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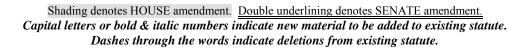
101 CONCERNING EXCUSED ABSENCES IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS RESULTING

102 FROM BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CONCERNS.

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 <u>http://leg.colorado.gov/</u>.)

School Safety Committee. Current law requires school districts to adopt a written policy setting forth the school district's attendance requirements. The bill requires the policy to include excused absences for behavioral health concerns.



HOUSE 3rd Reading Unamended March 9, 2020

HOUSE 2nd Reading Unamended March 5, 2020





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

2 SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-33-104, amend
3 (2)(c) and (4)(a) as follows:

4 22-33-104. Compulsory school attendance. (2) The provisions
5 of subsection (1) of this section shall not apply to a child:

6 (c) Who is absent for an extended period due to physical, mental,
7 or emotional disability A PHYSICAL DISABILITY OR A MENTAL OR
8 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DISORDER;

9 (4) (a) The board of education shall adopt a written policy setting 10 forth the district's attendance requirements. Said THE policy shall MUST 11 provide for excused absences, including those listed as exclusions from 12 compulsory school attendance in accordance with subsection (2) of this 13 section, AS WELL AS TEMPORARY ABSENCES DUE TO BEHAVIORAL HEALTH 14 CONCERNS. An attendance policy developed pursuant to this section may 15 include appropriate penalties for nonattendance due to unexcused 16 absence.

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