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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101	CONCERNING SUCCESSFUL TRANSITIONS BACK TO THE PUBLIC SCHOOL
102	SYSTEM FOR STUDENTS IN OUT-OF-HOME PLACEMENT WHO
103	HAVE DEMONSTRATED BEHAVIOR THAT IS DETRIMENTAL TO THE
104	SAFETY OR WELFARE OF THEMSELVES OR OTHERS DURING THE
105	PREVIOUS TWELVE MONTHS.

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 the department of human services (department)

HOUSE Am ended 2nd Reading M arch 22, 2010 to provide written notification to a school district, charter school, or institute charter school (school) 10 days prior to enrollment of a student who has been placed in out-of-home placement and is identified as potentially presenting a risk to himself or herself or the community (student). In a case where the student requires an emergency placement, the bill requires the department to provide written notification to the school 5 days prior to the student's enrollment. The school is encouraged to use the notification period to gather medical, mental health, sociological, and scholastic achievement data about the student from various sources to develop a transition plan for the student.

The department of human services and the department of education are required to enter into a memorandum of understanding that includes, at a minimum:

(1) A consistent and uniform approach to sharing medical, mental health, sociological, and scholastic achievement data about students between a school district, charter school, or institute charter school and the county department of social services to better facilitate the creation of transition plans for those students and ensure the safety of the people in the school community;

(2) A plan for utilizing existing state and federal data and any existing information-sharing activities;

(3) An appeals process to follow if there is a disagreement between a school district, charter school, or institute charter school and the county department of social services regarding the enrollment of a student; and

(4) A plan for determining accountability concerning the use of the notification periods and the number of emergency placements that occur.

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

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SECTION 1. Legislative declaration. (1) The general assembly

- 3 finds and declares that:
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(a) Students enrolled in a public school may often receive

5 additional support during the school day to ensure their success at school;

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(b) Students who have been in the care of the department of

7 human services and who have not been enrolled in a public school may

8 benefit from additional support services to help them achieve a successful

9 transition back to a public school;

(c) School districts should be active partners in developing
 transition plans for students to achieve successful transitions to public
 schools; and

4 (d) Sharing of medical, mental health, sociological, and scholastic
5 achievement data about a student between the department of human
6 services and a receiving school district and school will enable the school
7 district and school to better determine the types of support, services, and
8 appropriate settings for the student who is making the transition back into
9 the public school system.

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(2) The general assembly further finds and declares that:

(a) The expansion of state and local collaborative agreements will
allow school districts and other agencies to operate more effectively in
the decision-making process for these students;

(b) Multiple agencies, departments, and other participants can
help ensure school safety by developing plans and collaborating with one
another to create an atmosphere that promotes safety and success for
students; and

(c) Sharing of medical, mental health, sociological, and scholastic
achievement data by various entities and school districts, within the
constraints of state and federal law, should provide as much information
as possible, and appropriate use of that information will allow students to
successfully transition to and succeed in the public school system.

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SECTION 2. 19-1-115.5, Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended
 BY THE ADDITION OF THE FOLLOWING NEW SUBSECTIONS to
 read:

19-1-115.5. Placement of children out of home - legislative

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declaration. (4) (a) THE RESPONSIBLE STATE OR COUNTY DEPARTMENT
 OF HUMAN SERVICES AS DETERMINED BY THE COURT SHALL PROVIDE
 WRITTEN OR ELECTRONIC NOTIFICATION TO THE CHILD WELFARE
 EDUCATION LIAISON DESIGNATED IN A SCHOOL DISTRICT PURSUANT TO
 SECTION 22-32-138 (2) (a), C.R.S., OF THE PENDING ENROLLMENT IN A
 PUBLIC SCHOOL OF A STUDENT WHO:

7 (I) IS TRANSFERRING FROM A STATE-LICENSED DAY TREATMENT 8 FACILITY LICENSED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES PURSUANT 9 TO SECTION 26-6-102 (2.5), C.R.S., FACILITY SCHOOL AS DEFINED IN 10 SECTION 22-2-402 (1), C.R.S., OR STATE HOSPITAL, AND HAS BEEN 11 DETERMINED BY THE STATE-LICENSED DAY TREATMENT FACILITY, 12 FACILITY SCHOOL, STATE HOSPITAL, OR THE COURT TO BE A RISK TO 13 THEMSELVES OR THE COMMUNITY WITHIN THE TWELVE MONTHS PRIOR TO 14 THE PROPOSED TRANSFER; AND

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(II) IS TRANSFERRING TO A PUBLIC SCHOOL.

