
SENATE BILL NO. 212—SENATORS GANSERT, RATTI, WOODHOUSE,
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JOINT SPONSORS: ASSEMBLYWOMEN BENITEZ-THOMPSON;
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Referred to Committee on Education

SUMMARY—Revises provisions governing the welfare of pupils.
(BDR 34-674)

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

CONTAINS UNFUNDED MANDATE (§ 31)
(NOT REQUESTED BY AFFECTED LOCAL GOVERNMENT)

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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 the welfare of pupils; expanding the scope of the Safe-to-Tell Program; requiring the appointment of a team at each public school to receive reports from the Program; providing for the establishment of a support center to receive reports to the Program; requiring the Director of the Office for a Safe and Respectful Learning Environment of the Department of Education to provide certain training; requiring that certain plans used by schools in responding to a crisis or emergency include procedures for responding to a suicide of certain persons; requiring an agency that provides child welfare services to provide services to a school after a crisis, emergency or such a suicide; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

- 1 Existing law requires the Director of the Office for a Safe and Respectful
- 2 Learning Environment of the Department of Education to establish the Safe-to-Tell
- 3 Program. The Program enables any person to report anonymously to the Program



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4 any dangerous, violent or unlawful activity which occurs or is threatened on school
5 property, at an activity sponsored by a public school or on a school bus. (NRS
6 388.1455) **Sections 10 and 11** of this bill additionally allow a person to report to
7 the Program any such activity which is conducted or threatened by a pupil who is
8 enrolled at a public school.

9 **Section 4** of this bill requires the appointment of a team of at least 3 members
10 of the staff of each public school in this State to receive notice of any report
11 submitted to the Program concerning the school. **Section 11** requires that
12 information reported to the Program be promptly forwarded to the members of such
13 a team, law enforcement agencies and certain other persons. **Section 11** also
14 requires the Director to provide to each member of such a team training concerning
15 the appropriate response to such a report.

16 Existing law authorizes the Director to enter into an agreement to operate a
17 hotline or call center to receive reports through the Program. (NRS 388.1455)
18 **Section 11** requires the Director to operate a hotline, Internet website, mobile
19 telephone application, electronic mail address and support center or to enter into an
20 agreement with a qualified organization to operate a hotline, Internet website,
21 mobile telephone application, electronic mail address and support center. **Section 4**
22 requires the board of trustees of a school district or the governing body of a charter
23 school to ensure that the telephone number of the hotline is printed on the back of
24 each identification card provided to a pupil or member of the staff of a public
25 school. **Section 5** of this bill establishes requirements concerning the operation of
26 the support center. **Section 11** requires the Director to provide to teachers, pupils,
27 family members and certain other persons training concerning the procedure for
28 making a report and collaborating to prevent dangerous, violent or unlawful
29 activity.

30 Existing law requires the board of trustees of a school district or the governing
31 body of a charter school or a private school to establish a committee to develop a
32 plan for schools in the school district or the charter school, as applicable, to use in
33 responding to a crisis or emergency. (NRS 388.241, 388.243, 394.1685, 394.1687)
34 **Sections 14 and 27** of this bill require such a plan to also include provisions for
35 making counseling and other services available to pupils after a crisis, emergency
36 or suicide of a pupil, teacher or other member of the community of a school.
37 Additionally, **sections 14 and 27** require the committee, in developing such a plan,
38 to conduct a survey of the resources, including counseling, that could be made
39 available to assist with recovery from a crisis, emergency or suicide. **Sections 13**
40 **and 26** of this bill make conforming changes.

41 Existing law requires the Department to develop a model plan for the
42 management of a crisis or emergency. (NRS 388.253) **Section 18** of this bill
43 requires the model plan to include procedures for providing pupils and staff with
44 access to counseling and other resources after a crisis, emergency or suicide.

45 Existing law requires the principal of a public or private school or his or her
46 designated representative to contact all appropriate local agencies to respond to a
47 crisis or emergency. (NRS 388.257, 394.1687) **Sections 20 and 28** of this bill: (1)
48 require the principal or his or her representative to also contact appropriate local
49 agencies if a pupil, teacher or other member of the school community commits
50 suicide; and (2) require the local agencies contacted to include the agency which
51 provides child welfare services. **Section 31** of this bill requires an agency which
52 provides child welfare services to provide counseling and other services to pupils
53 and staff upon being contacted by the principal or his or her designated
54 representative after a crisis, emergency or suicide.



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

1 **Section 1.** Chapter 388 of NRS is hereby amended by adding
2 thereto the provisions set forth as sections 2 to 8, inclusive, of this
3 act.

