

SENATE BILL NO. 365—SENATOR NOLAN

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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 Nevada Commission on Homeland Security 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, after consultation with the State Public Works
3 Board, establish a statewide mapping system for the public
4 buildings in this State for use by response agencies that are called to
5 respond to an act of terrorism or related emergency.
6 2. The statewide mapping system must include, without
7 limitation:
8 (a) The type of information that must be included within the
9 software program that comprises the system, including, without
10 limitation, floor plans, fire protection information, building
11 evacuation plans, utility information, known hazards and
12 information on how to contact emergency personnel;



(b) The manner by which the information prescribed pursuant to paragraph (a) must be transferred to the system from the state 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 and confidentiality 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, as applicable, with respect to its participation in the system. The Commission shall receive and process such progress reports and provide to the Legislative Commission a summarized overview of the system on or before October 1, 2006, and on or before October 1 of each year thereafter.

6. After the statewide mapping system is established pursuant to this section, each state agency and political subdivision that participates in the system shall submit to the Commission any initial or final plan for a public work.

7. As used in this section:

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

(b) "Commission" means the Nevada Commission on Homeland Security created by NRS 239C.120.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



- 1 5. A retail establishment that has undertaken the commitment
- 2 to carry out the program provides its patrons with a sense of security
- 3 while shopping at that establishment.
- 4 **Sec. 3.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2005, and expires
- 5 by limitation on October 1, 2009.

