

HOUSE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE REPORT

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Chairman of Committee

February 8, 2010  
Date

Committee on Education.

After consideration on the merits, the Committee recommends the following:

HB10-1054 be amended as follows, and as so amended, be referred to the Committee of the Whole with favorable recommendation:

1 Amend printed bill, strike everything below the enacting clause and  
2 substitute:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

25 (b) BEGINNING IN THE 2011-12 ACADEMIC YEAR, EACH  
26 INSTITUTION SHALL DISSEMINATE SCHOOL SAFETY INFORMATION TO  
27 STUDENTS, FACULTY, AND STAFF CONCERNING THE POLICIES AND  
28 PROCEDURES DEVELOPED PURSUANT TO PARAGRAPH (a) OF THIS  
29 SUBSECTION (3).

30 **SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act  
31 shall take effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the  
32 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August  
33 11, 2010, if adjournment sine die is on May 12, 2010); except that, if a  
34 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the

1 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act  
2 within such period, then the act, item, section, or part shall not take effect  
3 unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in  
4 November 2010 and shall take effect on the date of the official  
5 declaration of the vote thereon by the governor."

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