

SENATE BILL NO. 165—SENATOR AMODEI

FEBRUARY 11, 1999

Referred to Committee on Transportation

SUMMARY—Creates committee for public safety telecommunications operators. (BDR 43-720)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State or on Industrial Insurance: Yes.

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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 state government; creating the committee for public safety telecommunications operators in the department of motor vehicles and public safety; requiring agencies that employ persons as public safety telecommunications operators to require those persons to obtain certain certification and training; 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.** Chapter 481 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto
2 the provisions set forth as sections 2 to 5, inclusive, of this act.
- 3 **Sec. 2.** *As used in sections 2 to 5, inclusive, of this act, “public safety*
4 *telecommunications operator” means a person who operates a*
5 *telecommunications system for emergencies and public safety.*
- 6 **Sec. 3. 1.** *The committee for public safety telecommunications*
7 *operators is hereby created in the department.*
- 8 **2.** *The governor shall appoint to the committee seven members who*
9 *possess knowledge, skill and experience in the fields of law enforcement,*
10 *fire service training or telecommunications as follows:*
- 11 *(a) Two members from the field of law enforcement;*
12 *(b) Two members from the field of fire service training;*
13 *(c) Two members from the field of telecommunications; and*
14 *(d) One member from any field set forth in paragraph (a), (b) or (c).*
- 15 **3.** *Members serve terms of 2 years after the date of appointment.*

1 **4. Members serve without compensation but are entitled to the per**
2 **diem allowance and travel expenses provided by law for state officers and**
3 **employees generally.**

4 **Sec. 4. 1. The committee for public safety telecommunications**
5 **operators shall:**

6 **(a) Meet at the call of the chairman, who must be elected by the**
7 **members of the committee.**

8 **(b) Provide for and encourage the training and education of public**
9 **safety telecommunications operators.**

10 **(c) Adopt regulations establishing minimum standards for the**
11 **certification and training of public safety telecommunications operators.**

12 **(d) Make necessary inquiries to determine whether agencies of the**
13 **state and of local governments are complying with standards set forth in**
14 **its regulations.**

15 **2. The regulations adopted by the committee apply to all agencies of**
16 **the state and of local governments that employ persons as public safety**
17 **telecommunications operators.**

18 **3. The director may adopt regulations necessary for the operation of**
19 **the committee and the enforcement of laws administered by the**
20 **committee.**

21 **Sec. 5. Before an agency employs a person as a public safety**
22 **telecommunications operator, the agency shall require such a person to**
23 **obtain the certification and training required by the regulations adopted**
24 **pursuant to section 4 of this act.**

25 **Sec. 6.** Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection 3 of section 3 of
26 this act, as soon as practicable after October 1, 1999, the governor shall,
27 pursuant to subsection 2 of section 3 of this act, appoint to the committee
28 for public safety telecommunications operators:

29 1. Two members whose initial terms expire on June 30, 2000;

30 2. Three members whose initial terms expire on June 30, 2001; and

31 3. Two members whose initial terms expire on June 30, 2002.

32 **Sec. 7.** The committee for public safety telecommunications operators
33 shall adopt the regulations required pursuant to paragraph (c) of subsection
34 1 of section 4 of this act before December 1, 1999.

35 **Sec. 8.** Notwithstanding the provisions of section 5 of this act, an
36 agency that employs a person as a public safety telecommunications
37 operator on or before October 1, 2000, is not required to require that
38 person to obtain the certification and training required by the regulations
39 adopted pursuant to section 4 of this act before July 1, 2001.