ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 445–ASSEMBLYMEMBER MONROE-MORENO

MARCH 17, 2025

Referred to Committee on Education

SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to libraries. (BDR 34-1071)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: May have Fiscal Impact.
Effect on the State: Yes.

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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 libraries; providing that library staff are immune from criminal or civil liability for certain good faith acts relating to providing access to or assisting pupils or library patrons in accessing library materials; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Existing law requires the board of trustees of a school district to purchase all new library books and supplies to be used by pupils of the school district. (NRS 393.170) Existing law also provides for the creation of publicly supported libraries and information centers to meet the informational needs of all citizens. (NRS 379.002) **Sections 1 and 2** of this bill provide that the staff members of a school library or public library are immune from criminal or civil liability for certain good faith acts relating to providing access to or assisting pupils or library patrons in accessing library materials.

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

Section 1. Chapter 388 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

1. A school library staff member is immune from criminal or civil liability for good faith acts relating to providing access to or assisting pupils in accessing library materials of a school library.

2. As used in this section:

(a) "Library materials" includes, without limitation, books, periodicals, pamphlets, journals, newspapers, audio materials,

audiovisual materials, instructional materials, maps, databases, government documents, records and photographs.

(b) "School library staff member" means a school library media specialist, school librarian, any licensed or unlicensed employee of a school assigned to duties in a school library or any person carrying out or assisting with the functions of a school library media specialist or school librarian.

Sec. 2. Chapter 379 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

1. Any staff member of a public library, including, without limitation, a librarian employed by a public library, is immune from criminal or civil liability for good faith acts relating to providing access to or assisting library patrons in accessing library materials of the public library.

2. As used in this section, "library materials" includes, without limitation, books, periodicals, pamphlets, journals, newspapers, audio materials, audiovisual materials, instructional materials, maps, databases, government documents, records and photographs.

Sec. 3. (Deleted by amendment.)

Sec. 4. This act becomes effective on July 1, 2025.

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