

Safe2Tell program aims to reduce school violence in Colorado

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Colorado has suffered through horrific school shootings, with 13 killed at Columbine High School in April 1999, one killed at Platte Canyon High School in Sept. 2006 and one killed at Arapahoe High School Dec. 13, 2013.

After the Columbine massacre, a program named Safe- 2Tell was established to give K-12 students an anonymous hotline to report school safety problems to authorities—including, but not limited to, planned school shootings, bullying, drug and alcohol use and planned suicides.

Recently, the nonprofit-operated Safe2Tell was at risk of shutting down, primarily due to a lack of grant funding. The bipartisan Safe2Tell Act being introduced in the 2014 legislative session, and sponsored by leaders of the four legislative caucuses, will keep this important program running by moving the operation from the nonprofit sector to the Colorado Attorney General's Office.

"The Colorado attorney general's office was instrumental in the creation of the Safe2Tell program," said Attorney General John Suthers. "We have continued to be supportive of the program and believe moving Safe2Tell to the AG's office will ensure its viability and continuing success in future years."

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