

SENATE BILL NO. 86—SENATOR MATHEWS

FEBRUARY 8, 2001

Referred to Committee on Human Resources and Facilities

SUMMARY—Directs the Legislative Commission to conduct interim study concerning use of police powers on public school grounds and at school activities. (BDR S-823)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: No.

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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 school police; directing the Legislative Commission to conduct an interim study concerning the use of police powers on public school grounds and at school activities; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

WHEREAS, For at least the past several legislative sessions, jurisdictional issues involving school police and local law enforcement have been reviewed and presented to legislators; and

WHEREAS, There are key issues of jurisdiction, interlocal agreements and notification procedures that appear to remain unresolved among the various parties; and

WHEREAS, The principal concern of all parties must be the safety of the school children of Nevada and the assurance that schools are a safe haven where learning can take place; now, therefore

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Legislative Commission shall appoint a committee consisting of an equal number of legislators from the Assembly and the Senate to conduct an interim study concerning the use of police powers on public school grounds and at school activities.

Sec. 2. The committee appointed pursuant to section 1 of this act shall include, without limitation, the following topics in its study:

1. An exploration of the feasibility of establishing a community-based policing system within school districts that currently employ school police;

2. A full review of potential mechanisms for establishing community police “precincts” or units of local law enforcement within schools currently served by school police, including employee transition matters, such as the retraining of school police personnel, employment



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1 opportunities for school police personnel within the new structure and any
2 special training needed for local law enforcement;

3 3. An examination of the possible options for funding such a
4 reassignment of responsibilities, including transfers of funds or the creation
5 of special taxing districts; and

6 4. An analysis of the existing jurisdictional issues and the relationship
7 between school police and local law enforcement.

8 **Sec. 3.** 1. The Legislative Commission shall submit a report of its
9 findings and any recommendations for legislation to the 72nd session of
10 the Nevada Legislature.

11 2. Any recommended legislation proposed by the committee appointed
12 pursuant to section 1 of this act must be approved by a majority of the
13 members of the Senate and a majority of the members of the Assembly
14 appointed to the committee.

15 **Sec. 4.** There is hereby appropriated from the state general fund to the
16 legislative fund created by NRS 218.085 the sum of \$10,000 for allocation
17 by the Legislative Commission to pay for consulting services to assist the
18 committee in carrying out the interim study.

