

**A.B. 448**

## ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 448—COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

(ON BEHALF OF THE OFFICE OF FINANCE  
IN THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR)

APRIL 5, 2021

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to juvenile justice.  
(BDR 23-1083)FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.  
Effect on the State: Executive Budget.

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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 juvenile justice; designating criminal investigators employed by the Division of Child and Family Services of the Department of Health and Human Services as category II peace officers; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**Legislative Counsel's Digest:**

Existing law classifies peace officers as category I, category II or category III peace officers and requires peace officers in each category to meet certain training and educational requirements. (NRS 289.460, 289.470, 289.480, 289.510) **Section 1** of this bill designates criminal investigators employed by the Division of Child and Family Services of the Department of Health and Human Services as category II peace officers. **Section 2** of this bill makes a conforming change necessitated by the addition of the criminal investigators in **section 1**.

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

**Section 1.** NRS 289.470 is hereby amended to read as follows:  
289.470 “Category II peace officer” means:  
1. The bailiffs of the district courts, justice courts and municipal courts whose duties require them to carry weapons and make arrests;



2. Subject to the provisions of NRS 258.070, constables and their deputies;

3. Inspectors employed by the Nevada Transportation Authority who exercise those powers of enforcement conferred by chapters 706 and 712 of NRS;

4. Special investigators who are employed full-time by the office of any district attorney or the Attorney General;

5. Investigators of arson for fire departments who are specially designated by the appointing authority;

6. The brand inspectors of the State Department of Agriculture who exercise the powers of enforcement conferred by chapter 565 of NRS;

7. The field agents and inspectors of the State Department of Agriculture who exercise the powers of enforcement conferred by NRS 561.225;

8. Investigators for the State Forester Firewarden who are specially designated by the State Forester Firewarden and whose primary duties are related to the investigation of arson;

9. Agents of the Nevada Gaming Control Board who exercise the powers of enforcement specified in NRS 289.360, 463.140 or 463.1405, except those agents whose duties relate primarily to auditing, accounting, the collection of taxes or license fees, or the investigation of applicants for licenses;

10. Investigators and administrators of the Division of Compliance Enforcement of the Department of Motor Vehicles who perform the duties specified in subsection 2 of NRS 481.048;

11. Officers and investigators of the Section for the Control of Emissions From Vehicles and the Enforcement of Matters Related to the Use of Special Fuel of the Department of Motor Vehicles who perform the duties specified in subsection 3 of NRS 481.0481;

12. Legislative police officers of the State of Nevada;

13. Parole counselors of the Division of Child and Family Services of the Department of Health and Human Services;

14. *Criminal investigators who are employed by the Division of Child and Family Services of the Department of Health and Human Services;*

15. Juvenile probation officers and deputy juvenile probation officers employed by the various judicial districts in the State of Nevada or by a department of juvenile justice services established by ordinance pursuant to NRS 62G.210 whose official duties require them to enforce court orders on juvenile offenders and make arrests;

~~15.1~~ 16. Field investigators of the Taxicab Authority;

~~16.1~~ 17. Security officers employed full-time by a city or county whose official duties require them to carry weapons and make arrests;



~~{17.}~~ 18. The chief of a department of alternative sentencing created pursuant to NRS 211A.080 and the assistant alternative sentencing officers employed by that department;

~~{18.}~~ 19. Agents of the Cannabis Compliance Board who exercise the powers of enforcement specified in NRS 289.355;

~~{19.}~~ 20. Criminal investigators who are employed by the Secretary of State; and

~~{20.}~~ 21. The Inspector General of the Department of Corrections and any person employed by the Department as a criminal investigator.

**Sec. 2.** NRS 289.480 is hereby amended to read as follows:

289.480 "Category III peace officer" means a peace officer whose authority is limited to correctional services, including the superintendents and correctional officers of the Department of Corrections. The term does not include a person described in subsection ~~{20.}~~ 21 of NRS 289.470.

**Sec. 3.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2021.

