

Assembly Bill No. 686—Committee on Education

CHAPTER.....

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:

Section 1. 1. The Commission on School Safety and Juvenile Violence, consisting of 11 members, is hereby created.

2. The Majority Leader of the Senate shall appoint three members to the Commission as follows:

- (a) One Senator;
- (b) One representative of law enforcement; and
- (c) One principal of a public school in this state that is located in an urban area.

3. The Speaker of the Assembly shall appoint three members to the Commission as follows:

- (a) One Assemblyman;
- (b) One representative of law enforcement; and
- (c) One principal of a public school in this state that is located in a rural county.

4. The Governor shall appoint five members to the Commission as follows:

- (a) One teacher who currently provides instruction in a high school;
- (b) One teacher who currently provides instruction in a middle school or junior high school;
- (c) One superintendent of schools of a school district;
- (d) One parent of a pupil who is enrolled in a public school that is located in an urban area of this state; and
- (e) One parent of a pupil who is enrolled in a public school that is located in a rural county.

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

6. A vacancy in the membership of the Commission must be filled in the same manner as the original appointment.

7. For each day or portion of a day during which a member of the Commission who is a Legislator attends a meeting of the Commission or is otherwise engaged in the work of the Commission, except during a regular or special session of the Legislature, he is entitled to receive the:

- (a) Compensation provided for a majority of the members of the Legislature during the first 60 days of the preceding session;
- (b) Per diem allowance provided for state officers and employees generally; and
- (c) Travel expenses provided pursuant to NRS 218.2207

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8. A member of the Commission who is not a Legislator is entitled to receive the per diem allowance and travel expenses provided for state officers and employees generally for each day or portion of a day during which he attends a meeting of the Commission or is otherwise engaged in the business of the Commission.

9. The Legislative Counsel Bureau shall provide administrative support to the Commission.

Sec. 2. 1. The Commission shall:

(a) Hold at least three meetings to hear public testimony regarding violence in the public schools, acts of violence committed by juveniles and methods to address violence in the public schools. The Commission shall hold at least one such meeting in:

- (1) Clark County.
- (2) Washoe County.
- (3) A rural county.

(b) Develop and adopt a statewide plan of emergency response to incidents of school violence in accordance with section 3 of this act.

(c) Consider recommendations made by the Legislative Commission's interim study of the system of juvenile justice in the State of Nevada created pursuant to Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 57 of the 69th session of the Nevada Legislature.

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

- (1) Reduce the incidence of violence in the public schools;
- (2) Reduce the activities of gangs on school property and in local communities;
- (3) Restrict the accessibility of firearms to juveniles; and
- (4) Reduce the incidence of violence committed by juveniles in communities.

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

- (1) The findings of the Commission;
- (2) Any programs recommended by the Commission pursuant to paragraph (d) of subsection 1;
- (3) A summary of each local plan of emergency response to incidents of school violence adopted by the board of trustees of each school district pursuant to section 4 of this act; and
- (4) Any recommendations for legislation.

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

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

1. A description of the action that will be taken in response to an incident of school violence that warrants emergency action, including, without limitation, a designation of the persons and state agencies that are primarily responsible for each action;
2. A method for determining the amount of money that is necessary to respond appropriately to an incident of school violence;
3. A mechanism for approving requests for money and a limit on the amount of money that may be granted;
4. A strategy for state officers and employees to coordinate with the appropriate city, county and federal authorities;
5. The type and duration of support services for pupils, teachers, parents and communities;
6. The type and duration of support for law enforcement agencies; and
7. Other factors that the Commission determines necessary to respond to an incident of school violence that warrants emergency action.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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