
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 18—COMMITTEE ON HUMAN
RESOURCES AND FACILITIES

(ON BEHALF OF COMMISSION ON SCHOOL SAFETY
AND JUVENILE VIOLENCE)

MARCH 7, 2001

Referred to Committee on Human Resources and Facilities

SUMMARY—Urges and encourages various persons, organizations, agencies, governmental entities and educational institutions to take certain actions to promote school safety and reduce juvenile violence. (BDR R-198)

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION—Urging and encouraging various persons, organizations, agencies, governmental entities and educational institutions to take certain actions to promote school safety and reduce juvenile violence.

1 WHEREAS, Children are extremely important members of our society
2 and they will greatly influence our future; and

3 WHEREAS, We have a duty to ensure the safety and welfare of children
4 so that each child may realize his or her full potential and each child, as
5 well as society, may benefit from that realization; and

6 WHEREAS, The safety and welfare of children in this state are threatened
7 by destructive violence that occurs in their homes, schools and
8 communities; and

9 WHEREAS, Although schools are generally one of the safest locations
10 for children, recent tragedies involving juvenile violence at schools serve
11 as a reminder that violence occurs at schools, as well as in homes and
12 communities, and that children may be perpetrators, as well as victims, of
13 violence; and

14 WHEREAS, Violence that occurs in schools and communities is a serious
15 and complicated problem that requires a comprehensive and multifaceted
16 approach, which involves participation from the entire community,
17 including, without limitation, individuals, pupils, parents, educators,
18 organizations, businesses and governmental agencies, to address the
19 problem; and

20 WHEREAS, The Commission on School Safety and Juvenile Violence,
21 which was created by the Nevada Legislature pursuant to Assembly Bill
22 No. 686 of the 1999 Legislative Session, conducted several meetings and
23 received a large amount of information concerning various methods of



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1 promoting school safety and reducing juvenile violence, and such
2 information may be used to devise a comprehensive approach to address
3 the problem of violence in the schools and communities in this state; now,
4 therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE ASSEMBLY
6 CONCURRING, That the Legislature of the State of Nevada urges the Board
7 of Trustees of each school district to consider establishing, in full or in
8 part, the 10 exemplary programs, which are listed in the "Blueprints for
9 Violence Prevention" compiled by the Center for the Study and Prevention
10 of Violence at the University of Colorado at Boulder and which have
11 proven to be successful in deterring violence, delinquency and substance
12 abuse among children; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That the Legislature of the State of Nevada encourages
14 communities to establish and support innovative community-based efforts
15 that are designed to prevent school and juvenile violence and that include,
16 without limitation, participation from businesses, concerned citizens, local
17 nonprofit organizations and school districts; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That such community-based efforts encouraged by the
19 Legislature of the State of Nevada include, without limitation, the "Safe
20 Schools Project," which is operated by the Clark County Education
21 Association and which provides presentations, training and outreach to the
22 community to address and prevent juvenile violence; and be it further

23 RESOLVED, That such community-based efforts encouraged by the
24 Legislature of the State of Nevada also include, without limitation, the
25 "Hands are Not for Hurting" program established in Salem, Oregon, which
26 includes a campaign to raise community awareness of violence and which
27 requests that businesses, parents, pupils and other members of the
28 community make a pledge of nonviolence; and be it further

29 RESOLVED, That the Legislature of the State of Nevada expresses its
30 renewed support of community efforts to restrict the accessibility of
31 firearms to juveniles and encourages communities in this state to organize
32 such efforts, including, without limitation, the "Operation Cease Fire"
33 program in Boston, Massachusetts, which has successfully disrupted the
34 distribution of firearms within the communities in Boston by making
35 prosecutions for offenses relating to firearms a priority and by suppressing
36 the possession of firearms in areas with a large concentration of gang
37 activity; and be it further

38 RESOLVED, That the Legislature of the State of Nevada urges law
39 enforcement agencies to enforce existing state and federal laws concerning
40 firearms; and be it further

41 RESOLVED, That the Legislature of the State of Nevada urges local law
42 enforcement agencies and the Board of Trustees of each school district to
43 collaborate to find funding for a pilot program in each school district to
44 help prevent the organization of gangs and gang activity at schools and in
45 the community; and be it further

46 RESOLVED, That such antigang pilot programs may be based upon
47 existing programs, including, without limitation, the "Drug Abuse
48 Resistance Education" program, otherwise known as "D.A.R.E.," and the
49 "Gang Resistance Education and Training" program, otherwise known as



1 "G.R.E.A.T.," which both use law enforcement officers to teach pupils
2 skills for resolving conflicts without violence and skills for resisting
3 involvement in gangs; and be it further

4 RESOLVED, That the Legislature of the State of Nevada urges local law
5 enforcement agencies and the Board of Trustees of each school district to
6 work with the United States Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms to
7 develop training programs for preventing the organization of gangs and
8 gang activity in schools and communities; and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That the Legislature of the State of Nevada urges each
10 school to establish or expand programs that provide peer mediation of
11 problems among pupils and to involve pupils in the promotional and
12 recruiting aspects of such programs; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That the Legislature of the State of Nevada urges each
14 school to establish or expand a peer hotline for pupils to call and discuss
15 anonymously with their peers issues that are important to the pupils; and be
16 it further

17 RESOLVED, That the Legislature of the State of Nevada urges each
18 school to establish a network program for parents of pupils, such as the
19 program used at various schools in Clark County, which requires each
20 parent who participates in the network to sign a pledge stating that all
21 activities hosted by the parent will be supervised by an adult and will be
22 free of alcohol, drugs and weapons; and be it further

