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SENATE BILL 18-159

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(None),

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House Committees

A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING PERMITTING A PUBLIC SCHOOL TO INCLUDE OPERATION
102 AS A COMMUNITY SCHOOL IN ITS INNOVATION PLAN.

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>.)

Under existing law, a public school may become an innovation school by submitting an innovation plan to its local school board and having the local school board approve that plan. The bill defines "community school" and permits a public school to include in its innovation plan that it will operate as a community school.

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.

1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-32.5-103, **amend**
3 the introductory portion; and **add** (1.5) as follows:

4 **22-32.5-103. Definitions.** As used in this ~~article~~ ARTICLE 32.5,
5 unless the context otherwise requires:

6 (1.5) "COMMUNITY SCHOOL" MEANS A PUBLIC SCHOOL THAT
7 IMPLEMENTS THE FOLLOWING:

8 (a) AN ANNUAL ASSET AND NEEDS ASSESSMENT OF AND BY BOTH
9 THE SCHOOL AND THE COMMUNITY THAT ENGAGES AT LEAST
10 SEVENTY-FIVE PERCENT OF FAMILIES, STUDENTS, AND EDUCATORS IN THE
11 COMMUNITY;

12 (b) A STRATEGIC PLAN THAT INCLUDES THE CREATION OF
13 PROBLEM-SOLVING TEAMS WHO ARE DEDICATED TO CONTINUOUS SCHOOL
14 IMPROVEMENT AND DEFINE HOW EDUCATORS AND COMMUNITY PARTNERS
15 USE ALL AVAILABLE ASSETS TO MEET SPECIFIC STUDENT NEEDS AND
16 ACHIEVE BETTER RESULTS AND UTILIZE KEY TOOLS AND LESSONS FROM
17 IMPROVEMENT SCIENCE IN THE CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT PROCESS;

18 (c) A PROCESS TO ENGAGE PARTNERS WHO BRING ASSETS AND
19 EXPERTISE TO IMPLEMENT THE SCHOOL'S GOALS; AND

20 (d) A COMMUNITY SCHOOL COORDINATOR WHO IS A SENIOR
21 SCHOOL STAFF MEMBER AT THE COMMUNITY SCHOOL SITE AND WHO:

22 (I) HAS THE PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY TO FACILITATE THE
23 PROBLEM-SOLVING TEAMS IMPLEMENTED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION
24 (1.5)(b) OF THIS SECTION; AND

25 (II) IN CONSULTATION WITH SCHOOL LEADERSHIP, SHALL
26 ASSEMBLE RELEVANT STAKEHOLDERS TO SOLVE PROBLEMS IDENTIFIED BY

1 THE ASSESSMENT PERFORMED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (1.5)(a) OF THIS
2 SECTION.

3 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-32.5-104, **amend**
4 (3)(b) as follows:

5 **22-32.5-104. Innovation plans - submission - contents.**

6 (3) Each innovation plan, whether submitted by a public school or
7 created by a local school board through collaboration between the local
8 school board and a public school, shall include the following information:

9 (b) A description of the innovations the public school would
10 implement, which may include, but need not be limited to, innovations in
11 school staffing; curriculum and assessment; class scheduling; use of
12 financial and other resources; ~~and~~ faculty recruitment, employment,
13 evaluation, and compensation; AND WHETHER THE SCHOOL WILL OPERATE
14 AS A COMMUNITY SCHOOL;

15 **SECTION 3. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act
16 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
17 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August
18 8, 2018, if adjournment sine die is on May 9, 2018); except that, if a
19 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the
20 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act
21 within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect
22 unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in
23 November 2018 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
24 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.