16 (b) THE NOTIFICATION SHALL BE AT LEAST TEN DAYS PRIOR TO THE 17 STUDENT'S TRANSITION FROM THE STATE-LICENSED DAY TREATMENT 18 FACILITY, FACILITY SCHOOL, OR STATE HOSPITAL AND SUBSEQUENT 19 ENROLLMENT IN A PUBLIC SCHOOL AND SHALL ALSO INCLUDE AN 20 INVITATION TO THE CHILD WELFARE EDUCATION LIAISON, OR HIS OR HER 21 DESIGNEE IN THE SCHOOL WHERE THE STUDENT WILL BE ENROLLING, TO 22 PARTICIPATE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF A TRANSITION PLAN FOR THE 23 STUDENT. THE INFORMATION PROVIDED TO THE CHILD WELFARE 24 EDUCATION LIAISON SHALL INCLUDE, BUT NEED NOT BE LIMITED TO, 25 EDUCATIONAL RECORDS FROM THE TRANSFERRING EDUCATIONAL FACILITY 26 AND AN OUTLINE OF THE STUDENT'S TRANSITIONAL NEEDS TO BE 27 SUCCESSFUL IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOL SETTING THAT WOULD ASSIST THE

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SCHOOL DISTRICT IN MEETING THE STUDENT'S NEEDS AND ENSURING A
 SUCCESSFUL TRANSITION.

3 (5) IF A CHANGE OF PUBLIC PLACEMENT IS REQUIRED FOR THE 4 SAFETY OF THE STUDENT, THE RESPONSIBLE STATE OR COUNTY 5 DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES SHALL PROVIDE INFORMATION TO THE 6 CHILD WELFARE EDUCATION LIAISON, DESIGNATED PURSUANT TO SECTION 7 22-32-138(2)(a), C.R.S., OF THE RECEIVING SCHOOL DISTRICT, CHARTER 8 SCHOOL, OR INSTITUTE CHARTER SCHOOL AT LEAST FIVE BUSINESS DAYS 9 FOLLOWING THE STUDENT'S PLACEMENT. THE INFORMATION PROVIDED TO 10 THE CHILD WELFARE EDUCATION LIAISON SHALL INCLUDE, BUT NEED NOT 11 BE LIMITED TO, EDUCATIONAL RECORDS FROM THE TRANSFERRING 12 EDUCATIONAL FACILITY AND AN OUTLINE OF THE STUDENT'S 13 TRANSITIONAL NEEDS TO BE SUCCESSFUL IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOL SETTING 14 THAT WOULD ASSIST THE DISTRICT IN MEETING THE STUDENT'S NEEDS AND 15 ENSURING A SUCCESSFUL TRANSITION.

16 (6) THE RESPONSIBLE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
17 AND THE RECEIVING SCHOOL DISTRICT, CHARTER SCHOOL, OR INSTITUTE
18 CHARTER SCHOOL SHALL WORK COOPERATIVELY TO ENSURE AN
19 APPROPRIATE PLACEMENT INCLUDING EDUCATIONAL SERVICES IS MADE
20 PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION AND SECTIONS 22-20-108 AND 22-32-138,
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21 C.R.S., AS APPLICABLE.

(7) WITHIN THE CONFIDENTIALITY AND PRIVACY PARAMETERS OF
STATE AND FEDERAL LAW, THE RESPONSIBLE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF
HUMAN SERVICES OR THE SCHOOL DISTRICT, CHARTER SCHOOL, INSTITUTE
CHARTER SCHOOL, OR FACILITY SCHOOL SHALL PROVIDE INFORMATION
ABOUT THE STUDENT TO ASSIST THE RECEIVING ENTITY IN DETERMINING
AN APPROPRIATE EDUCATIONAL PLACEMENT FOR THE STUDENT.

