

**PROPOSED REGULATION OF THE
STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

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

AUTHORITY: §1, NRS 388.14538.

A REGULATION relating to education; establishing certain requirements for the Handle with Care Program; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

Existing law requires the Director of the Office for a Safe and Respectful Learning Environment to establish the Handle with Care Program, which enables a law enforcement officer or agency to notify the Program when a child is exposed to a traumatic event or other event that may hinder the ability of the child to succeed at school. Existing law requires the Handle with Care Program to utilize the support center established for the SafeVoice Program, or a similar program designated by a school district. (NRS 388.14538) Existing law requires the board of trustees of a school district or the governing body of a charter school to appoint a team which is authorized to take certain actions upon receiving information through the Handle with Care Program regarding a pupil who was exposed to a traumatic event. (NRS 388.14553) This regulation requires that a support center used by the Handle with Care Program include, without limitation: (1) a detailed plan for the security of any data concerning pupils which is collected, maintained or transferred to the appropriate team; and (2) a method for notifying the appropriate team when a child has been exposed to a traumatic event. This regulation requires the Program to maintain the confidentiality of any data provided to the Program as prescribed by applicable state and federal law.

Existing law also requires the Director to provide certain training regarding the Handle with Care Program to law enforcement agencies, the board of trustees of a school district, the governing body of a charter school and any other entity the Director determines should receive training. (NRS 388.14538) This regulation requires that all such training include, without limitation, information regarding events that may affect the ability of a pupil to succeed at school. This regulation also requires any such training provided to a law enforcement agency or employee thereof to include: (1) the method by which a law enforcement agency or employee thereof may access the hotline or other means for providing notification of the traumatic event to the appropriate team; and (2) procedures by which a law enforcement agency or employees thereof may provide the information which is required to be included in the notification to the appropriate team. Finally, this regulation requires any such training provided to the board of

trustees of a school district, the governing body of a charter school, a member of a team appointed pursuant to existing law or any other entity the Director determines should receive training regarding the Handle with Care Program include certain information relating to responding to notifications, nationally accepted best practices for supporting pupils and methods for collaboration between school staff, pupils and the families of pupils.

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

1. Each support center used by the Handle with Care Program must:

(a) Maintain a detailed plan to provide for the security of any data concerning pupils that is collected, maintained or transferred to a team appointed pursuant to NRS 388.14553; and

(b) Adopt a method for notifying a team appointed pursuant to NRS 388.14553 if a pupil has been exposed to a traumatic event.

↪ The Program must maintain the confidentiality of any data concerning pupils that is collected, maintained or transferred pursuant to this subsection as prescribed by applicable state and federal law.

2. Any training which is provided pursuant to NRS 388.14538 must include, without limitation, information regarding events that may affect the ability of a pupil attending a public school to succeed at school and the types of traumatic events that are most prevalent in the county in which the public school is located.

3. Training which is provided pursuant to NRS 388.14538 to a law enforcement agency or the employees of a law enforcement agency must include, without limitation:

(a) The method by which a law enforcement agency or an employee of a law enforcement agency may access the hotline or other appropriate means for providing the notification required pursuant to NRS 289.840 and 388.14538; and

(b) Procedures by which a law enforcement agency or an employee of a law enforcement agency may provide the information required in the notification pursuant to NRS 289.840 and 388.14538.

4. Training which is provided pursuant to NRS 388.14538 to the board of trustees of a school district, the governing body of a charter school, a member of a team appointed pursuant to NRS 388.14553 or any other entity whose employees or volunteers require training, as determined by the Director of the Office for a Safe and Respectful Learning Environment, must include, without limitation:

(a) Information regarding the Handle with Care Program, including, without limitation, the notification and information required to be reported by a law enforcement agency or employees of a law enforcement agency;

(b) Information for responding to a notification that is received through the hotline or other appropriate means identified pursuant to NRS 388.14538;

(c) Information regarding nationally accepted best practices for supporting pupils identified as having been exposed to a traumatic or other event through the Handle with Care Program; and

(d) Methods for collaboration with teachers and other members of the staff of a school, pupils, family members of pupils and other persons, as appropriate, including, without limitation, utilization of the statewide framework for integrated student supports established pursuant to NRS 388.885.