

SENATE BILL NO. 76—SENATOR AMODEI

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Referred to Committee on Judiciary

SUMMARY—Requires correctional officers employed by department of prisons to complete program for facility training. (BDR 16-796)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: 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 correctional officers; requiring correctional officers employed by the department of prisons to complete a program for facility training; 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 209 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 4, the department shall require each correctional officer hired by the department to complete a program for facility training not later than 1 year after he begins his employment with the department.

2. The program for facility training must consist of five phases that include:

(a) At least 40 hours of instruction in facility orientation, including, without limitation, the structure, organization and operation of the facility or institution where the correctional officer is employed.

(b) At least 80 hours of instruction in search and escort, including, without limitation, the pursuit and return of offenders who have escaped, transportation and escort of offenders, and exercise of control over offenders inside and outside the facilities and institutions of the department.

(c) At least 80 hours of instruction in general population housing, including, without limitation, maintaining order, discipline and security within the housing units of the general population of the facility or institution.

1 (d) *At least 80 hours of instruction in special population housing,*
2 *including, without limitation, disciplinary segregation, protective*
3 *segregation and administrative segregation of the general population of*
4 *the facility or institution.*

5 (e) *After the correctional officer has completed successfully the first*
6 *four phases of the program set forth in paragraphs (a) to (d), inclusive, at*
7 *least 40 hours of quasi-solo activities to determine his knowledge of the*
8 *facility or institution where he is employed and his proficiency in*
9 *performing the duties for which he received instruction.*

10 3. *The director shall:*

11 (a) *Institute the program for facility training in all facilities and*
12 *institutions of the department; and*

13 (b) *With the approval of the board, adopt regulations to carry out the*
14 *provisions of this section.*

15 4. *The director may, within his discretion, waive the requirement that*
16 *a correctional officer complete the program for facility training pursuant*
17 *to this section if the director determines that the correctional officer has*
18 *previously completed a comparable program of training.*

19 5. *As used in this section, "correctional officer" means any*
20 *correctional officer designated as having the powers of a peace officer*
21 *pursuant to subsection 1 of NRS 289.220.*

22 **Sec. 2.** 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, a
23 correctional officer who is employed by the department of prisons on
24 October 1, 2001, shall complete the program for facility training required
25 by section 1 of this act before October 1, 2002.

26 2. The director may, within his discretion, waive the requirement that a
27 correctional officer complete the program for facility training if the director
28 determines that the correctional officer has previously completed a
29 comparable program of training.

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