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(8) ON OR BEFORE JULY 1, 2011, THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN
 SERVICES AND THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SHALL ENTER INTO A
 MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING CONCERNING THE ENROLLMENT OF
 STUDENTS WHO MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF SUBSECTION (4) OF THIS
 SECTION IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM. THE MEMORANDUM OF
 UNDERSTANDING SHALL INCLUDE, BUT NEED NOT BE LIMITED TO:

7 (a) A CONSISTENT AND UNIFORM APPROACH TO NOTIFICATION AND 8 TO SHARING MEDICAL, MENTAL HEALTH, SOCIOLOGICAL, AND SCHOLASTIC 9 ACHIEVEMENT DATA ABOUT STUDENTS, WITHIN THE PARAMETERS OF 10 STATE AND FEDERAL PRIVACY AND CONFIDENTIALITY LAW, BETWEEN 11 SCHOOL DISTRICTS, CHARTER SCHOOLS, INSTITUTE CHARTER SCHOOLS, 12 AND COUNTY DEPARTMENTS OF HUMAN SERVICES FOR THE PURPOSES OF 13 COLLABORATION IN THE PLACEMENT OF A STUDENT PURSUANT TO THIS 14 SECTION AND SECTION 22-20-108, C.R.S., AND TO FACILITATE THE 15 CREATION OF A TRANSITION PLAN FOR A STUDENT AND TO FACILITATE THE 16 CREATION OF A TRANSITION PLAN FOR THE SUCCESS OF THE STUDENT 17 WHILE BALANCING THE SAFETY OF THE STUDENTS AND STAFF IN THE 18 SCHOOL COMMUNITY.

(b) A PLAN FOR UTILIZING EXISTING STATE AND FEDERAL DATA
20 AND ANY EXISTING INFORMATION-SHARING ACTIVITIES;

(c) A PLAN FOR DETERMINING ACCOUNTABILITY AND COLLECTING
DATA CONCERNING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF NOTIFICATIONS AND
INVITATIONS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION,
THE NUMBER OF EMERGENCY CHANGE OF PLACEMENTS OCCURRING IN A
CALENDAR YEAR, AND THE SHARING OF INFORMATION PURSUANT TO THIS
SECTION;

27 (d) A PROCESS FOR DETERMINING INFORMATION SHARING AND

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COLLABORATION FOR PLACEMENT OF STUDENTS PURSUANT TO SECTION
 19-1-115.5 AND SECTION 22-20-108, C.R.S.;

3 (e) RECOMMENDATIONS FOR AN APPROACH TO SHARING DATA
4 THAT CONFORMS WITH THE INTERDEPARTMENTAL DATA PROTOCOL
5 ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO SECTION 24-37.5-704, C.R.S., AND THAT IS IN
6 COMPLIANCE WITH ALL STATE AND FEDERAL LAWS, RULES, AND
7 REGULATIONS CONCERNING THE PRIVACY OF INFORMATION;

8 (f) IDENTIFICATION OF TRAINING AND PROFESSIONAL 9 DEVELOPMENT NEEDS ASSOCIATED WITH IMPLEMENTING INFORMATION 10 SHARING BETWEEN RESPONSIBLE ENTITIES AND FUNDING SOURCES THAT 11 COULD BE UTILIZED FOR THIS PURPOSE; AND

12 (g) TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY 13 EXISTING WORKING GROUPS OR PROJECTS THAT HAVE BEEN INVOLVED 14 WITH INFORMATION SHARING OR TECHNOLOGY RELATING TO INFORMATION 15 SHARING AMONG MULTIPLE ENTITIES AS IT RELATES TO STUDENTS 16 TRANSITIONING BACK INTO PUBLIC SCHOOLS. A REPORT OF THESE 17 RECOMMENDATIONS SHALL BE PROVIDED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN 18 SERVICES, THE STATE BOARD OF HUMAN SERVICES, THE DEPARTMENT OF 19 EDUCATION, AND THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION PRIOR TO THE FINAL 20 ADOPTION OF THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING.

(9) (a) NOTHING IN THE SECTION SHALL ALTER THE RIGHTS AND
OBLIGATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION OR ANY LOCAL AGENCY
CREATED PURSUANT TO TITLE 22, C.R.S.; 20 U.S.C. SEC. 1400 ET SEQ.; 29
U.S.C. ET SEQ.; 42 U.S.C. SEC. 11431 ET SEQ.; AND 42 U.S.C. SEC. 675 ET
SEQ., AS AMENDED BY THE FEDERAL "FOSTERING CONNECTIONS TO
SUCCESS AND INCREASING ADOPTIONS ACT OF 2008", PUB.L. 110-351.
(b) THE STATE OR COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

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SHALL CEASE TO HAVE RESPONSIBILITIES FOR A STUDENT PURSUANT TO
 THIS SECTION WHEN THE STUDENT IS NO LONGER UNDER THE SUPERVISION
 AND MONITORING BY THE STATE OR COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN
 SERVICES.

