

HB24-1216: Supports for Youth in Juvenile Justice System

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Overview

The act establishes a bill of rights that schools must follow for K-12 students involved in the juvenile or criminal justice system. The bill outlines different paths those students can follow to get back into school, earn credit for school work they do while in the system, and work toward graduation.

Each local education provider is required to publish on its website an explanation of the services and resources available for justice-engaged students, including a contact person. Small and rural school districts may use a designated support person within CDE as a contact person. The bill also establishes a hotline for justice-engaged students, families and caregivers, justice system personnel, and education personnel.

School Impact

As soon as a student is released from custody, a school must contact the family within three days to begin conversations on the student's return to school, and the student must be re-enrolled within 10 business days. Students must also be evaluated for giftedness, and they must receive credit for coursework completed while they're incarcerated and be set up with a graduation plan. In addition, the school must work with intervention teams, (including multi-tiered systems of supports), families, and students to ensure a pathway to graduation, access to alternative educational programming, and mental health and other supports as appropriate.

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