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**SENATE BILL 25-064**

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101 **CONCERNING NOTIFYING A SCHOOL WHEN A STUDENT HAS**  
102 **EXPERIENCED A TRAUMATIC EVENT.**

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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://leg.colorado.gov>.)*

The bill requires the safe2tell program (safe2tell) to provide a handle-with-care notice to a school when a student has had an adverse childhood experience. A peace officer who responds to an incident that is an adverse childhood experience shall report to safe2tell the name and age of the child involved in the incident. Upon receipt of a report, safe2tell shall send a handle-with-care notice to the child's school that

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*Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing law.*  
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includes only the child's name and the phrase "handle with care". A school shall only share the notice with school staff who need to know about the notice. Other than notifying school staff, a school is not required to take any action with respect to the notice.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, amend 24-31-603 as  
3 follows:

4 **24-31-603. Definitions.** As used in this ~~article~~ PART 6, unless the  
5 context otherwise requires:

6 (1) ~~"Department" means the department of law.~~ "ADVERSE  
7 CHILDHOOD EXPERIENCE" MEANS A TRAUMATIC EVENT THAT INVOLVES A  
8 SCHOOL-AGED CHILD OR THE CHILD'S FAMILY OR THAT OCCURS AT THE  
9 CHILD'S HOME. "ADVERSE CHILDHOOD EXPERIENCE" INCLUDES, BUT IS NOT  
10 LIMITED TO, AN INCIDENT OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE; A SERIOUS ACCIDENT;  
11 THE ARREST OF A PARENT OR FAMILY MEMBER; INCIDENTS OF CHILD ABUSE  
12 OR NEGLECT; == A DEATH AT THE CHILD'S HOME OR OF A FRIEND OF THE  
13 CHILD; EXECUTION OF A SEARCH WARRANT; OR A DRUG OR ALCOHOL  
14 OVERDOSE.

15 (2) "DEPARTMENT" MEANS THE DEPARTMENT OF LAW.

16 (2)(3) "In camera review" means an inspection of materials by the  
17 court, in chambers, to determine what, if any, materials are discoverable.

18 (4) "LARGE RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT" MEANS A SCHOOL DISTRICT  
19 IN COLORADO THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION DETERMINES IS  
20 RURAL, BASED ON THE GEOGRAPHIC SIZE OF THE DISTRICT AND THE  
21 DISTANCE OF THE DISTRICT FROM THE NEAREST LARGE, URBANIZED AREA,  
22 THAT HAD A FUNDED PUPIL COUNT FOR THE PRIOR BUDGET YEAR OF ONE  
23 THOUSAND PUPILS OR MORE BUT FEWER THAN SIX THOUSAND FIVE

1 HUNDRED PUPILS.

2 ~~(3)~~ (5) "Materials" means any records, reports, claims, writings,  
3 documents, or information anonymously reported or information related  
4 to the source of materials, INCLUDING PERSONAL DATA.

5 (6) "PERSONAL DATA" MEANS INFORMATION THAT IS LINKED OR  
6 REASONABLY LINKABLE TO AN IDENTIFIED OR IDENTIFIABLE INDIVIDUAL.

7 ~~(4)~~ (7) "Program" means the safe2tell program.

8 (8) "SMALL RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT" MEANS A SCHOOL DISTRICT  
9 IN COLORADO THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION DETERMINES IS  
10 RURAL, BASED ON THE GEOGRAPHIC SIZE OF THE DISTRICT AND THE  
11 DISTANCE OF THE DISTRICT FROM THE NEAREST LARGE, URBANIZED AREA,  
12 THAT HAD A FUNDED PUPIL COUNT FOR THE PRIOR BUDGET YEAR OF FEWER  
13 THAN ONE THOUSAND PUPILS.

14 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-31-606, **add** (5)  
15 as follows:

16 **24-31-606. Safe2tell program - creation - duties - handle-with**  
17 **-care notice.** (5) (a) THE PROGRAM SHALL PROVIDE A  
18 HANDLE-WITH-CARE NOTICE TO A SCHOOL WHEN A STUDENT HAS HAD AN  
19 ADVERSE CHILDHOOD EXPERIENCE:

20 (I) BEGINNING WITH THE 2026-27 SCHOOL YEAR, FOR STUDENTS  
21 ENROLLED IN A SCHOOL IN A SMALL RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT;

22 (II) BEGINNING WITH THE 2027-28 SCHOOL YEAR, FOR STUDENTS  
23 ENROLLED IN A SMALL RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT OR A LARGE RURAL  
24 SCHOOL DISTRICT; AND

25 (III) BEGINNING WITH THE 2028-29 SCHOOL YEAR, FOR STUDENTS  
26 ENROLLED IN ANY SCHOOL STATEWIDE.

27 (b) BEGINNING AUGUST 1, 2026, A PEACE OFFICER WHO RESPONDS

1 TO AN INCIDENT THAT IS AN ADVERSE CHILDHOOD EXPERIENCE MAY,  
2 SUBJECT TO CONSTITUTIONAL LIMITATIONS, EITHER REPORT TO THE  
3 PROGRAM THE NAME AND AGE OF THE CHILD INVOLVED IN THE INCIDENT  
4 OR PROVIDE INFORMATION TO THE CHILD'S PARENT OR GUARDIAN ABOUT  
5 HOW TO INFORM THE SCHOOL THROUGH THE PROGRAM.  
6 NOTWITHSTANDING ANY REQUIREMENT IN SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS  
7 SECTION TO THE CONTRARY, A REPORT MADE TO THE PROGRAM PURSUANT  
8 TO THIS SUBSECTION (5)(b) IS NOT ANONYMOUS.

9 (c) UPON RECEIVING A REPORT OF AN ADVERSE CHILDHOOD  
10 EXPERIENCE PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (5)(b) OF THIS SECTION, THE  
11 PROGRAM SHALL SEND A HANDLE-WITH-CARE NOTICE TO THE CHILD'S  
12 SCHOOL BEFORE THE START OF THE NEXT SCHOOL DAY AFTER RECEIVING  
13 THE REPORT. THE HANDLE-WITH-CARE NOTICE MUST ONLY INCLUDE THE  
14 CHILD'S NAME AND THE PHRASE "HANDLE WITH CARE". THE NOTICE MUST  
15 NOT INCLUDE ANY DETAILS ABOUT THE ADVERSE CHILDHOOD EXPERIENCE  
16 INCIDENT.

17 (d) A SCHOOL THAT RECEIVES A HANDLE-WITH-CARE NOTICE  
18 SHALL NOT INCLUDE THE NOTICE IN THE CHILD'S RECORDS AND SHALL  
19 ONLY SHARE THE NOTICE WITH SCHOOL STAFF WHO, IN THE SCHOOL'S  
20 CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S OR THE OFFICER'S DESIGNEE'S  
21 DETERMINATION, NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE NOTICE. OTHER THAN  
22 NOTIFYING SCHOOL STAFF, A SCHOOL IS NOT REQUIRED TO TAKE ANY  
23 ACTION WITH RESPECT TO THE CHILD OR NOTICE.

24 **SECTION 3. Safety clause.** The general assembly finds,  
25 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate  
26 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety or for appropriations for

- 1 the support and maintenance of the departments of the state and state
- 2 institutions.