5 SECTION 3. Part 1 of article 2 of title 22, Colorado Revised
6 Statutes, is amended BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION to
7 read:

8 **22-2-138.** Department of education - out-of-home placement 9 - commitment - school enrollment - memorandum of understanding 10 - rules. (1) ON OR BEFORE JULY 1, 2011, THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN 11 SERVICES AND THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SHALL ENTER INTO A 12 MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING CONCERNING THE ENROLLMENT OF 13 STUDENTS IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM. THE MEMORANDUM OF 14 UNDERSTANDING SHALL INCLUDE, BUT NEED NOT BE LIMITED TO:

15 (a) A CONSISTENT AND UNIFORM APPROACH TO NOTIFICATION AND 16 TO SHARING MEDICAL, MENTAL HEALTH, SOCIOLOGICAL, AND SCHOLASTIC 17 ACHIEVEMENT DATA ABOUT STUDENTS, WITHIN THE PARAMETERS OF 18 STATE AND FEDERAL PRIVACY AND CONFIDENTIALITY LAW, BETWEEN 19 SCHOOL DISTRICTS, CHARTER SCHOOLS, INSTITUTE CHARTER SCHOOLS, 20 AND COUNTY DEPARTMENTS OF HUMAN SERVICES FOR THE PURPOSES OF 21 COLLABORATION IN THE PLACEMENT OF STUDENTS PURSUANT TO THIS 22 SECTION AND SECTION 22-20-108, BETTER FACILITATION OF THE CREATION 23 OF TRANSITION PLANS FOR STUDENTS, AND ENSURING THE SAFETY OF THE 24 PEOPLE IN THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY; 25 (b) A PLAN FOR UTILIZING EXISTING STATE AND FEDERAL DATA

- 26 AND ANY EXISTING INFORMATION-SHARING ACTIVITIES;
- 27 (c) A PLAN FOR DETERMINING ACCOUNTABILITY AND COLLECTING

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DATA CONCERNING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NOTIFICATIONS AND
 INVITATION REQUIRED PURSUANT TO SECTION 19-1-115.5 (4) (a) AND (4)
 (b), C.R.S., THE NUMBER OF EMERGENCY PLACEMENTS OCCURRING IN A
 CALENDAR YEAR, AND THE SHARING OF INFORMATION UNDER THIS
 SECTION;

6 (d) A PROCESS FOR DETERMINING INFORMATION SHARING AND
7 COLLABORATION FOR PLACEMENT OF STUDENTS PURSUANT TO SECTION
8 19-1-115.5, C.R.S. AND SECTION 22-20-108;

9 (e) RECOMMENDATIONS FOR AN APPROACH TO SHARING DATA 10 THAT CONFORMS WITH THE INTERDEPARTMENTAL DATA PROTOCOL 11 ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO SECTION 24-37.5-704, C.R.S., AND THAT IS IN 12 COMPLIANCE WITH ALL STATE AND FEDERAL LAWS, RULES, AND 13 REGULATIONS CONCERNING THE PRIVACY OF INFORMATION;

14 (f) IDENTIFICATION OF TRAINING AND PROFESSIONAL
15 DEVELOPMENT NEEDS ASSOCIATED WITH IMPLEMENTING INFORMATION
16 SHARING BETWEEN RESPONSIBLE ENTITIES AND FUNDING SOURCES THAT
17 COULD BE UTILIZED FOR THIS PURPOSE; AND

18 (g) TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY 19 EXISTING WORKING GROUPS OR PROJECTS THAT HAVE BEEN INVOLVED 20 WITH INFORMATION SHARING OR TECHNOLOGY RELATING TO INFORMATION 21 SHARING AMONG MULTIPLE ENTITIES AS IT RELATES TO STUDENTS 22 TRANSITIONING BACK INTO PUBLIC SCHOOLS. A REPORT OF THESE 23 RECOMMENDATIONS SHALL BE PROVIDED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN 24 SERVICES, THE STATE BOARD OF HUMAN SERVICES, THE DEPARTMENT OF 25 EDUCATION, AND THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION PRIOR TO THE FINAL 26 ADOPTION OF THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING.

