

Senate Bill 20-016

Amending existing parent notification law to require notification of charges brought against public school employees relating to the provision of illegal substances to students.

Bill Summary & Background: In 2018, a bipartisan bill passed that required parental notification when school employees who come in contact with children are charged with serious crimes. The bill has successfully helped provide information to parents since implementation.

SB-016 adds to the list of offenses that parents would be notified about to include instances where school employees give controlled substances, marijuana, or alcohol to students.

	Current Law	SB20-016's Proposed Changes
Summary	Current law requires that parents receive notification when a court charges a public school employee with serious crimes.	Parents would be notified when a the same public school employees are charged with providing marijuana, controlled substances, or alcohol to minors.
<i>What legal action triggers parental notification?</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parental notification is required after a preliminary hearing is held by a judge or after law enforcement formally brings charges • An <u>arrest does not</u> trigger notification. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keeps existing law
<i>What crimes trigger parental notification?</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Felony Child Abuse • Serious crimes of violence • Felony Unlawful sexual behavior • Felony Domestic Violence • Felony Indecent Exposure • Serious Felony Drug Crimes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Selling or distributing marijuana to a student, including marijuana concentrate (vaping) • Selling or distributing illegal controlled substances to a minor • Selling or providing alcohol to a minor
<i>Which employees are covered?</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School district employees who come in contact with children. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keeps existing law
<i>What happens if the charge is dismissed?</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If a charge is dismissed, the school must notify parents of the dismissal within two days. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keeps existing law
<i>Can law enforcement delay the notification?</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes, law enforcement can request that the notification be delayed if they deem necessary. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keeps existing law