled
8 in a secondary public school who:

9 (i) Has a documented history of repeated school suspensions; ~~or~~

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11 (k) IS A MIGRANT CHILD, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 22-23-103 (2);

12 (l) IS A HOMELESS CHILD, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 22-1-102.5 (2)

13 (a); OR

14 (m) HAS A DOCUMENTED HISTORY OF A SERIOUS PSYCHIATRIC OR
15 BEHAVIORAL DISORDER, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO AN EATING
16 DISORDER, SUICIDAL BEHAVIORS, OR DELIBERATE, SELF-INFLICTED INJURY.

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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, and safety.