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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, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, MAKING AN**
103 **APPROPRIATION.**

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/bills summaries>.)

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;

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 (b) THE COMMITTEE MAY RECOMMEND LEGISLATIVE CHANGES
2 THAT SHALL BE TREATED AS LEGISLATION RECOMMENDED BY AN INTERIM
3 COMMITTEE FOR PURPOSES OF ANY INTRODUCTION DEADLINES OR BILL
4 LIMITATIONS IMPOSED BY THE JOINT RULES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

27 (III) ONE MEMBER WHO IS A PARENT OF A STUDENT WHO

1 ATTENDED OR WHO IS ATTENDING A SCHOOL OF A SCHOOL DISTRICT
2 SERVING FIVE THOUSAND STUDENTS OR LESS, TO BE APPOINTED BY THE
3 GOVERNOR;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

27 (5) THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL STAFF AND THE STAFF OF THE

1 OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE LEGAL SERVICES SHALL ASSIST THE COMMITTEE IN
2 CARRYING OUT ITS DUTIES PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION.

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

4 **SECTION 2. Appropriation.** (1) For the 2015-16 state fiscal
5 year, \$25,857 is appropriated to the legislative department. This
6 appropriation is from the general fund. To implement this act, the
7 department may use this appropriation as follows:

8 (a) \$16,881 for use by the legislative council, which amount is
9 based on an assumption that the legislative council will require an
10 additional 0.3 FTE; and

11 (b) \$8,976 for use by the general assembly.

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