



Legislative Council Staff

Research Note

Version: Final

Date: 6/21/2016

Bill Number

Senate Bill 16-193

Sponsors

***Senators Cadman and Scheffel
Representatives Hullinghorst
and Duran***

Short Title

***Safe2Tell Provide Free Materials
And Training***

Research Analyst

Conrad Imel (x2756)

Status

This research note reflects the final version of the bill which was signed by the Governor and became effective on June 6, 2016.

Summary

This bill requires the Department of Law to provide Safe2tell program materials to Colorado preschools, elementary schools, middle schools, high schools, 4-H extension offices, and boys and girls clubs by August 1 of each year, beginning on June 30, 2017. It is also required to develop a training curriculum and teaching materials for a train-the-trainer program, which is to be held annually and at diverse geographic locations within Colorado at no cost to attendees.

Background

The Safe2tell hotline began operating in 2004 as a school safety initiative. In 2007, the legislature established Safe2tell as a nonprofit organization to provide students, teachers, other school employees, and the community with the means to relay information anonymously concerning dangerous, violent, or criminal activities in order to prevent crime before it occurs. From 2004 through 2013, Safe2tell received 9,818 tip reports from 59 different Colorado counties. During the 2013-14 school year, Safe2tell had 38 member school districts.

In 2014, the legislature repealed the existing program, and reenacted Safe2tell in the Colorado Department of Law. Currently, reports can be made by calling the toll-free, statewide number at 1-877-542-SAFE (7233), or online at www.safe2tell.org.

This research note was prepared by Legislative Council Staff, the nonpartisan research staff for the Colorado General Assembly. The research note is provided for informational purposes only and should not be relied upon as an official record of action by the General Assembly. Legislative Council Staff are not attorneys, and the research note is not a legal opinion. If you have legal questions about the bill, including questions about the meaning of the bill language or amendments, please contact the drafter.

Senate Action

Senate Judiciary Committee (April 27, 2016). At the hearing, the committee heard testimony in support of the bill from representatives of the Colorado Attorney General's Office, the Colorado PTA, Jefferson County Public Schools, Englewood Schools, the County Sheriffs of Colorado, the El Paso County Sheriff's Office, and a private citizen. The committee referred the bill, unamended, to the Senate Appropriations Committee.

Senate Appropriations Committee (April 29, 2016). The committee adopted amendment J.002 and referred the bill to the Senate Committee of the Whole. The amendment adds an appropriations clause to the bill.

Senate second reading (April 29, 2016). The Senate Committee of the Whole adopted the Senate Appropriations Committee report and passed the bill on second reading.

Senate third reading (May 2, 2016). The Senate adopted the bill on third reading.

House Action

House Education Committee (May 4, 2016). The committee heard testimony in support of the bill from a representative of the Colorado Attorney General's Office, and referred the bill, unamended, to the House Committee of the Whole.

House Appropriations Committee (May 5, 2016). The committee adopted amendment J.003, which amended the amount of the appropriation, and referred the bill to the House Committee of the Whole.

House second reading (May 9, 2016). The House Committee of the Whole rejected the House Appropriations Committee report, and passed the bill on second reading.

House third reading (May 10, 2016). The House adopted the bill on third reading.

Relevant Research

Legislative Council Staff, *Bullying Prevention in Colorado Schools*, Interested Persons Memo, February 17, 2016: <http://tinyurl.com/jeetgcr> (pdf).