

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 4, inclusive, of this act.
- 3 **Sec. 2.** *As used in sections 2 to 4, 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 nine members who*
9 *possess knowledge, skill and experience in the fields of law enforcement,*
10 *fire service, public safety telecommunications or highway safety as*
11 *follows:*
- 12 (a) *Two members from the field of law enforcement;*
13 (b) *Two members from the field of fire service;*
14 (c) *Two members from the field of public safety telecommunications;*
15 (d) *One member who is a dispatcher in the field of highway safety;*
16 (e) *One member who represents a community college; and*

1 (f) One member from any field set forth in paragraph (a), (b), (c) or
2 (d).

3 3. Members serve terms of 2 years after the date of appointment.

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

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

9 (a) Meet at the call of the chairman, who must be elected by the
10 members of the committee.

11 (b) Provide for and encourage the training and education of public
12 safety telecommunications operators.

13 (c) Adopt minimum standards for the certification and training of
14 public safety telecommunications operators.

15 2. The director may adopt regulations necessary for the operation of
16 the committee.

17 **Sec. 5.** Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection 3 of section 3 of
18 this act, as soon as practicable after June 1, 2000, the governor shall,
19 pursuant to subsection 2 of section 3 of this act, appoint to the committee
20 for public safety telecommunications operators:

21 1. Two members whose initial terms expire on June 30, 2001;

22 2. Four members whose initial terms expire on June 30, 2002; and

23 3. Three members whose initial terms expire on June 30, 2003.

24 **Sec. 6.** The committee for public safety telecommunications operators
25 shall adopt the minimum standards required pursuant to paragraph (c) of
26 subsection 1 of section 4 of this act before August 1, 2000.

27 **Sec. 7.** This act becomes effective on June 1, 2000.