

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 345—ASSEMBLYMAN PERKINS

MARCH 22, 2005

Referred to Committee on Government Affairs

SUMMARY—Makes various changes relating to Peace Officers' Standards and Training Commission. (BDR 23-1326)

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 the Peace Officers' Standards and Training Commission; expanding the membership of the Commission; providing that the Chairman of the Commission may only vote to break ties; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

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

- 1 **Section 1.** NRS 289.500 is hereby amended to read as follows:
2 289.500 1. The Peace Officers' Standards and Training
3 Commission, consisting of ~~seven~~ *eight* members appointed by the
4 Governor, is hereby created. The Governor shall appoint:
5 (a) ~~One member~~ *Two members* from Clark County ~~};~~ *, one of*
6 *whom must be from a metropolitan police department created*
7 *pursuant to chapter 280 of NRS if one exists in Clark County;*
8 (b) One member from Washoe County;
9 (c) Two members from counties other than Clark and Washoe
10 Counties;
11 (d) One member from a state law enforcement agency that
12 primarily employs peace officers required to receive training as
13 category I peace officers;
14 (e) One member who is a category II peace officer; and
15 (f) One member who is a category III peace officer.



2. Members of the Commission serve terms of 2 years. 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 to the Commission from recommendations submitted by Clark County, Washoe County, professional organizations of sheriffs and police chiefs of this State and employee organizations that represent only peace officers of this State who are certified by the Commission.

Sec. 2. NRS 289.510 is hereby amended to read as follows:
289.510 1. The Commission:

(a) Shall meet at the call of the Chairman, who must be elected by a majority vote of the members of the Commission. *The Chairman may only vote on a matter if necessary to break a tie vote among the other members of the Commission.*

(b) Shall provide for and encourage the training and education of persons whose primary duty is law enforcement to ensure the safety of the residents of and visitors to this State.

(c) Shall adopt regulations establishing minimum standards for the certification and decertification, recruitment, selection and training of peace officers. The regulations must establish:

(1) Requirements for basic training for category I, category II and category III peace officers and reserve peace officers;

(2) Standards for programs for the continuing education of peace officers, including minimum courses of study and requirements concerning attendance;

(3) Qualifications for instructors of peace officers; and

(4) Requirements for the certification of a course of training.

(d) Shall, when necessary, present courses of training and continuing education courses for category I, category II and category III peace officers and reserve peace officers.

(e) May make necessary inquiries to determine whether the agencies of this State and of the local governments are complying with standards set forth in its regulations.

(f) Shall carry out the duties required of the Commission pursuant to NRS 432B.610 and 432B.620.

(g) May perform any other acts that may be necessary and appropriate to the functions of the Commission as set forth in NRS 289.450 to 289.600, inclusive.

(h) May enter into an interlocal agreement with an Indian tribe to provide training to and certification of persons employed as police officers by that Indian tribe.

2. Regulations adopted by the Commission:

(a) Apply to all agencies of this State and of local governments in this State that employ persons as peace officers;



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

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

6 **Sec. 3.** Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection 2 of NRS
7 289.500, the Governor shall appoint the additional member added to
8 the Peace Officers' Standards and Training Commission pursuant to
9 section 1 of this act to an initial term ending on July 1, 2006.

10 **Sec. 4.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2005.



