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STATE OF COLORADO

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**SENATE BILL 15-214**

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**HOUSE SPONSORSHIP**

**Duran and Hullinghorst,**

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**Senate Committees**

Judiciary  
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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101 **CONCERNING CREATING A LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ON SAFETY IN**  
102 **SCHOOLS, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, MAKING AN**  
103 **APPROPRIATION.**

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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/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;

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.*

SENATE  
3rd Reading Unamended  
April 23, 2015

SENATE  
Amended 2nd Reading  
April 22, 2015



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.