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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING EDUCATION REGARDING THE PREVENTION OF CHILD
102 SEXUAL ABUSE AND ASSAULT.

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 director of the school safety resource center to appoint a person to collect and make available materials and training regarding the awareness and prevention of child sexual abuse and assault. The materials must include professional development materials for school personnel and parents and age-appropriate curricula for kindergarten through twelfth grade. The appointed person must also offer in-person

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
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and on-line training for school personnel and parents and publicize and make available on-line the materials, training, and curricula. The appointed person must seek to work with appropriate community-based organizations in creating and collecting the materials, training, and curricula.

Each school district is encouraged to include in its school safety plan a child sexual abuse and prevention plan, and each charter school is encouraged to adopt a child sexual abuse and prevention plan. A plan may include professional development for school personnel and parents and age-appropriate curricula for students in kindergarten through twelfth grade.

An educator who receives professional development in the awareness and prevention of child sexual abuse and assault may use the professional development to meet the requirements for renewing his or her educator license.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-33.5-1803,
3 **amend** (3) (j) and (3) (k); and **add** (3) (l) as follows:

4 **24-33.5-1803. School safety resource center - created - duties**
5 **- repeal.** (3) The center has the following duties:

6 (j) To provide information and resources relating to the
7 development and maintenance of school resource officer programs, as
8 determined by the center, to the division of fire prevention and control in
9 the department of public safety for distribution to school districts and
10 schools pursuant to section 24-33.5-1213.4 and to law enforcement
11 agencies and other community partners, as described in section
12 22-32-109.1, C.R.S.; ~~and~~

13 (k) To provide suggestions for school resource officer training to
14 the peace officers standards and training board, pursuant to section
15 24-31-312; AND

16 (l) TO PROVIDE MATERIALS AND TRAINING AS DESCRIBED IN
17 SECTION 24-33.5-1809 TO PERSONNEL IN SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND CHARTER

1 SCHOOLS, PARENTS, AND STUDENTS REGARDING THE AWARENESS AND
2 PREVENTION OF CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE AND ASSAULT.

3 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 24-33.5-1809 as
4 follows:

5 **24-33.5-1809. Prevention of child sexual abuse and assault -**
6 **resource bank - training.** (1) THE DIRECTOR SHALL APPOINT A PERSON
7 TO THE CENTER TO COLLECT AND PROVIDE MATERIALS AND TO PROVIDE
8 TRAINING TO SCHOOL PERSONNEL, PARENTS, AND STUDENTS REGARDING
9 PREVENTING CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE AND ASSAULT. AT A MINIMUM, THE
10 APPOINTED PERSON SHALL:

11 (a) RESEARCH AND SELECT INSTRUCTION MODULES FOR
12 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR SCHOOL PERSONNEL THAT MAY
13 INCLUDE, BUT NEED NOT BE LIMITED TO:

14 (I) TRAINING IN PREVENTING, IDENTIFYING, AND RESPONDING TO
15 CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE AND ASSAULT; AND

16 (II) RESOURCES TO RAISE THE AWARENESS OF SCHOOL PERSONNEL
17 AND PARENTS REGARDING CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE AND ASSAULT AND
18 PREVENTING CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE AND ASSAULT;

19 (b) PROVIDE TRAINING FOR SCHOOL PERSONNEL AND PARENTS IN
20 PREVENTING, IDENTIFYING, AND RESPONDING TO CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE
21 AND ASSAULT. THE APPOINTED PERSON MAY PROVIDE TRAINING IN PERSON
22 OR THROUGH ON-LINE PRESENTATIONS.

23 (c) RESEARCH AND SELECT MODEL, AGE-APPROPRIATE
24 EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS DESIGNED FOR CHILDREN IN GRADES
25 KINDERGARTEN THROUGH TWELVE REGARDING CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE AND
26 ASSAULT AWARENESS AND PREVENTION, WHICH MAY INCLUDE, BUT NEED
27 NOT BE LIMITED TO:

