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HOUSE BILL 10-1054

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING PRESENTING SCHOOL SAFETY INFORMATION AT**
102 **INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION.**

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://www.leg.state.co.us/billsummaries>.)

The bill requires institutions of higher education to conduct a 45-minute school safety presentation during new student orientation. The institution of higher education may determine the medium for presenting the information to new students, so long as the presentation includes specified information, such as information concerning communication

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Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
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with school safety personnel and various emergency safety protocols for school buildings. Additionally, the institution of higher education must make the same information available annually to returning students, faculty, and staff. Within 30 days after conducting a school safety presentation, an institution of higher education shall report to the department of higher education the number of students who attended the school safety presentation.

For purposes of the bill, the term "institution of higher education" includes state institutions of higher education, junior colleges, area vocational schools, and technical colleges. The bill also defines 4 emergency safety protocols, including evacuation, lockdown, reverse evacuation, and shelter-in-place procedures and gives examples of when an institution of higher education may institute those emergency safety protocols.

The resources of the school safety resource center may be available to institutions of higher education for use in developing the required school safety presentation.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Article 5 of title 23, Colorado Revised Statutes, is
3 amended BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION to read:

4 **23-5-140. Lifesaving school safety information.** (1) (a) THE
5 GENERAL ASSEMBLY HEREBY FINDS AND DECLARES THAT:

6 (I) THE SAFETY OF STUDENTS, FACULTY, AND STAFF WHO WORK
7 AND LEARN ON THE CAMPUSES OF COLORADO INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER
8 EDUCATION CAN BE ENHANCED BY INFORMING, ORGANIZING, AND
9 EMPOWERING THOSE INDIVIDUALS TO RESPOND APPROPRIATELY TO
10 EMERGENCY SITUATIONS ON CAMPUS;

11 (II) CRITICAL INCIDENTS THAT TAKE PLACE ON CAMPUSES ARE
12 UNIQUE, LIFE-CHANGING EVENTS THAT REQUIRE EXERCISING BASIC
13 SURVIVAL SKILLS DURING AN INTENSE PERIOD OF HIGH MENTAL AND
14 PHYSICAL STRESS. HAVING THE INFORMATION NECESSARY TO RESPOND
15 EFFECTIVELY TO THESE CRITICAL INCIDENTS CAN BE KEY TO A POSITIVE
16 INDIVIDUAL OR GROUP OUTCOME IN A TRUE LIFE OR DEATH SITUATION;

1 AND

2 (III) COLORADO INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION SHOULD
3 ENSURE THAT ALL STUDENTS, FACULTY, AND STAFF RECEIVE UPDATED
4 SCHOOL SAFETY INFORMATION THAT REFLECTS BEST PRACTICES FOR THEIR
5 INSTITUTION AT THE BEGINNING OF EACH SCHOOL YEAR.

6 (b) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY THEREFORE FINDS THAT THE
7 DISSEMINATION OF SAFETY INFORMATION TO STUDENTS, FACULTY, AND
8 STAFF THAT REFLECTS BEST PRACTICES FOR THE INSTITUTION MAY
9 ENCOURAGE STUDENTS, FACULTY, AND STAFF TO RESPOND
10 APPROPRIATELY AND IN COORDINATION WITH SCHOOL SAFETY PERSONNEL
11 IN EMERGENCY SITUATIONS.

12 (2) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, UNLESS THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE
13 REQUIRES:

14 (a) "INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION" OR "INSTITUTION"
15 MEANS A STATE INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION AS DEFINED IN
16 SECTION 23-18-102 (10) (a), A JUNIOR COLLEGE, AN AREA VOCATIONAL
17 SCHOOL, OR A TECHNICAL COLLEGE.

18 (b) "SCHOOL BUILDING" MEANS A BUILDING, INCLUDING BUT NOT
19 LIMITED TO A CLASSROOM BUILDING OR A SCHOOL DORMITORY, THAT IS A
20 PUBLIC BUILDING OF AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION.

21 (3) (a) EACH INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION SHALL DEVELOP
22 POLICIES AND PROCEDURES THAT ARE TAILORED TO THE INSTITUTION AND
23 THAT REFLECT BEST PRACTICES CONCERNING CRITICAL INCIDENT
24 RESPONSE PROTOCOLS AND PERSONAL SAFETY ON CAMPUS AND IN SCHOOL
25 BUILDINGS ON CAMPUS.

26 (b) BEGINNING IN THE 2011-12 ACADEMIC YEAR, EACH
27 INSTITUTION SHALL DISSEMINATE SCHOOL SAFETY INFORMATION TO

1 STUDENTS, FACULTY, AND STAFF CONCERNING THE POLICIES AND
2 PROCEDURES DEVELOPED PURSUANT TO PARAGRAPH (a) OF THIS
3 SUBSECTION (3).

4 **SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act
5 shall take effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
6 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August
7 11, 2010, if adjournment sine die is on May 12, 2010); except that, if a
8 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the
9 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act
10 within such period, then the act, item, section, or part shall not take effect
11 unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in
12 November 2010 and shall take effect on the date of the official
13 declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.