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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING EXPANDING THE ROLE OF AN ADVISORY BOARD TO SERVE**
102 **THE OFFICE OF SCHOOL SAFETY.**

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>.)

Under current law, the office of school safety (office) oversees the school safety resource center (center) and 2 separate units that assist schools with crisis management and safety-related grant funding, respectively. There is an advisory board that recommends the policies of the center. The bill broadens the scope of the advisory board's work to include policy recommendations for the entire office.

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing law.
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SENATE
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HOUSE
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February 28, 2025

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend** 24-33.5-1802
3 as follows:

4 **24-33.5-1802. Definitions.** As used in this part 18, unless the
5 context otherwise requires:

6 ~~(1) "Advisory board" means the school safety resource center~~
7 ~~advisory board created in the office in the department pursuant to section~~
8 ~~24-33.5-1804.~~

9 ~~(2)~~ (1) "Center" means the school safety resource center created in
10 the office pursuant to section 24-33.5-1803.

11 ~~(3)~~ (2) "Director" means the director of the center.

12 ~~(3.3)~~ (3) "First responder" means an individual who responds in a
13 professional capacity to an emergency that occurs in a school building,
14 including, but not limited to, peace officers, firefighters, emergency
15 medical service providers, school administrators, and teachers.

16 ~~(3.5)~~ (4) "Office" means the office of school safety created in
17 section 24-33.5-2702.

18 ~~(4)~~ (5) "School" means an institution at which instruction is
19 provided by instructors to students in one or more buildings on a campus.
20 "School" includes a school serving any of grades preschool through
21 twelve and an institution of higher education.

22 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add with amended**
23 **and relocated provisions** 24-33.5-2705 as follows:

24 **24-33.5-2705. [Formerly 24-33.5-1804] Office of school safety**
25 **advisory board - created.** (1) There is ~~hereby~~ created in the office the
26 ~~school safety resource center~~ OFFICE OF SCHOOL SAFETY advisory board,

1 REFERRED TO IN THIS SECTION AS THE "ADVISORY BOARD", to recommend
2 policies of the ~~center~~ OFFICE.

3 (2) (a) The advisory board ~~shall consist~~ CONSISTS of not less than
4 fourteen members, each of whom ~~shall be~~ IS appointed to a term of two
5 years as follows:

6 (I) One member ~~shall~~ MUST represent the department of education,
7 created pursuant to section 24-1-115, and be appointed by the
8 commissioner of education.

9 (II) One member ~~shall~~ MUST be an individual with professional
10 expertise in behavioral health treatment who represents an elementary or
11 secondary school or a school district and be appointed by the
12 commissioner of education.

13 (III) One member ~~shall~~ MUST be a school administrator and be
14 appointed by the commissioner in consultation with a statewide
15 association of school executives.

16 (IV) One member ~~shall~~ MUST represent state universities and
17 colleges and be appointed by the executive director of the Colorado
18 commission on higher education appointed pursuant to section 24-1-114.

19 (V) One member ~~shall~~ MUST represent community colleges and
20 local district colleges and be appointed by the state board for community
21 colleges and occupational education created pursuant to section
22 23-60-104. ~~C.R.S.~~

23 (VI) One member ~~shall~~ MUST be a member of a parents'
24 organization and be appointed by the governor.

25 (VII) One member ~~shall~~ MUST be a district attorney and be
26 appointed by the governor.

27 (VIII) One member ~~shall~~ MUST represent the ~~unit within the~~

1 ~~department of human services, created pursuant to section 26-1-105,~~
2 ~~C.R.S., that administers behavioral health programs and services,~~
3 ~~including those related to mental health and substance abuse, and be~~
4 ~~appointed by the executive director of the department of human services.~~
5 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADMINISTRATION ESTABLISHED IN SECTION
6 27-50-102 AND BE APPOINTED BY THE COMMISSIONER OF THE BEHAVIORAL
7 HEALTH ADMINISTRATION APPOINTED PURSUANT TO SECTION 27-50-103.

8 (IX) One member ~~shall~~ MUST represent the department of public
9 health and environment, created pursuant to section 25-1-102, ~~C.R.S.~~, and
10 be appointed by the executive director of the department of public health
11 and environment.

12 (X) One member ~~shall~~ MUST represent the Colorado department of
13 law, created pursuant to section 24-1-113, and be appointed by the
14 attorney general.

15 (XI) One member ~~shall~~ MUST represent the department and be
16 appointed by the executive director.

17 (XII) One member ~~shall~~ MUST be an individual with professional
18 expertise in school security and be appointed by the executive director.

19 (XIII) One member ~~shall~~ MUST be a law enforcement professional
20 and be appointed by the executive director.

21 (XIV) One member must be a school resource officer, as defined
22 in section 22-32-109.1 (1), ~~C.R.S.~~, and be appointed by the executive
23 director in consultation with a statewide association representing school
24 resource officers.

25 (b) The appointing authority of each member of the advisory board
26 shall appoint the member on or before October 1, 2008, and reappoint the
27 member or appoint a new member no later than one month before the

1 expiration of the member's term.

2 (c) Additional advisory board members may be added to the
3 advisory board as necessary subject to:

4 (I) The approval of the executive director; and

5 (II) A majority vote of approval by the existing advisory board
6 members.

7 (3) If any member of the advisory board vacates ~~his or her~~ THE
8 MEMBER'S office during the term for which THE MEMBER WAS appointed
9 to the advisory board, the vacancy ~~shall~~ MUST be filled by appointment by
10 the executive director for the unexpired term.

11 (4) The advisory board shall annually elect from its members a
12 chairperson and a secretary.

13 (5) The advisory board shall meet as determined necessary by the
14 director. The members of the advisory board shall receive no
15 compensation but shall be reimbursed by the department for necessary
16 travel and other expenses actually incurred in the performance of ~~their~~ THE
17 MEMBERS' official duties.

18 ~~(6) Repealed.~~

19 **SECTION 3. Repeal of relocated provisions in this act.** In
20 Colorado Revised Statutes, **repeal** 24-33.5-1804.

21 **SECTION 4. Safety clause.** The general assembly finds,
22 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
23 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety or for appropriations for
24 the support and maintenance of the departments of the state and state
25 institutions.