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SENATE BILL 25-284

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101     **CONCERNING ALLOWING NONPROFIT YOUTH SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS**  
102     **TO PRESENT TO STUDENTS ON SCHOOL CAMPUSES.**

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**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://leg.colorado.gov>.)*

On or before January 1, 2026, the bill requires each institute charter school, district charter school, and local board of education to adopt and implement a policy that authorizes a youth service organization to present to students on school campus during the school day about the opportunities available for extracurricular programs and enrichment activities through the youth service organization.

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing law.  
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1     *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2           **SECTION 1. Legislative declaration.** (1) The general assembly  
3     finds that:

4               (a) Youth today face significant mental health challenges, social  
5     isolation, and academic pressures that impact their overall well-being.  
6     Youth service organizations play a crucial role in fostering resilience,  
7     leadership, and civic engagement by providing structured support  
8     systems, mentorship opportunities, and enrichment activities. These  
9     organizations help bridge gaps in services available in schools and  
10    communities, promote positive social development, and empower young  
11    people with the skills and confidence needed to navigate an increasingly  
12    complex world.

13               (b) Given the ongoing behavioral health crisis and the reduction  
14    in state and federal funding for essential services, it is more important  
15    than ever to ensure that students have access to supportive programs that  
16    enhance the students' personal growth and community involvement.

17               (2) Therefore, the general assembly declares that Colorado must  
18    create meaningful opportunities for young people to connect with trusted  
19    mentors, access valuable resources, and participate in programs that  
20    promote both academic and emotional well-being by facilitating  
21    engagement between schools and youth service organizations.

22           **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add 22-1-148** as  
23     follows:

24           **22-1-148. Policy for nonprofit youth service organization**  
25     **engagement on school campus - definitions.** (1) AS USED IN THIS  
26     SECTION, UNLESS THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE REQUIRES:

6 (c) "YOUTH SERVICE ORGANIZATION" MEANS A YOUTH-SERVING  
7 NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION THAT PROMOTES CIVIC EDUCATION AND  
8 ENGAGEMENT, POSITIVE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT, LEADERSHIP TRAINING  
9 AND OPPORTUNITIES, SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING, CAREER AND JOB  
10 READINESS SKILLS, MENTORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES, OR COMMUNITY SERVICE  
11 OPPORTUNITIES TO ALL YOUTH AND DOES NOT DISCRIMINATE ON THE BASIS  
12 OF DISABILITY, RACE, CREED, COLOR, NATIONAL ORIGIN, ANCESTRY,  
13 GENDER, OR SEX, EXCEPT AS DESCRIBED IN PUBLIC LAW 93-568, AS  
14 ENACTED ON DECEMBER 31, 1974.

22 (b) AT A MINIMUM, THE POLICY MUST IDENTIFY THE PROCESS FOR  
23 A YOUTH SERVICE ORGANIZATION TO NOTIFY A SCHOOL PRINCIPAL,  
24 SCHOOL LEADER, OR SCHOOL DISTRICT LEADER OF THE YOUTH SERVICE  
25 ORGANIZATION'S DESIRE TO PRESENT TO STUDENTS ON SCHOOL CAMPUS  
26 DURING THE SCHOOL DAY.

27 (3) IF NOT OTHERWISE SPECIFIC IN THE POLICY, A SCHOOL

1 PRINCIPAL, SCHOOL LEADER, OR SCHOOL DISTRICT LEADER IMPLEMENTING  
2 THE POLICY SHALL DETERMINE THE TIME, PLACE, AND MANNER OF THE  
3 YOUTH SERVICE ORGANIZATION'S PRESENTATION ON SCHOOL CAMPUS  
4 DURING THE SCHOOL DAY.

5 (4) ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2026, EACH INSTITUTE CHARTER  
6 SCHOOL, DISTRICT CHARTER SCHOOL, AND LOCAL BOARD OF EDUCATION  
7 SHALL POST THE POLICY ON ITS WEBSITE.

8 **SECTION 3. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act  
9 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the  
10 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly; except  
11 that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V  
12 of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this  
13 act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take  
14 effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in  
15 November 2026 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the  
16 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.