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Colorado's Child Protection Legislation in Jeopardy

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Denver, CO — This afternoon the Senate Education Committee laid-over SB 20: *Concerning Education Regarding the Prevention of Child Sexual Abuse and Assault*, a bill that is critical to public safety, offender accountability, and child protection.

In a room packed with survivors of sexual abuse, the Senate Republicans voted “no” on a motion to move the bill forward in order to lay it over to add amendments. As there was no opposition to the bill and no amendments presented, it is unclear what the Senate Republicans on the committee will offer. We are concerned about unfriendly amendments that may jeopardize the important purpose of this bill.

CCASA encourages legislators to work in a bi-partisan manner, in an effort to protect public safety and our most vulnerable citizens, our children. Child sexual abuse is an epidemic, with approximately 1 in 4 girls and 1 in 6 boys being sexually abused before their eighteenth birthdays. We urge the Senate Education Committee to advance SB 20 as introduced.

With the Senate Judiciary Committee's action yesterday to kill SB 48: *Requiring Youth Sports Organization to Require Criminal History Records Checks of Persons Who Work with Children*, we are concerned that partisan politics are taking precedence over the safety of Colorado's children. CCASA and our over 100 agency and individual members across the state of Colorado are paying close attention.

The Colorado Coalition Against Sexual Assault (CCASA) is a membership organization promoting safety, justice, and healing for survivors while working toward the elimination of sexual violence.

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