

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 382—ASSEMBLYMEN LESLIE, ANDERSON, PARNELL, THOMAS, KOIVISTO, EVANS, GIUNCHIGLIANI, FREEMAN, MANENDO, GIBBONS, LEE, BACHE, MCCLAIN, GOLDWATER, WILLIAMS, BUCKLEY AND SEGERBLOM

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JOINT SPONSOR: SENATOR WIENER

Referred to Concurrent Committees on Education
and Ways and Means

SUMMARY—Makes appropriation to Department of Education for award of grants to schools that have established programs for peer mediation and conflict resolution. (BDR S-1173)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State or on Industrial Insurance: Contains Appropriation not included in Executive Budget.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in ***bolded italics*** is new; matter between brackets ~~for omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

AN ACT making an appropriation to the Department of Education for the award of grants to schools that have established programs for peer mediation and conflict resolution; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

- 1 WHEREAS, Based on national and state research, the members of the
- 2 Nevada Legislature hereby declare that:
- 3 1. Violence in the schools within the State of Nevada is unacceptable;
- 4 2. Programs using peer mediation and conflict resolution have been
- 5 demonstrated to be effective methods of curbing school violence in other
- 6 jurisdictions throughout the United States; and
- 7 3. Programs that use peer mediation and conflict resolution in certain
- 8 schools in this state have reduced the incidence of violence between pupils
- 9 and against the staff of the schools; now, therefore,

1 THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA,
2 REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO
3 ENACT AS FOLLOWS:
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5 **Section 1.** There is hereby appropriated from the state general fund to
6 the Department of Education the sum of \$50,000 for the award of grants to
7 schools that have established programs for peer mediation and conflict
8 resolution.

9 **Sec. 2.** 1. The Department of Education shall use the money
10 appropriated by section 1 of this act to award grants to schools that have
11 established programs for peer mediation or conflict resolution. The
12 Department shall give priority to those schools that have a high incidence
13 of:

- 14 (a) Violence between pupils;
- 15 (b) Violence directed against teachers or other members of the staff;
- 16 (c) Violence involving weapons; or
- 17 (d) Any combination of paragraph (a), (b) or (c).

18 2. Each grant awarded pursuant to subsection 1 must not exceed
19 \$2,500. The grants must not be used for the administrative salaries of
20 school administrators.

21 3. Participating schools may submit an application for a grant to the
22 Department of Education and each grant must be awarded on a competitive
23 basis according to the criteria set forth in subsection 1.

24 **Sec. 3.** Any remaining balance of the appropriation made by section 1
25 of this act must not be committed for expenditure after June 30, 2001, and
26 reverts to the state general fund as soon as all payments of money
27 committed have been made.

28 **Sec. 4.** This act becomes effective upon passage and approval.