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MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 10, 2015
TO: Representative Buckner
FROM: Jane Urschel, CASB
Deputy Executive Director
RE: HB 1116: Repeal School Building Inspection Requirement

Thank you for sharing your concerns regarding the impact of HB 1116. As we discussed, the bill repeals an obsolete provision of law and will have absolutely no impact on school district safety policies.

As explained in the fiscal note (attached) this bill repeals a section of law that duplicates provisions requiring similar policies in other sections of state law. Specifically, this requirement is superseded by state legislation requiring school districts to adopt a crisis management and safety plan per NIMS requirements. C.R.S. 22-32-109.1 (4) and C.R.S. 24-33.5-1213.4.

CASB has provided its members with a sample policy detailing the current safety requirements, **KDE Crisis Management (Safety, Readiness and Incident Management Planning)** and every district in the state is required to adopt a version of this policy as well as the safety plan required by law.

Though this bill will have no impact on school district policies or practices, CASB supports Representative Brown's effort to eliminate confusion by removing duplicative statutory provisions.



HB15-1116

Colorado Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note

NO FISCAL IMPACT

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Prime Sponsor(s): Rep. Brown

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BILL TOPIC: REPEAL SCHOOL BUILDING INSPECTION REQMNT

Summary of Legislation

Current law requires each local board of education to adopt a policy requiring annual school building inspections to address the removal of hazards and vandalism and any other barriers to safety and supervision. The bill repeals this requirement.

School District Impact

The provision removed by the bill is obsolete; local boards of education have policies that address school safety, including the requirement that local school boards adopt a school safety plan that provides an environment that is safe and conducive to learning. The bill repeals a section of law that duplicates provisions requiring similar policies in other sections of state law. For this reason, the bill is assessed as having no fiscal impact.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect August 5, 2015, if the General Assembly adjourns on May 6, 2015, as scheduled, and no referendum petition is filed.

State and Local Government Contacts

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