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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.**

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.
Dashes through the words or numbers indicate deletions from existing law.

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.

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

25 **22-1-148. Policy for nonprofit youth service organization**
26 **engagement on school campus - definitions.** (1) AS USED IN THIS

1 SECTION, UNLESS THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE REQUIRES:

2 (a) "LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDER" MEANS AN INSTITUTE CHARTER
3 SCHOOL, DISTRICT CHARTER SCHOOL, OR A LOCAL BOARD OF EDUCATION.

4 (b) "POLICY" MEANS THE POLICY ADOPTED AND IMPLEMENTED
5 PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS SECTION.

6 (c) "YOUTH SERVICE ORGANIZATION" MEANS A YOUTH-SERVING
7 NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION THAT:

8 (I) PROMOTES CIVIC EDUCATION AND ENGAGEMENT, POSITIVE
9 YOUTH DEVELOPMENT, LEADERSHIP TRAINING AND OPPORTUNITIES,
10 SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING, CAREER AND JOB READINESS SKILLS,
11 MENTORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES, OR COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES TO
12 ALL YOUTH;

13 (II) DOES NOT DISCRIMINATE ON THE BASIS OF DISABILITY, RACE,
14 CREED, COLOR, NATIONAL ORIGIN, ANCESTRY, GENDER, OR SEX, EXCEPT AS
15 DESCRIBED IN PUBLIC LAW 93-568, AS ENACTED ON DECEMBER 31, 1974;

16 (III) OFFERS EXTRACURRICULAR OR ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES THAT
17 ARE REASONABLY AVAILABLE IN PROXIMITY TO THE STUDENTS OF THE
18 LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDER WITH WHOM THE YOUTH SERVICES
19 ORGANIZATION SEEKS TO COMMUNICATE PURSUANT TO THE POLICY
20 ADOPTED BY THE LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDER; AND

21 (IV) HAS ESTABLISHED AND MAINTAINED A PRESENCE IN THE
22 COMMUNITY OF THE STUDENTS OF THE LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDER.

23 (2) (a) ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2026, EACH LOCAL EDUCATION
24 PROVIDER SHALL ADOPT AND IMPLEMENT A WRITTEN POLICY, OR UPDATE
25 AN EXISTING POLICY IF APPLICABLE, CONCERNING OPTIONS FOR YOUTH
26 SERVICES ORGANIZATIONS TO COMMUNICATE WITH STUDENTS ABOUT THE
27 OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE FOR EXTRACURRICULAR PROGRAMS AND

1 ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES THROUGH THE YOUTH SERVICE ORGANIZATION.

2 (b) A YOUTH SERVICE ORGANIZATION SHALL NOT COMMUNICATE
3 WITH STUDENTS DURING INSTRUCTIONAL TIME.

4 (c) IN DEVELOPING THE POLICY, THE LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDER
5 MAY CONSIDER:

6 (I) PROHIBITIONS AND EXCEPTIONS FOR COMMUNICATION
7 PERMITTED BY THE POLICY THAT ARE SPECIFIC TO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
8 STUDENTS, MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS, AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS THAT
9 ARE APPROPRIATE BASED ON THE AGES AND DEVELOPMENTAL MATURITY
10 OF STUDENTS WHO ATTEND EACH TYPE OF SCHOOL AND ANY AGE
11 RESTRICTIONS FOR EXTRACURRICULAR OR ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES MADE
12 AVAILABLE BY THE YOUTH SERVICES ORGANIZATION;

13 (II) UNINTENDED BURDENS, INCLUDING ADDITIONAL COSTS
14 ASSOCIATED WITH THE POLICY;

15 (III) ANY AVAILABLE EVIDENCE-BASED RESOURCES AND
16 RESEARCH CONCERNING OUTCOMES OF THE EXTRACURRICULAR OR
17 ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES MADE AVAILABLE BY THE YOUTH SERVICE
18 ORGANIZATION; AND

19 (IV) METHODS OF COMMUNICATION BY A YOUTH SERVICES
20 ORGANIZATION THAT ENSURES STUDENTS LEARN OF OPPORTUNITIES FOR
21 EXTRACURRICULAR OR ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES OFFERED BY A YOUTH
22 SERVICE ORGANIZATION IN A MANNER THAT IS LIKELY TO GENERATE
23 STUDENT INTEREST IN EXTRACURRICULAR OPPORTUNITIES OR ENRICHMENT
24 ACTIVITIES IN GENERAL AND SPECIFIC TO A YOUTH SERVICE ORGANIZATION
25 IN PARTICULAR.

26 (3) IF NOT OTHERWISE SPECIFIED IN THE POLICY, A SCHOOL
27 PRINCIPAL, SCHOOL LEADER, OR SCHOOL DISTRICT LEADER IMPLEMENTING

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

4 (4) A YOUTH SERVICE ORGANIZATION THAT IS PERMITTED TO
5 COMMUNICATE WITH STUDENTS PURSUANT TO THE POLICY DEVELOPED BY
6 A LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDER SHALL COMPLY WITH ANY OTHER POLICIES,
7 PROCEDURES, OR RULES ESTABLISHED BY THE LOCAL EDUCATION
8 PROVIDER.

9 (5) BEFORE THE START OF THE 2026-27 ACADEMIC SCHOOL YEAR,
10 EACH LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDER SHALL POST THE POLICY ON ITS
11 WEBSITE.

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