27 (2) NOTHING IN THE SECTION SHALL ALTER THE RIGHTS AND

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OBLIGATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, COUNTY OR STATE
 DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, OR SCHOOL DISTRICTS AS SET FORTH
 IN TITLE 22, C.R.S.; 20 U.S.C. SEC. 1400 ET SEQ.; 29 U.S.C. SEC. 701 ET
 SEQ.; 42 U.S.C. SEC. 11431 ET SEQ.; AND 42 U.S.C. SEC. 675, AS AMENDED
 BY THE FEDERAL "FOSTERING CONNECTIONS TO SUCCESS AND
 INCREASING ADOPTIONS ACT OF 2008", PUB.L. 110-351.

7 (3) THE STATE BOARD MAY PROMULGATE RULES PURSUANT TO THE
8 "STATE ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE ACT", ARTICLE 4 OF TITLE 24,
9 C.R.S., CONCERNING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS SECTION, INCLUDING
10 BUT NOT LIMITED TO RULES REGARDING NOTIFICATION AND SHARING OF
11 INFORMATION AS DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION.

SECTION 4. 22-32-138 (2) (a), Colorado Revised Statutes, is
amended to read:

14 22-32-138. **Out-of-home placement students - transfer** 15 procedures - absences - exemptions. (2) (a) Each school district and 16 the state charter school institute, created pursuant to section 22-30.5-503, 17 shall designate an employee of the school district or the institute to act as 18 the child welfare education liaison for the district or for state charter 19 schools. In lieu of designating an employee, a school district or the state 20 charter school institute may contract with an individual to act as the child welfare education liaison. SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND THE STATE CHARTER 21 22 SCHOOL INSTITUTE SHALL REPORT BY AUGUST 15, 2010, AND EACH 23 AUGUST 15 THEREAFTER, THE NAME AND CONTACT INFORMATION OF THE 24 CHILD WELFARE EDUCATION LIAISON TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT. THE 25 STATE DEPARTMENT SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR POSTING THAT 26 INFORMATION ON THE STATE DEPARTMENT WEB SITE AND PROVIDING THE 27 INFORMATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES. The child

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welfare education liaison shall be responsible for working with child
placement agencies, county departments, and the state department to
facilitate the prompt and appropriate placement, transfer, and enrollment
in school of students in out-of-home placement within the school district
or who are enrolled or enrolling in institute charter schools. The specific
duties of the child welfare education liaison shall include, but need not be
limited to:

8 (I) Working with social workers from county departments, 9 juvenile probation officers, and foster care parents to ensure the prompt 10 school enrollment of students in out-of-home placement and the prompt 11 transfer of their education information and records when students are 12 required to change school enrollment due to changes in placement;

(II) Ensuring that the education information and records of a
student in out-of-home placement are delivered to the student's new
school within five school days after receiving a request for the transfer of
the student's education information and records from a county department
as required in subsection (3) of this section;

(III) RECEIVING THE REQUIRED NOTIFICATION AND INVITATION TO
PARTICIPATE AND ACTUAL PARTICIPATION IN A TRANSITION PLANNING
MEETING REGARDING THE ENROLLMENT IN A PUBLIC SCHOOL OF A
STUDENT IN AN OUT-OF-HOME PLACEMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION
22 22-2-138; AND

(IV) BEING INCLUDED IN AND PARTICIPATING WITH ANY
 INTERAGENCY COLLABORATION TEAMS OR THREAT ASSESSMENT TEAMS
 CENTERED ON STUDENTS THAT THE SCHOOL DISTRICT MAY DEVELOP OR
 TEAMS IN WHICH THE SCHOOL DISTRICT MAY BE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE.
 SECTION 5. 22-32-109.1 (6), Colorado Revised Statutes, is

1 amended to read:

2 22-32-109.1. Board of education - specific powers and duties 3 Sharing information. Notwithstanding any - safe schools. (6) 4 provision to the contrary in title 24, C.R.S., each board of education shall 5 establish policies consistent with section 24-72-204 (3), C.R.S., and with 6 applicable provisions of the federal "Family Education Rights and Privacy 7 Act of 1974" (FERPA), 20 U.S.C. sec. 1232g, and all federal regulations 8 and applicable guidelines adopted thereto, to share and release 9 information directly related to a student and maintained by a public 10 school or by a person acting for the public school in the interest of 11 making schools safer. SHARING OF INFORMATION CONCERNING AN 12 OUT-OF-HOME PLACEMENT STUDENT WHO IS BEING TRANSFERRED TO A 13 PUBLIC SCHOOL SHALL COMPLY WITH THE RULES ESTABLISHED BY THE 14 STATE BOARD PURSUANT TO SECTION 22-2-138 (3). 15 **SECTION 6. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,

16 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate

17 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.