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SENATE BILL 25-238

SENATE SPONSORSHIP

Amabile and Kirkmeyer, Bridges

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Sirota and Taggart, Bird

Senate Committees

Appropriations

House Committees

A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING THE REPEAL OF THE SIXTH THROUGH TWELFTH GRADE**
102 **MENTAL HEALTH SCREENING ACT, AND, IN CONNECTION**
103 **THEREWITH, REDUCING AN APPROPRIATION.**

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/>.)

Joint Budget Committee. The bill repeals the sixth through twelfth grade mental health screening act that was enacted in 2023. The bill reduces an appropriation.

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.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-245-217, **amend**
3 (2)(g) and (2)(h); and **repeal** (2)(i) as follows:

4 **12-245-217. Scope of article - exemptions.** (2) This article 245
5 does not apply to:

6 (g) Students who are enrolled in a school program and are
7 practicing as part of a school practicum or clinical program; OR

8 (h) A professional practicing auricular acudetox in accordance
9 with section 12-245-233. ~~or~~

10 ~~(i) Screeners conducting screenings pursuant to the sixth through~~
11 ~~twelfth grade mental health screening program created in section~~
12 ~~27-50-903.~~

13 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **repeal** part 9 of
14 article 50 of title 27.

15 **SECTION 3. Appropriation - adjustments to 2025 long bill.**

16 (1) To implement this act, general fund appropriations made in the
17 annual general appropriation act for the 2025-26 state fiscal year to the
18 department of human services are adjusted as follows:

19 (a) The appropriation for health, life, and dental is decreased by
20 \$37,260;

21 (b) The appropriation for short-term disability is decreased by
22 \$146;

23 (c) The appropriation for paid family medical leave insurance is
24 decreased by \$936;

25 (d) The appropriation for unfunded liability amortization
26 equalization disbursement payments is decreased by \$20,798;

27 (e) The appropriation for use by the behavioral health

1 administration for program administration is decreased by \$260,978, and
2 the related FTE is decreased by 3.0 FTE; and

3 (f) The appropriation for use by the behavioral health
4 administration for the school mental health screening program is
5 decreased by \$2,536,706.

6 **SECTION 4. Safety clause.** The general assembly finds,
7 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
8 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety or for appropriations for
9 the support and maintenance of the departments of the state and state
10 institutions.