1 (I) THE SKILLS TO RECOGNIZE:
2 (A) CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE AND ASSAULT;
3 (B) BOUNDARY VIOLATIONS AND UNWANTED FORMS OF TOUCHING
4 AND CONTACT; AND
5 (C) BEHAVIORS THAT AN OFFENDER USES TO GROOM OR
6 DESENSITIZE A VICTIM; AND
7 (II) STRATEGIES TO:
8 (A) PROMOTE DISCLOSURE;
9 (B) REDUCE SELF-BLAME; AND
10 (C) MOBILIZE BYSTANDERS;
11 (d) PUBLICIZE TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND PUBLIC AND NONPUBLIC
12 SCHOOLS THE AVAILABILITY OF THE TRAINING AND RESOURCES FOR
13 SCHOOL PERSONNEL AND PARENTS AND THE AGE-APPROPRIATE EDUCATION
14 MATERIALS FOR CHILDREN; AND
15 (e) MAKE THE TRAINING AND RESOURCES FOR SCHOOL PERSONNEL
16 AND PARENTS AND THE AGE-APPROPRIATE EDUCATION MATERIALS FOR
17 CHILDREN AVAILABLE ON THE CENTER'S WEB SITE.
18 (2) THE APPOINTED PERSON SHALL SEEK TO WORK WITH
19 APPROPRIATE COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS IN CREATING AND
20 COLLECTING THE MATERIALS, TRAINING, AND CURRICULA REGARDING
21 AWARENESS AND PREVENTION OF CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE AND ASSAULT.
22 THE APPOINTED PERSON MAY CREATE AND COLLECT MATERIALS,
23 CURRICULA, AND OTHER RESOURCES REGARDING OTHER FORMS OF CHILD
24 MALTREATMENT AND MAKE THE MATERIALS, CURRICULA, AND RESOURCES
25 AVAILABLE TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND PUBLIC AND NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS.
26 (3) THE PERSON APPOINTED BY THE DIRECTOR PURSUANT TO THIS
27 SECTION SHALL SOLICIT AND ACCEPT ON BEHALF OF THE CENTER GIFTS,

1 GRANTS, AND DONATIONS TO IMPLEMENT THIS SECTION, AS PROVIDED IN
2 SECTION 24-33.5-1807 (2). MONEYS COLLECTED PURSUANT TO THIS
3 SUBSECTION (3) SHALL BE TRANSMITTED TO THE STATE TREASURER, WHO
4 SHALL CREDIT THE MONEYS TO THE SCHOOL SAFETY RESOURCE CENTER
5 CASH FUND CREATED IN SECTION 24-33.5-1807. ANY MONEYS RECEIVED
6 PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (3) ARE IN ADDITION TO APPROPRIATIONS
7 OF STATE MONEYS TO IMPLEMENT THIS SECTION, AND IMPLEMENTING THIS
8 SECTION IS NOT CONDITIONAL OR DEPENDENT ON THE RECEIPT OF GIFTS,
9 GRANTS, OR DONATIONS.

10 (4) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, "SCHOOL PERSONNEL" INCLUDES
11 TEACHERS, ADMINISTRATORS, SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS, AND OTHER
12 EMPLOYEES OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

13 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-32-109.1, **add**
14 (2.5) as follows:

15 **22-32-109.1. Board of education - specific powers and duties**
16 **- safe school plan - conduct and discipline code - safe school reporting**
17 **requirements - school response framework - school resource officers**
18 **- definitions. (2.5) (a) Safe school plan - child sexual abuse and**
19 **assault prevention plan.** EACH SCHOOL DISTRICT IS ENCOURAGED, AS
20 PART OF ITS SAFE SCHOOL PLAN, TO ADOPT A CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE AND
21 ASSAULT PREVENTION PLAN. EACH SCHOOL DISTRICT IS ENCOURAGED TO
22 INCLUDE IN THE PLAN DELIVERY OF A COMPREHENSIVE, AGE-APPROPRIATE
23 CURRICULA FOR KINDERGARTEN THROUGH TWELFTH GRADE REGARDING
24 CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE AND ASSAULT AWARENESS AND PREVENTION. THE
25 CURRICULA MAY ADDRESS, BUT NEED NOT BE LIMITED TO:

26 (I) THE SKILLS TO RECOGNIZE:

27 (A) CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE AND ASSAULT;

1 (B) BOUNDARY VIOLATIONS AND UNWANTED FORMS OF TOUCHING
2 AND CONTACT; AND

3 (C) BEHAVIORS THAT AN OFFENDER USES TO GROOM OR
4 DESENSITIZE A VICTIM; AND

5 (II) STRATEGIES TO:

6 (A) PROMOTE DISCLOSURE;

7 (B) REDUCE SELF-BLAME; AND

8 (C) MOBILIZE BYSTANDERS.

