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SENATE BILL 15-214

SENATE SPONSORSHIP

Scheffel and Cadman,

HOUSE SPONSORSHIP

Duran and Hullinghorst,

Senate Committees

Judiciary
Appropriations

House Committees

A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING CREATING A LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ON SAFETY IN**
102 **SCHOOLS.**

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 creates the school safety and youth mental health committee (committee) to:

- ! Study issues relating to school safety and the prevention of threats to the safety of students, teachers, administrators, employees, and volunteers;
- ! Study and evaluate programs and methods for identifying

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.*

1 THAT SHALL BE TREATED AS LEGISLATION RECOMMENDED BY AN INTERIM
2 COMMITTEE FOR PURPOSES OF ANY INTRODUCTION DEADLINES OR BILL
3 LIMITATIONS IMPOSED BY THE JOINT RULES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

4 (c) THE COMMITTEE SHALL MEET NO MORE THAN SIX TIMES EACH
5 LEGISLATIVE INTERIM, UNLESS ADDITIONAL MEETINGS ARE AUTHORIZED
6 BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, AND MAY
7 MEET AS NECESSARY THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

8 (2) (a) THE COMMITTEE SHALL INCLUDE EIGHT VOTING MEMBERS,
9 AS FOLLOWS:

10 (I) FOUR MEMBERS OF THE SENATE, NO MORE THAN TWO OF WHOM
11 SHALL BE FROM THE SAME POLITICAL PARTY, WITH TWO MEMBERS TO BE
12 APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE AND TWO MEMBERS TO BE
13 APPOINTED BY THE MINORITY LEADER OF THE SENATE;

14 (II) FOUR MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, NO MORE
15 THAN TWO OF WHOM SHALL BE FROM THE SAME POLITICAL PARTY, WITH
16 TWO MEMBERS TO BE APPOINTED BY THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF
17 REPRESENTATIVES AND TWO MEMBERS TO BE APPOINTED BY THE MINORITY
18 LEADER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES;

19 (b) THE COMMITTEE SHALL INCLUDE SIX NONVOTING MEMBERS, AS
20 FOLLOWS:

21 (I) ONE MEMBER WHO IS A LICENSED SCHOOL COUNSELOR, TO BE
22 APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR;

23 (II) ONE MEMBER WHO IS A LICENSED SCHOOL EDUCATOR AND
24 EXPERIENCED IN WORKING WITH CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES, AS DEFINED
25 IN SECTION 22-20-103 (5) (a), TO BE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR;

26 (III) ONE MEMBER WHO IS A PARENT OF A STUDENT WHO
27 ATTENDED OR WHO IS ATTENDING A SCHOOL OF A SCHOOL DISTRICT

1 SERVING FIVE THOUSAND STUDENTS OR LESS, TO BE APPOINTED BY THE
2 GOVERNOR;

3 (IV) ONE MEMBER WHO IS A PARENT OF A STUDENT WHO
4 ATTENDED OR WHO IS ATTENDING A SCHOOL OF A SCHOOL DISTRICT
5 SERVING MORE THAN FIVE THOUSAND STUDENTS, TO BE APPOINTED BY THE
6 GOVERNOR;

7 (V) ONE MEMBER WHO IS A SUPERINTENDENT OF A SCHOOL
8 DISTRICT, TO BE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR; AND

9 (VI) ONE MEMBER WHO REPRESENTS A STATEWIDE ORGANIZATION
10 THAT ADVOCATES FOR JUVENILES AND JUVENILE JUSTICE ISSUES, TO BE
11 APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR.

12 (c) EACH APPOINTING PARTY DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPHS (a) AND
13 (b) OF THIS SUBSECTION (2) SHALL MAKE HIS OR HER APPOINTMENT OR
14 APPOINTMENTS TO THE COMMITTEE ON OR BEFORE JUNE 1, 2015.

15 (d) EACH MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE MAY SERVE INDEFINITELY
16 AT THE DISCRETION OF HIS OR HER APPOINTING PARTY.

17 (3) THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE MAY ELECT ONE MEMBER TO
18 SERVE AS CHAIR OF THE COMMITTEE AND ONE MEMBER TO SERVE AS
19 VICE-CHAIR OF THE COMMITTEE.

20 (4) NONLEGISLATIVE MEMBERS SERVE WITHOUT COMPENSATION
21 AND WITHOUT REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES. THE LEGISLATIVE MEMBERS
22 OF THE COMMITTEE MAY RECEIVE PER DIEM AND NECESSARY TRAVEL AND
23 SUBSISTENCE EXPENSES AS PROVIDED FOR MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL
24 ASSEMBLY WHO ATTEND INTERIM COMMITTEE MEETINGS PURSUANT TO
25 SECTION 2-2-307, C.R.S.

26 (5) THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL STAFF AND THE STAFF OF THE
27 OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE LEGAL SERVICES SHALL ASSIST THE COMMITTEE IN

1 CARRYING OUT ITS DUTIES PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION.

2 (6) THIS ARTICLE IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019.

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