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Legislative Update: Jan. 22, 2016



CASB urges members to review school shooting report

The legislature's Interim Committee on School Safety and Youth in Crisis on Friday officially received the findings of an independent research team on the Arapahoe High School shooting of Dec. 13, 2013.

The 141-page report found no criminal wrongdoing by the school district or staff at Arapahoe High School. However, the report documents several issues with policies and procedures at both the school and the district.

In the spring of 2015, the Colorado Legislature passed and Gov. John Hickenlooper signed Senate Bill 213, which stripped away school districts' governmental immunity in regard to acts of violence at schools. A companion bill created the interim committee, which commissioned the report. [The complete report is available here.](#)

The Colorado Association of School Boards strongly suggests that school boards review the report.

"It is a useful and provocative study," said Jane Urschel, CASB's deputy executive director. "It is something our districts will want to study, but we are a long way from having the resources and expertise to implement the recommendations for every school in Colorado."

It is quite possible that there will be legislative developments stemming from SB 213, officially known as the Claire Davis School Safety Act. CASB will monitor any proposals and ensure that school boards are represented on matters of school safety.

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