9 (b) EACH SCHOOL DISTRICT IS ENCOURAGED TO INCLUDE IN THE
10 CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE AND ASSAULT PREVENTION PLAN PROFESSIONAL
11 DEVELOPMENT FOR SCHOOL PERSONNEL AND PARENTS IN PREVENTING,
12 IDENTIFYING, AND RESPONDING TO CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE AND ASSAULT.
13 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT MAY INCLUDE PROVIDING TRAINING IN
14 PREVENTING, IDENTIFYING, AND RESPONDING TO CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE
15 AND ASSAULT AND DISTRIBUTING RESOURCES TO RAISE THE AWARENESS
16 OF SCHOOL PERSONNEL AND PARENTS REGARDING CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE
17 AND ASSAULT AND PREVENTING CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE AND ASSAULT.

18 (c) A SCHOOL DISTRICT IS ENCOURAGED TO USE CURRICULA AND
19 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT MATERIALS, TRAINING, AND OTHER
20 RESOURCES AVAILABLE FROM THE SCHOOL SAFETY RESOURCE CENTER
21 PURSUANT TO SECTION 24-33.5-1809, C.R.S.

22 (d) AS USED IN THIS SUBSECTION (2.5), "SCHOOL PERSONNEL"
23 INCLUDES TEACHERS, ADMINISTRATORS, SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS,
24 AND OTHER EMPLOYEES OF A SCHOOL DISTRICT OR A PUBLIC SCHOOL.

25 **SECTION 4.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 22-30.5-120 as
26 follows:

27 **22-30.5-120. Charter schools - child sexual abuse and assault**

1 **plan.** (1) EACH CHARTER SCHOOL IS ENCOURAGED TO ADOPT A CHILD
2 SEXUAL ABUSE AND ASSAULT PREVENTION PLAN. EACH CHARTER SCHOOL
3 IS ENCOURAGED TO INCLUDE IN THE PLAN DELIVERY OF A COMPREHENSIVE,
4 AGE-APPROPRIATE CURRICULA FOR EACH GRADE LEVEL THAT THE
5 CHARTER SCHOOL SERVES REGARDING CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE AND ASSAULT
6 AWARENESS AND PREVENTION. THE CURRICULA MAY ADDRESS, BUT NEED
7 NOT BE LIMITED TO:

8 (a) THE SKILLS TO RECOGNIZE:

9 (I) CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE AND ASSAULT;

10 (II) BOUNDARY VIOLATIONS AND UNWANTED FORMS OF TOUCHING
11 AND CONTACT; AND

12 (III) BEHAVIORS THAT AN OFFENDER USES TO GROOM OR
13 DESENSITIZE A VICTIM; AND

14 (b) STRATEGIES TO:

15 (I) PROMOTE DISCLOSURE;

16 (II) REDUCE SELF-BLAME; AND

17 (III) MOBILIZE BYSTANDERS.

18 (2) EACH CHARTER SCHOOL IS ENCOURAGED TO INCLUDE IN THE
19 CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE AND ASSAULT PREVENTION PLAN PROFESSIONAL
20 DEVELOPMENT FOR SCHOOL PERSONNEL AND PARENTS IN PREVENTING,
21 IDENTIFYING, AND RESPONDING TO CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE AND ASSAULT.
22 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT MAY INCLUDE PROVIDING TRAINING IN
23 PREVENTING, IDENTIFYING, AND RESPONDING TO CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE
24 AND ASSAULT AND DISTRIBUTING RESOURCES TO RAISE THE AWARENESS
25 OF SCHOOL PERSONNEL AND PARENTS REGARDING CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE
26 AND ASSAULT AND PREVENTING CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE AND ASSAULT.

27 (3) A CHARTER SCHOOL IS ENCOURAGED TO USE CURRICULA AND

1 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT MATERIALS, TRAINING, AND OTHER
2 RESOURCES AVAILABLE FROM THE SCHOOL SAFETY RESOURCE CENTER
3 PURSUANT TO SECTION 24-33.5-1809, C.R.S.

