

SB15-213 and SB15-214 are companion measures designed to provide important tools and incentives to make schools safer, as well as ensuring that meaningful changes in how schools deal with troubled students will be implemented.

SB15-214

INTERIM COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL SAFETY AND YOUTH IN CRISIS

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SB15-214 creates the School Safety and Youth In Crisis charged with:

- ✓ Studying issues relating to school safety and the prevention of threats to the safety of students faculty and staff;
- ✓ Evaluating programs and methods for identifying and monitoring students in crisis;
- ✓ Developing standardized criteria for school personnel to use in assessing the potential threat posed by one or more students;
- ✓ Making recommendations to the House and Senate Education Committees.

The Committee will have eight voting members and six nonvoting members

The president of the Senate will appoint four Senators, with no more than two being from the same party.

The Speaker of the House will appoint four Representatives, with no more than two being from the same party.

The Governor will appoint six nonvoting members including:

- ✓ A member who is a licensed school counselor
- ✓ A member who is a parent of a student who attended or who is attending school in a district serving 5,000 students or less

- ✓ A member who is a parent of a student who attended or is attending school in a district serving more than 5,000 students.
- ✓ A member of a statewide organization that advocates for juveniles and juvenile justice issues
- ✓ A member who is a superintendent of a school district
- ✓ A teacher specializing in special education

Each appointing party will make his or her appointments to the Committee by June 1, 2015

The Committee will meet at least four times each legislative interim through the year 2019.
