

SENATE BILL NO. 8—COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

(ON BEHALF OF THE DIVISION OF CHILD AND  
FAMILY SERVICES OF THE DEPARTMENT  
OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES)

PREFILED NOVEMBER 16, 2022

Referred to Committee on Government Affairs

SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to juvenile justice.  
(BDR 23-262)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.  
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 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 criminal investigators to the list of category II peace officers 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 1. The bailiffs of the district courts, justice courts and  
2 municipal courts whose duties require them to carry weapons and  
3 make arrests;

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

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

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

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

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

16 7. Agents of the Nevada Gaming Control Board who exercise  
17 the powers of enforcement specified in NRS 289.360, 463.140 or  
18 463.1405, except those agents whose duties relate primarily to  
19 auditing, accounting, the collection of taxes or license fees, or the  
20 investigation of applicants for licenses;

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

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

28 10. Legislative police officers of the State of Nevada;

29 11. Parole counselors of the Division of Child and Family  
30 Services of the Department of Health and Human Services;

31 12. *Criminal investigators who are employed by the Division*  
32 *of Child and Family Services of the Department of Health and*  
33 *Human Services;*

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

39 ~~13.~~ 14. Field investigators of the Taxicab Authority;

40 ~~14.~~ 15. Security officers employed full-time by a city or  
41 county whose official duties require them to carry weapons and  
42 make arrests;

43 ~~15.~~ 16. The chief of a department of alternative sentencing  
44 created pursuant to NRS 211A.080 and the assistant alternative  
45 sentencing officers employed by that department;



1 ~~{16}~~ 17. Agents of the Cannabis Compliance Board who  
2 exercise the powers of enforcement specified in NRS 289.355;

3 ~~{17}~~ 18. Criminal investigators who are employed by the  
4 Secretary of State; and

5 ~~{18}~~ 19. The Inspector General of the Department of  
6 Corrections and any person employed by the Department as a  
7 criminal investigator.

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

9 289.480 “Category III peace officer” means a peace officer  
10 whose authority is limited to correctional services, including the  
11 superintendents and correctional officers of the Department of  
12 Corrections. The term does not include a person described in  
13 subsection ~~{18}~~ 19 of NRS 289.470.

14 **Sec. 3.** This act becomes effective upon passage and approval.