4 (4) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, "SCHOOL PERSONNEL" INCLUDES
5 TEACHERS, ADMINISTRATORS, SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS, AND OTHER
6 EMPLOYEES OF A CHARTER SCHOOL.

7 **SECTION 5.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add 22-30.5-527** as
8 follows:

9 **22-30.5-527. Institute charter schools - child sexual abuse and**
10 **assault plan.** (1) EACH INSTITUTE CHARTER SCHOOL IS ENCOURAGED TO
11 ADOPT A CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE AND ASSAULT PREVENTION PLAN. EACH
12 INSTITUTE CHARTER SCHOOL IS ENCOURAGED TO INCLUDE IN THE PLAN
13 DELIVERY OF A COMPREHENSIVE, AGE-APPROPRIATE CURRICULA FOR EACH
14 GRADE LEVEL THAT THE INSTITUTE CHARTER SCHOOL SERVES REGARDING
15 CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE AND ASSAULT AWARENESS AND PREVENTION. THE
16 CURRICULA MAY ADDRESS, BUT NEED NOT BE LIMITED TO:

- 17 (a) THE SKILLS TO RECOGNIZE:
- 18 (I) CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE AND ASSAULT;
- 19 (II) BOUNDARY VIOLATIONS AND UNWANTED FORMS OF TOUCHING
20 AND CONTACT; AND
- 21 (III) BEHAVIORS THAT AN OFFENDER USES TO GROOM OR
22 DESENSITIZE A VICTIM; AND
- 23 (b) STRATEGIES TO:
- 24 (I) PROMOTE DISCLOSURE;
- 25 (II) REDUCE SELF-BLAME; AND
- 26 (III) MOBILIZE BYSTANDERS.
- 27 (2) EACH INSTITUTE CHARTER SCHOOL IS ENCOURAGED TO

1 INCLUDE IN THE CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE AND ASSAULT PREVENTION PLAN
2 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR SCHOOL PERSONNEL AND PARENTS IN
3 PREVENTING, IDENTIFYING, AND RESPONDING TO CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE
4 AND ASSAULT. PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT MAY INCLUDE PROVIDING
5 TRAINING IN PREVENTING, IDENTIFYING, AND RESPONDING TO CHILD
6 SEXUAL ABUSE AND ASSAULT AND DISTRIBUTING RESOURCES TO RAISE THE
7 AWARENESS OF SCHOOL PERSONNEL AND PARENTS REGARDING CHILD
8 SEXUAL ABUSE AND ASSAULT AND PREVENTING CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE AND
9 ASSAULT.

10 (3) AN INSTITUTE CHARTER SCHOOL IS ENCOURAGED TO USE
11 CURRICULA AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT MATERIALS, TRAINING,
12 AND OTHER RESOURCES AVAILABLE FROM THE SCHOOL SAFETY RESOURCE
13 CENTER PURSUANT TO SECTION 24-33.5-1809, C.R.S.

14 (4) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, "SCHOOL PERSONNEL" INCLUDES
15 TEACHERS, ADMINISTRATORS, SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS, AND OTHER
16 EMPLOYEES OF AN INSTITUTE CHARTER SCHOOL.

17 **SECTION 6.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-60.5-110, **amend**
18 (3) (b) introductory portion as follows:

19 **22-60.5-110. Renewal of licenses.** (3) (b) A professional licensee
20 shall complete such ongoing professional development within the period
21 of time for which such professional license is valid. Such professional
22 development may include, but need not be limited to, in-service education
23 programs, including programs concerning juvenile mental health issues
24 and the awareness and prevention of youth suicide AND TRAINING IN
25 PREVENTING, IDENTIFYING, AND RESPONDING TO CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE
26 AND ASSAULT; college or university credit from an accepted institution of
27 higher education or a community, technical, or junior college; educational

1 travel that meets the requirements specified in paragraph (d) of this
2 subsection (3); involvement in school reform; internships; and ongoing
3 professional development training and experiences. The state board of
4 education, by rule, may establish minimum criteria for professional
5 development; except that such criteria shall not:

6 **SECTION 7. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,
7 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
8 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.