A BILL FOR AN ACT

CONCERNING THE RELEASE OF INFORMATION RELATED TO CRITICAL INCIDENTS THAT OCCUR IN FACILITIES OPERATED BY THE DIVISION OF YOUTH CORRECTIONS.

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at http://www.leg.state.co.us/billsummaries.)

The bill instructs the department of human services, the division of youth corrections, and any other agency with relevant information to release, upon request, specified information related to incidents that occur in a facility operated by the division of youth corrections, so long as all identifying information has been redacted.

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment. Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute. Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.
Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:

SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 19-1-304, add (8) as follows:

19-1-304. Juvenile delinquency records - division of youth corrections incident information. (8) Division of youth corrections incident information. The Department of Human Services, the Division of Youth Corrections, or any agency with relevant information shall release the following information related to any incident, or aggregate of incidents, that occurred in a facility operated by the Division of Youth Corrections upon request, so long as any identifying information has been redacted:

(a) The type of incident that occurred or a summary of types of incidents that have occurred within a given time frame;

(b) A summary of whether the number and types of incidents are increasing or decreasing in frequency and severity;

(c) On average, how many of the youth involved in such incidents are repeat offenders and the average length of detention; and

(d) A summary of responses to incidents by the facility involved, such as de-escalation or typical consequence imposed.

SECTION 2. Safety clause. The general assembly hereby finds, determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.