
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 11 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 five members to the Commission as
16 follows:
17 (a) One teacher who currently provides instruction in a high school;

1 (b) One teacher who currently provides instruction in a middle school or
2 junior high school;

3 (c) One superintendent of schools of a school district;

4 (d) One parent of a pupil who is enrolled in a public school that is
5 located in an urban area of this state; and

6 (e) One parent of a pupil who is enrolled in a public school that is
7 located in a rural county.

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

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

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

15 (a) Compensation provided for a majority of the members of the
16 Legislature during the first 60 days of the preceding session;

17 (b) Per diem allowance provided for state officers and employees
18 generally; and

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

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

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

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

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

32 (1) Clark County.

33 (2) Washoe County.

34 (3) A rural county.

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

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

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

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

1 (2) Reduce the activities of gangs on school property and in local
2 communities;

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

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

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

9 (1) The findings of the Commission;

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

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

15 (4) Any recommendations for legislation.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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