SENATE BILL NO. 86-SENATOR MATHEWS

FEBRUARY 8, 2001

Referred to Committee on Human Resources and Facilities

SUMMARY—Directs the Legislative Committee on Criminal Justice to conduct 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 Committee on Criminal Justice to conduct a 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:

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Section 1. The Legislative Committee on Criminal Justice shall conduct a study concerning the use of police powers on public school grounds and at school activities. The study must include, without limitation, the following topics:

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



opportunities for school police personnel within the new structure and any

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- special training needed for local law enforcement;

 3. An examination of the possible options for funding such a reassignment of responsibilities, including transfers of funds or the creation of special taxing districts; and
- 4. An analysis of the existing jurisdictional issues and the relationship
- between school police and local law enforcement.

 Sec. 2. The Legislative Committee on Criminal Justice shall submit a report of its findings and any recommendations for legislation to the 72nd 9 session of the Nevada Legislature. 10
- Sec. 3. This act becomes effective on July 1, 2001, only if Senate Bill No. 286 of this session is enacted by the Legislature. 11 12



