

SENATE BILL NO. 365—SENATOR NOLAN

MARCH 25, 2005

Referred to Committee on Transportation and Homeland Security

SUMMARY—Establishes and encourages use of certain systems and programs relating to public safety. (BDR 40-286)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: May have Fiscal Impact.
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 public safety; requiring the State Emergency Response Commission to establish a statewide mapping system for the public buildings in this State to the extent money is available for a system; encouraging retail establishments doing business in this State to adopt the “Code Adam” program; 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.** 1. To the extent money is made available, the
2 Commission shall establish a statewide mapping system for the
3 public buildings in this State for use by response agencies that are
4 called to respond to an act of terrorism or related emergency.
5 2. The statewide mapping system must include, without
6 limitation:
7 (a) The type of information that must be included within the
8 software program that comprises the system, including, without
9 limitation, floor plans, fire protection information, building
10 evacuation plans, utility information, known hazards and
11 information on how to contact emergency personnel;
12 (b) The manner by which the information prescribed pursuant to
13 paragraph (a) must be transferred to the system from the state
14 agencies and the political subdivisions that participate in the system;



(c) Standards for the software that must be used by the state agencies and political subdivisions that participate in the system;

(d) Conditions for use of the system by response agencies;

(e) Guidelines for:

(1) The accessibility of information contained within the system; and

(2) The incorporation, in connection with the use of the system, of the items described in paragraph (b) of subsection 3;

(f) In accordance with information obtained by the Commission, determine the priority for distribution of any money that may be available for the state agencies and political subdivisions to participate in the system; and

(g) Guidelines recommended by the Commission for the training of persons employed by response agencies concerning the use of the system.

3. To the extent money is made available, the state agencies and political subdivisions shall:

(a) Participate in the statewide mapping system; and

(b) Incorporate into their use of the system, without limitation:

(1) Evacuation routes and strategies for evacuation;

(2) Alarms and other signals or means of notification;

(3) Plans for sheltering in place; and

(4) Training and strategies for prevention in connection with attacks involving violence.

➤ If a state agency or a political subdivision uses its own building mapping system before the Commission establishes a statewide mapping system, the state agency or political subdivision may continue to use its system unless money is made available for the state agency or political subdivision to update or modify its system as necessary for inclusion in the statewide system.

4. The Commission:

(a) Shall pursue any money that may be available from the Federal Government for the development and operation of a statewide mapping system for public buildings and for the distribution of grants to the state agencies and political subdivisions that participate in the system.

(b) May accept gifts, grants and contributions for the development and operation of a statewide mapping system and for the distribution of grants to the state agencies and political subdivisions that participate in the system.

5. Each state agency and political subdivision that participates in the system shall, on or before July 1, 2006, and on or before July 1 of each year thereafter, submit to the Commission a progress report setting forth, in accordance with regulations adopted by the Commission, the experience of the agency or political subdivision,



1 as applicable, with respect to its participation in the system. The
2 Commission shall receive and process such progress reports and
3 provide to the Legislative Commission a summarized overview of
4 the system on or before October 1, 2006, and on or before October 1
5 of each year thereafter.

6 6. As used in this section:

7 (a) "Act of terrorism" has the meaning ascribed to it in
8 NRS 239C.030.

9 (b) "Commission" means the State Emergency Response
10 Commission created by NRS 459.738.

11 (c) "Political subdivision" has the meaning ascribed to it in
12 NRS 239C.070.

13 (d) "Response agency" has the meaning ascribed to it in
14 NRS 239C.080.

15 (e) "Sheltering in place" means to remain inside a building,
16 room, structure or other location during an emergency when egress
17 may be impossible or when egress may present a more substantial
18 risk than remaining inside the building, room, structure or other
19 location, as applicable.

20 **Sec. 2.** The Legislature hereby encourages retail
21 establishments doing business in this State to adopt and carry out
22 the "Code Adam" program as soon as practicable after July 1, 2005.
23 The "Code Adam" program, which was created in 1994 and is
24 currently used in more than 45,000 establishments throughout the
25 United States, is an important tool that promotes the safety of
26 children because:

27 1. A swift and effective response is critical to ensure the safe
28 recovery of a child who is abducted;

29 2. The program prescribes training for employees of retail
30 establishments that is designed to prevent the abduction of children
31 and to respond efficiently in situations of suspected child abductions
32 from those establishments;

33 3. The United States Department of Justice reports that almost
34 2,200 children are reported missing every day and the program helps
35 to improve the chances of a safe recovery of these children;

36 4. Since its implementation, the program has proven successful
37 in thwarting attempted abductions; and

38 5. A retail establishment that has undertaken the commitment
39 to carry out the program provides its patrons with a sense of security
40 while shopping at that establishment.

41 **Sec. 3.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2005, and expires
42 by limitation on October 1, 2009.



