

Assembly Bill No. 305–Committee on
Health and Human Services

CHAPTER.....

AN ACT relating to education; requiring each public school and private school to display a poster featuring the toll-free telephone number for a child abuse or neglect hotline; authorizing each public school and private school to promote the toll-free telephone number for a child abuse or neglect hotline through social media and other electronic means; requiring the Division of Child and Family Services of the Department of Health and Human Services to design and distribute the poster to the boards of trustees of school districts, the governing bodies of charter schools and the governing bodies of private schools for posting at the schools; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

Existing law requires the Division of Child and Family Services of the Department of Health and Human Services to establish and maintain a center with a toll-free telephone number to receive reports of abuse or neglect of a child in this State, commonly referred to as a child abuse or neglect hotline. (NRS 432B.200) **Section 2** of this bill requires the Division to design and distribute to school districts, charter schools and private schools a poster which prominently displays the toll-free telephone number for the child abuse or neglect hotline and prescribes the requirements for the content of the poster. **Section 1** of this bill requires the board of trustees of each school district and the governing body of each charter school to ensure that every public school conspicuously displays the poster in an area that is frequently and easily accessed by pupils. **Section 1.5** of this bill imposes the same requirement on private schools. **Sections 1 and 1.5** authorize the board of trustees of each school district, the governing body of each charter school and the governing body of each private school to promote the toll-free telephone number for a child abuse or neglect hotline through electronic means, including social media.

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

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

Section 1. Chapter 392 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

1. The board of trustees of each school district and the governing body of each charter school shall ensure that at least one poster created pursuant to NRS 432B.200 which prominently



displays the toll-free telephone number for the center that receives reports of abuse or neglect of a child in this State is posted:

(a) Conspicuously in each public school of the school district or the charter school, as applicable;

(b) In an area that is frequently and easily accessed by pupils; and

(c) At eye level, as practicable, according to the average height of the pupils enrolled in the public school.

2. The board of trustees of each school district and the governing body of each charter school, in addition to the requirements in subsection 1, may promote the toll-free telephone number for the center that receives reports of abuse or neglect of a child in this State through electronic means, including, without limitation, social media. As used in this subsection, "social media" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 232.003.

Sec. 1.5. Chapter 394 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

1. The governing body of each private school shall ensure that at least one poster created pursuant to NRS 432B.200 which prominently displays the toll-free telephone number for the center that receives reports of abuse or neglect of a child in this State is posted:

(a) Conspicuously in the private school;

(b) In an area that is frequently and easily accessed by pupils; and

(c) At eye level, as practicable, according to the average height of the pupils enrolled in the private school.

2. The governing body of each private school, in addition to the requirements in subsection 1, may promote the toll-free telephone number for the center that receives reports of abuse or neglect of a child in this State through electronic means, including, without limitation, social media. As used in this subsection, "social media" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 232.003.

Sec. 2. NRS 432B.200 is hereby amended to read as follows:

432B.200 *1.* The Division of Child and Family Services shall establish and maintain a center with a toll-free telephone number to receive reports of abuse or neglect of a child in this State 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Any reports made to this center must be promptly transmitted to the agency which provides child welfare services in the community where the child is located.



2. The Division of Child and Family Services shall design a poster to be displayed in public and private schools as required by sections 1 and 1.5 of this act, which:

(a) Prominently displays in bold type the toll-free telephone number established and maintained pursuant to subsection 1 and, if available, a county or other local child abuse or neglect hotline maintained for the county in which the school is located;

(b) Consists of simple, clear and easy to follow directions written in English, Spanish and in any other language the Division of Child and Family Services determines is appropriate based on the demographic characteristics of this State;

(c) Is at least 11 by 17 inches in size;

(d) Includes text in a type and font that is easy to read;

(e) Contains instructions for accessing the Internet website of the Division of Child and Family Services to obtain more information on reporting abuse or neglect of a child; and

(f) Contains instructions for calling 911 in an emergency.

3. The Division of Child and Family Services shall distribute the poster designed pursuant to subsection 2 to the boards of trustees of school districts, the governing bodies of charter schools and the governing bodies of private schools in a printed format or an electronic format that may be printed.

Sec. 3. This act becomes effective:

1. Upon passage and approval for the purpose of adopting regulations and performing any other administrative tasks that are necessary to carry out the provisions of this act; and

2. On July 1, 2017, for all other purposes.

