

Senate Bill No. 183—Committee on Government Affairs

CHAPTER.....

AN ACT relating to peace officers; providing that criminal investigators employed by the secretary of state have the powers of a peace officer; requiring criminal investigators employed by the secretary of state to comply with the standards of the peace officers' standards and training committee; 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. Chapter 289 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

Criminal investigators employed by the secretary of state have the powers of a peace officer.

Sec. 2. NRS 289.010 is hereby amended to read as follows:

289.010 As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires:

1. "Peace officer" means any person upon whom some or all of the powers of a peace officer are conferred pursuant to NRS 289.150 to 289.360, inclusive ~~H~~, *and section 1 of this act.*
2. "Punitive action" means any action which may lead to dismissal, demotion, suspension, reduction in salary, written reprimand or transfer of a peace officer for purposes of punishment.

Sec. 3. NRS 481.053 is hereby amended to read as follows:

481.053 1. The governor shall appoint the peace officers' standards and training committee.

2. The committee consists of seven members, one appointed from Clark County, one from Washoe County, three from any other counties, one from category II peace officers and one from category III peace officers. Members serve terms of 2 years from the date of appointment. Members serve without compensation but are entitled to the per diem allowance and travel expenses provided by law for state officers and employees generally.

3. The governor shall make the appointments from recommendations submitted by Clark County, Washoe County, professional organizations of sheriffs and police chiefs of this state, category II peace officers and category III peace officers.

4. The committee shall:

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

(b) Provide for and encourage the training and education of peace officers in order to improve the system of criminal justice.

(c) Adopt regulations establishing minimum standards for the certification and decertification, recruitment, selection and training of peace officers.

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

(e) Carry out the duties required of the committee pursuant to NRS 432B.610 and 432B.620.

5. Regulations adopted by the committee:

(a) Apply to all agencies of the state and of local governments which employ persons as peace officers;

(b) Must require that all peace officers receive training in the handling of cases involving abuse or neglect of children or missing children; and

(c) May require that training be carried on at institutions which it approves in those regulations.

6. The director may adopt regulations necessary for the operation of the committee and the enforcement of laws administered by the committee.

7. As used in this section:

(a) "Category II peace officer" means:

(1) The bailiff of the supreme court;

(2) The bailiffs of the district courts, justices' courts and municipal courts whose duties require them to carry weapons and make arrests;

(3) Constables and their deputies whose official duties require them to carry weapons and make arrests;

(4) Inspectors employed by the transportation services authority who exercise those powers of enforcement conferred by chapters 706 and 712 of NRS;

(5) Parole and probation officers;

(6) Special investigators who are employed full time by the office of any district attorney or the attorney general;

(7) Investigators of arson for fire departments who are specially designated by the appointing authority;

(8) The assistant and deputies of the state fire marshal;

(9) The brand inspectors of the division of agriculture of the department of business and industry who exercise the powers of enforcement conferred in chapter 565 of NRS;

(10) Investigators for the state forester firewarden who are specially designated by him and whose primary duties are the investigation of arson;

(11) School police officers employed by the board of trustees of any county school district;

(12) Agents of the state gaming control board who exercise the powers of enforcement specified in NRS 289.360, 463.140 or 463.1405, except those agents whose duties relate primarily to auditing, accounting, the collection of taxes or license fees, or the investigation of applicants for licenses;

(13) Investigators and administrators of the bureau of enforcement of the registration division of the department of motor vehicles and public safety who perform the duties specified in subsection 3 of NRS 481.048;

(14) Officers and investigators of the section for the control of emissions from vehicles of the registration division of the department of motor vehicles and public safety who perform the duties specified in subsection 3 of NRS 481.0481;

(15) Legislative police officers of the State of Nevada;

(16) The personnel of the capitol police division of the department of motor vehicles and public safety appointed pursuant to subsection 2 of NRS 331.140;

(17) Parole counselors of the division of child and family services of the department of human resources;

(18) Juvenile probation officers and deputy juvenile probation officers employed by the various judicial districts in *the State of* Nevada or by a department of family, youth and juvenile services established pursuant to NRS 62.1264 whose official duties require them to enforce court orders on juvenile offenders and make arrests;

(19) Field investigators of the taxicab authority;

(20) Security officers employed full time by a city or county whose official duties require them to carry weapons and make arrests; ~~and~~

(21) The chief of a department of alternative sentencing created pursuant to NRS 211A.080 and the assistant alternative sentencing officers employed by that department ~~and~~; *and*

(22) Criminal investigators who are employed by the secretary of state.

(b) "Category III peace officer" means peace officers whose authority is limited to correctional services, and includes the superintendents and correctional officers of the department of prisons.

Sec. 4. This act becomes effective on July 1, 1999.

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