23 RESOLVED, That the Legislature of the State of Nevada urges the Board
24 of Trustees of each school district to establish or expand programs that
25 address child abuse and neglect and that include, without limitation,
26 community awareness of child abuse and neglect, training for early
27 detection of child abuse and neglect, and treatment options for both
28 perpetrators and victims of child abuse and neglect; and be it further

29 RESOLVED, That the Legislature of the State of Nevada urges the local
30 Department of Family, Youth and Juvenile Services in each judicial district
31 in which such a department has been established, and each agency that
32 provides similar services in other judicial districts which do not have such
33 a department, to establish programs specifically designed for parents whose
34 children are beginning to demonstrate warning signs of violence or who are
35 involved in the juvenile justice system so that those parents have access to
36 such beneficial services before their children have actually committed
37 violent acts; and be it further

38 RESOLVED, That the Legislature of the State of Nevada urges the Board
39 of Trustees of each school district and the governing body of each charter
40 school and private school to address the problem of bullying by pupils at
41 schools; and be it further

42 RESOLVED, That the approaches used to address the problem of bullying
43 at schools may include, without limitation, working with local nonprofit
44 agencies to provide training to staff members and other adults working at a
45 school to address the problem of bullying at school, placing additional
46 adults on school campuses and playgrounds at certain times, encouraging
47 parental participation at school activities, and clarifying the roles of
48 persons who volunteer at schools and school activities so that persons who



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1 are not employees of the school district are not improperly placed in
2 supervisory positions; and be it further

3 RESOLVED, That the Legislature of the State of Nevada urges the
4 Department of Education to carry out fully and to offer training to
5 educators concerning the key components of Assembly Bill No. 521 of the
6 1999 legislative session which addresses school discipline; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That the Legislature of the State of Nevada urges the Board
8 of Trustees of each school district to define properly the roles of school
9 counselors, school psychologists and school social workers and to inform
10 parents and pupils of those roles so that pupils may seek academic
11 guidance, personal advice or general assistance from the appropriate
12 person; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That the Legislature of the State of Nevada encourages the
14 continuing efforts of the Board of Trustees of each school district, within
15 the state budget process, to employ additional professionals and school
16 support staff, including, without limitation, school psychologists, school
17 nurses and school counselors for secondary grades, who may assist with
18 providing services to pupils who have exhibited signs of violence or
19 delinquency; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That the Legislature of the State of Nevada encourages the
21 continuing efforts of the Board of Trustees of each school district, within
22 the state budget process, to request special funding for counselors in
23 elementary schools to assist in providing pupils with services for early
24 prevention of violence and for early intervention in cases involving
25 violence; and be it further

26 RESOLVED, That the Legislature of the State of Nevada urges the Board
27 of Trustees of each school district to employ licensed social workers at
28 each school where counselors are needed because licensed social workers
29 offer unique services for the prevention of violence and for intervention in
30 cases involving violence, and are able to assist pupils and their families
31 obtain support services in the community; and be it further

32 RESOLVED, That the Legislature of the State of Nevada urges the
33 Department of Education to determine the best ratio for the number of
34 pupils per licensed social worker, and to consider using the ratio of pupils
35 per counselor set forth in the accreditation standards of the Northwest
36 Association of Schools and Colleges; and be it further

37 RESOLVED, That the Legislature of the State of Nevada urges the Board
38 of Trustees of each school district to consider using the assistance of the
39 universities and community colleges in this state to address the problem of
40 school violence, including, without limitation, using the services of
41 students of social work and trainees in social work; and be it further

42 RESOLVED, That the Legislature of the State of Nevada urges each
43 school to provide activities, such as school assemblies and dances, that
44 promote nonviolence and which may include, without limitation,
45 entertainment, motivational speakers and law enforcement officers, and to
46 involve pupils in organizing such activities; and be it further

47 RESOLVED, That the Legislature of the State of Nevada urges each
48 school to offer a wide variety of after-school programs that keep pupils
49 occupied during periods when crimes are most likely to occur and that



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1 foster the pupils' involvement and interest in productive hobbies and
2 activities; and be it further

3 RESOLVED, That the Legislature of the State of Nevada encourages each
4 local Chamber of Commerce to establish or expand programs, such as job
5 shadowing, that provide pupils with the opportunity to spend valuable time
6 with adults in the workplace; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That the Legislature of the State of Nevada urges each
8 school and community to establish or expand mentoring programs that
9 place a caring adult mentor with a child and that provide services,
10 including, without limitation, tutoring for the child, personal support for
11 the child and support to the family of the child; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That the Legislature of the State of Nevada urges the Board
13 of Trustees of each school district to incorporate in its school curriculum
14 the assets-building approach to teaching, which helps identify the positive
15 aspects of the life of a pupil and provides a framework for nurturing and
16 building upon those positive aspects; and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That the Legislature of the State of Nevada urges the
18 employees of each school to participate in continuing education that
19 encompasses the assets-building approach to teaching and the methods for
20 identifying factors that indicate when a pupil is at risk of exhibiting violent
21 or delinquent behavior; and be it further

22 RESOLVED, That the Legislature of the State of Nevada urges the
23 University and Community College System of Nevada to include in its
24 curriculum for training teachers the assets-building approach to teaching,
25 and to provide training concerning the methods of identifying factors that
26 indicate when a pupil is at risk of exhibiting violent or delinquent behavior;
27 and be it further

28 RESOLVED, That the Legislature of the State of Nevada urges the
29 Department of Education to adopt standards for evaluating the
30 effectiveness of programs that are currently used throughout this state to
31 reduce school violence so that resources may be applied only to effective
32 programs; and be it further

33 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Senate prepare and transmit a copy
34 of this resolution to each public school and private school in this state, and
35 each university and college in the University and Community College
36 System of Nevada.

