

2024 Bills Related to School Safety That Passed into Law

HB24-1003 - Opiate Antagonists and Detection Products in Schools

<https://leg.colorado.gov/bills/hb24-1003> Under current law, a school district, the state charter school institute, or the governing board of a nonpublic school may adopt a policy for a school to maintain a supply of and distribute opiate antagonists. The act allows the adoption of a similar policy for maintaining a supply of opiate antagonists on school buses and extends existing civil and criminal immunity to school bus operators and other employees present on buses if they furnish or administer an opiate antagonist in good faith, in addition to other requirements.

HB24-1039 - Non-Legal Name Change

<https://leg.colorado.gov/bills/hb24-1039> The act requires school personnel to address a student by the student's chosen name and to use the student's chosen name in school and during extracurricular activities.

HB24-1136 Healthier Social Media Use by Youth

<https://leg.colorado.gov/bills/hb24-1136> The act requires the department of education (department) to create and maintain a resource bank of evidence-based, research-based, scholarly articles and promising program materials and curricula pertaining to the mental and physical health impacts of social media use by youth, internet safety, and cybersecurity. The resource bank will be used in elementary and secondary schools in the state.

HB24-1216 Supports for Youth In Juvenile Justice System

<https://leg.colorado.gov/bills/hb24-1216> The act establishes a bill of rights for a K-12 student who is involved in any capacity with the juvenile or criminal justice system (justice-engaged student). School districts, boards of cooperative services, charter schools, and institute charter schools (local education providers) must follow the bill of rights for justice-engaged students

HB24-1285 Student Weight-Based Bullying Prevention

<https://leg.colorado.gov/bills/hb24-1285> Current law identifies bullying behaviors that are subject to school district and charter school discipline policies and reporting requirements. The act adds a pattern of bullying based on a student's weight, height, or body size to the prohibited bullying behaviors.

HB24-1320 Educator Safety Task Force

<https://leg.colorado.gov/bills/hb24-1320> The act creates the educator safety task force (task force) in the office of school safety (office) in the department of public safety (department).

HB24-1349 Firearms & Ammunition Excise Tax

<https://leg.colorado.gov/bills/hb24-1349> Levying an excise tax on the net taxable sales of gun dealers, gun manufacturers, and ammunition vendors from the retail sale in this state of any firearm, firearm precursor part, or ammunition, requiring the excise tax revenue to be spent for mental health services, including for military veterans and at-risk youth, school safety and gun violence prevention, and support services for victims of domestic violence and other violent crimes, and making an appropriation/

HB24-1406 School-Based Mental Health Support Program

<https://leg.colorado.gov/bills/hb24-1406> The act creates the school-based mental health support program (program) in the behavioral health administration (BHA) to provide high-quality training, resources, and implementation and sustainment support for the existing public school educator workforce to provide evidence-based mental health services to students through a contract with an external provider. The program emphasizes supporting schools in rural areas and schools with students who do not have equitable access to mental health care.

SB24-01 Continue Youth Mental Health Services

<https://leg.colorado.gov/bills/sb24-001> The temporary youth mental health services program (program), commonly known as "I Matter", is scheduled to repeal on June 30, 2024. The act continues the program until June 30, 2034.

SB24-07 Behavioral Health First Aid Training Program

<https://leg.colorado.gov/bills/sb24-007> The act creates the behavioral health first aid training program (training program) in the office of suicide prevention (office) in the department of public health and environment (department).

SB24-113 Safer Youth Sports

<https://leg.colorado.gov/bills/sb24-113> Starting July 1, 2025, each youth sports organization shall require each coach to annually complete mandatory reporter training and shall encourage each coach to annually complete an abuse prevention training.

SB24-162 Best Practices to Prevent Discrimination in Schools

<https://leg.colorado.gov/bills/sb24-162> The act requires the department of education (department) to enter into an agreement with an organization (selected organization) to All information contained herein comes from the Colorado General Assembly's website.

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develop best practices for local education providers to effectively respond to reports of harassment or discrimination.

SB24-227 Automated External Defibrillators in Public School

<https://leg.colorado.gov/bills/sb24-227> Current law authorizes a public school or public place to refuse a donated automated external defibrillator (AED) if the public school or public place does not want to accept responsibility for AED training, installation, or maintenance unless the donating party agrees to be responsible for the AED training, installation, and maintenance. The act removes this authorization for a public school but allows a public school to decide who will be trained, the frequency of training, and when the AED training will take place.