

EMERGENCY REQUEST OF SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 686—COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

MAY 13, 1999

Referred to Committee on Education

SUMMARY—Creates Commission on School Safety and Juvenile Violence. (BDR S-1733)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: Yes.

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 ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to public schools; creating the Commission on School Safety and Juvenile Violence; providing for its membership and duties; making an appropriation; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN SENATE
AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

- 1 **Section 1.** 1. The Commission on School Safety and Juvenile
2 Violence, consisting of 10 members, is hereby created.
3 2. The Majority Leader of the Senate shall appoint three members to
4 the Commission as follows:
5 (a) One Senator;
6 (b) One representative of law enforcement; and
7 (c) One principal of a public school in this state that is located in an
8 urban area.
9 3. The Speaker of the Assembly shall appoint three members to the
10 Commission as follows:
11 (a) One Assemblyman;
12 (b) One representative of law enforcement; and
13 (c) One principal of a public school in this state that is located in a rural
14 county.
15 4. The Governor shall appoint four members to the Commission as
16 follows:
17 (a) One teacher who provides instruction in the classroom;

- 1 (b) One superintendent of schools of a school district;
- 2 (c) One parent of a pupil who is enrolled in a public school that is
- 3 located in an urban area of this state; and
- 4 (d) One parent of a pupil who is enrolled in a public school that is
- 5 located in a rural county.

6 5. The Commission shall elect a chairman from among its members.

7 6. A vacancy in the membership of the Commission must be filled in

8 the same manner as the original appointment.

9 7. For each day or portion of a day during which a member of the

10 Commission who is a Legislator attends a meeting of the Commission or is

11 otherwise engaged in the work of the Commission, except during a regular

12 or special session of the Legislature, he is entitled to receive the:

13 (a) Compensation provided for a majority of the members of the

14 Legislature during the first 60 days of the preceding session;

15 (b) Per diem allowance provided for state officers and employees

16 generally; and

17 (c) Travel expenses provided pursuant to NRS 218.2207.

18 8. A member of the Commission who is not a Legislator is entitled to

19 receive the per diem allowance and travel expenses provided for state

20 officers and employees generally for each day or portion of a day during

21 which he attends a meeting of the Commission or is otherwise engaged in

22 the business of the Commission.

23 9. The Legislative Counsel Bureau shall provide administrative support

24 to the Commission.

25 **Sec. 2.** 1. The Commission shall:

26 (a) Hold at least three meetings to hear public testimony regarding

27 violence in the public schools, acts of violence committed by juveniles and

28 methods to address violence in the public schools. The Commission shall

29 hold at least one such meeting in:

30 (1) Clark County.

31 (2) Washoe County.

32 (3) A rural county.

33 (b) Develop and adopt a statewide plan of emergency response to

34 incidents of school violence in accordance with section 3 of this act.

35 (c) Consider recommendations made by the Legislative Commission's

36 interim study of the system of juvenile justice in the State of Nevada

37 created pursuant to Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 57 of the 69th

38 session of the Nevada Legislature.

39 (d) Make recommendations concerning programs that are designed to:

40 (1) Reduce the incidence of violence in the public schools;

41 (2) Reduce the activities of gangs on school property and in local

42 communities;

43 (3) Restrict the accessibility of firearms to juveniles; and

1 (4) Reduce the incidence of violence committed by juveniles in
2 communities.

3 (e) Submit a report to the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau on
4 or before November 1, 2000, for transmittal to the 71st session of the
5 Nevada Legislature. The report must include:

6 (1) The findings of the Commission;

7 (2) Any programs recommended by the Commission pursuant to
8 paragraph (d) of subsection 1;

9 (3) A summary of each local plan of emergency response to incidents
10 of school violence adopted by the board of trustees of each school district
11 pursuant to section 4 of this act; and

12 (4) Any recommendations for legislation.

13 2. The Commission may request the preparation of not more than three
14 legislative measures to carry out the recommendations of the Commission.
15 One legislative measure must include a proposal to codify the statewide
16 plan of emergency response to incidents of school violence adopted by the
17 Commission pursuant to section 3 of this act.

18 **Sec. 3.** Not later than January 1, 2000, the Commission shall develop
19 and adopt a statewide plan of emergency response to incidents of school
20 violence. The plan must include:

21 1. A description of the action that will be taken in response to an
22 incident of school violence that warrants emergency action, including,
23 without limitation, a designation of the persons and state agencies that are
24 primarily responsible for each action;

25 2. A method for determining the amount of money that is necessary to
26 respond appropriately to an incident of school violence;

27 3. A mechanism for approving requests for money and a limit on the
28 amount of money that may be granted;

29 4. A strategy for state officers and employees to coordinate with the
30 appropriate city, county and federal authorities;

31 5. The type and duration of support services for pupils, teachers,
32 parents and communities;

33 6. The type and duration of support for law enforcement agencies; and

34 7. Other factors that the Commission determines necessary to respond
35 to an incident of school violence that warrants emergency action.

36 **Sec. 4.** 1. Upon adoption of the statewide plan of emergency
37 response to incidents of school violence by the Commission, the Chairman
38 of the Commission shall provide a copy of the plan to the Department of
39 Education for dissemination to the board of trustees of each school district
40 in this state.

41 2. On or before July 1, 2000, the board of trustees of each school
42 district shall develop and maintain a local plan of emergency response to
43 incidents of school violence that is consistent with the statewide plan.

1 **Sec. 5.** 1. There is hereby appropriated from the state general fund to
2 the legislative fund the sum of \$20,000 for the payment of the
3 compensation, per diem allowances and travel expenses of the members of
4 the Commission pursuant to subsections 7 and 8 of section 1 of this act.

5 2. Any remaining balance of the appropriation made by subsection 1
6 must not be committed for expenditure after June 30, 2001, and reverts to
7 the state general fund as soon as all payments of money committed have
8 been made.

9 **Sec. 6.** On or before July 1, 1999, the Majority Leader of the Senate,
10 the Speaker of the Assembly and the Governor shall make appointments to
11 the Commission on School Safety and Juvenile Violence in accordance
12 with section 1 of this act.

13 **Sec. 7.** 1. This section and sections 5 and 6 of this act become
14 effective upon passage and approval.

15 2. Section 1 of this act becomes effective upon passage and approval
16 for the purpose of appointing members to the Commission on School
17 Safety and Juvenile Violence and on July 1, 1999, for all other purposes.

18 3. Sections 2, 3 and 4 of this act become effective on July 1, 1999.

19 4. This act expires by limitation on June 30, 2001.