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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING MENTAL HEALTH EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES, AND, IN**
102 **CONNECTION THEREWITH, MAKING ENHANCEMENTS TO THE**
103 **SAFE2TELL PROGRAM.** ■■■

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://leg.colorado.gov>.)

No later than July 1, 2020, the department of human services (department), with assistance from other departments and organizations, shall create and maintain a website that provides internet links to relevant information and resources available to individuals seeking behavioral health care services. The website must include information about the

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Colorado SEE ME campaign and the national suicide prevention hotline, demographic-specific information about behavioral health care providers available in each geographic region, internet links to each behavioral health care provider's website, and internet links to skilled nursing facilities available in each geographic region.

No later than April 1, 2021, the department shall issue a request for proposal to contract with an organization to develop and distribute community- and demographic-specific targeted messaging related to the website. The messaging must be distributed no later than January 1, 2022.

The bill allows a health care professional who is required to complete continuing competency requirements to take a course in mental health education to satisfy the continuing competency requirements.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-31-606, **amend**
3 (2)(e), (2)(f), (2)(g), (2)(k), and (2)(l); and **add** (3) as follows:

4 **24-31-606. Safe2tell program - creation - duties.** (2) The
5 program must:

6 (e) Promptly forward information received by the program to the
7 appropriate law enforcement or public safety agency or school officials.

8 THE PROGRAM IS NOT REQUIRED TO FORWARD INFORMATION IF THE CALL
9 WAS TRANSFERRED TO THE STATEWIDE BEHAVIORAL CRISIS RESPONSE
10 SYSTEM CREATED PURSUANT TO SECTION 27-60-103.

11 (f) Train law enforcement dispatch centers, school districts,
12 individual schools, and other entities determined by the attorney general
13 on appropriate awareness and response to safe2tell tips. TRAINING
14 MATERIALS OUTLINING APPROPRIATE RESPONSE TO SAFE2TELL TIPS MAY
15 BE DEVELOPED IN COLLABORATION WITH STAKEHOLDERS TO ENSURE
16 STANDARDIZED MESSAGING.

17 (g) Provide safe2tell awareness and ~~education~~ EDUCATIONAL
18 materials to all ~~preschool~~, elementary and secondary schools in Colorado
19 WITH A PRIMARY FOCUS ON TARGETING MARKETING MATERIALS TO

1 COLORADO SCHOOL-AGE CHILDREN, TEACHERS, ADMINISTRATORS,
2 EDUCATION PROFESSIONALS, AND, SUBJECT TO AVAILABLE FUNDS, OTHER
3 YOUTH-RELATED ORGANIZATIONS, INCLUDING BOYS AND GIRLS CLUBS AND
4 4-H EXTENSION OFFICES, at no charge to the school ~~on or before June 30,~~
5 ~~2017, and annually each fiscal year thereafter~~ OR RECIPIENT;

6 (k) Provide training and support to all ~~preschool,~~ elementary and
7 secondary schools and school districts in Colorado regarding school
8 safety related to the safe2tell program, including answering questions and
9 discussing reports received by the program;

10 (l) Provide educational materials to all ~~preschool,~~ elementary and
11 secondary schools in Colorado aimed at preventing misuse of the
12 program;

13 (3) ON OR BEFORE FEBRUARY 1, 2021, THE DEPARTMENT, IN
14 COLLABORATION WITH STAKEHOLDERS, SHALL DEVISE A PROCESS AND
15 DEVELOP STANDARDIZED PROTOCOLS SO THAT ANY COMMUNICATION
16 RELATED TO MENTAL HEALTH OR SUBSTANCE USE RECEIVED BY
17 SAFE2TELL, INCLUDING ANY COMMUNICATION RELATED TO ANOTHER
18 PERSON, MAY BE TRANSFERRED, AS APPROPRIATE, TO THE STATEWIDE
19 BEHAVIORAL CRISIS RESPONSE SYSTEM CREATED PURSUANT TO SECTION
20 27-60-103.

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