4 **Sec. 2.** *“Public safety agency” has the meaning ascribed to it*
5 *in NRS 388.2345.*

6 **Sec. 3.** *“Support center” means the support center*
7 *established and operated pursuant to NRS 388.1455.*

8 **Sec. 4.** 1. *The board of trustees of a school district or the*
9 *governing body of a charter school shall:*

10 (a) *Appoint a team of at least three members of the staff of*
11 *each public school, other than a charter school, that is located in*
12 *the school district or of the charter school, as applicable, to receive*
13 *notification if the support center receives a report of any*
14 *dangerous, violent or unlawful activity which is being conducted,*
15 *or is threatened to be conducted, on the property of the school, at*
16 *an activity sponsored by the school, on a school bus of the school*
17 *or by a pupil enrolled at the school.*

18 (b) *Ensure that information concerning the Program,*
19 *including, without limitation, the telephone number for the hotline*
20 *established pursuant to NRS 388.1455, appears on the back of any*
21 *identification card issued to pupils and staff at the school.*

22 2. *Upon receiving notification from the support center of*
23 *dangerous, violent or unlawful activity which is being conducted,*
24 *or is threatened to be conducted, on the property of a public*
25 *school, at an activity sponsored by a public school, on a school bus*
26 *of a public school or by a pupil enrolled at a public school, a*
27 *member of the appropriate team appointed pursuant to paragraph*
28 *(a) of subsection 1 shall immediately take appropriate action in*
29 *accordance with the training he or she has received pursuant to*
30 *NRS 388.1455 to respond to the activity or threat.*

31 **Sec. 5.** *The support center must:*

32 1. *Be capable of receiving reports made using the hotline,*
33 *Internet website and mobile telephone application established*
34 *pursuant to NRS 388.1455 and through electronic mail;*

35 2. *Be available to receive reports and staffed with trained*
36 *personnel 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, including holidays and*
37 *other days when school is not in session;*

38 3. *Establish a process for handling a report if personnel at*
39 *the support center are unable to determine the location of the*
40 *school or the person about whom the report is made, or if the*
41 *report concerns a private school or an entity other than a school;*



1 4. *Train personnel at the support center who are involved in*
2 *responding to reports to follow up on each report by gathering*
3 *information necessary to determine the validity of the report and*
4 *the severity of any threat;*

5 5. *Use a software system that is resistant to hacking and*
6 *copying of information to protect the anonymity of persons who*
7 *submit reports;*

8 6. *Develop and implement a standardized procedure for*
9 *tracking the outcome of reports;*

10 7. *Compile statistics to determine:*

11 (a) *The most frequent days of the week on which reports are*
12 *made;*

13 (b) *The most frequent times of the day for making reports;*

14 (c) *The types of dangerous, violent or unlawful activity that*
15 *are reported and the frequency of reports of each type of*
16 *dangerous, violent or unlawful activity;*

17 (d) *The frequency with which reports are submitted using the*
18 *hotline, Internet website, mobile telephone application and*
19 *electronic mail, respectively; and*

20 (e) *The outcome of reports; and*

21 8. *Submit to the Director a quarterly report that contains the*
22 *information compiled pursuant to subsection 7 and any other*
23 *information necessary for the Director to evaluate the Program or*
24 *that is requested by the Director.*

25 **Sec. 6.** *“Agency which provides child welfare services” has*
26 *the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 432B.030.*

27 **Sec. 7.** *“Public school” has the meaning ascribed to it in*
28 *NRS 385.007.*

29 **Sec. 8.** *“Suicide” means the suicide of a pupil, teacher or*
30 *other member of the community of a public school.*

31 **Sec. 9.** NRS 388.1451 is hereby amended to read as follows:

32 388.1451 As used in NRS 388.1451 to 388.1459, inclusive,
33 *and sections 2 to 5, inclusive, of this act*, unless the context
34 otherwise requires, the words and terms defined in NRS 388.1452
35 and 388.1453 *and sections 2 and 3 of this act* have the meanings
36 ascribed to them in those sections.

37 **Sec. 10.** NRS 388.1454 is hereby amended to read as follows:

38 388.1454 The Legislature hereby finds and declares that:

39 1. The ability to anonymously report information about
40 dangerous, violent or unlawful activities, or the threat of such
41 activities, conducted on school property, at an activity sponsored by
42 a public school , ~~for~~ on a school bus of a public school *or by a*
43 *pupil enrolled at a public school* is critical in preventing,
44 responding to and recovering from such activities.



1 2. It is in the best interest of this State to ensure the anonymity
2 of a person who reports such an activity, or the threat of such an
3 activity, and who wishes to remain anonymous and to ensure the
4 confidentiality of any record or information associated with such a
5 report.

6 3. It is the intent of the Legislature in enacting NRS 388.1451
7 to 388.1459, inclusive, *and sections 2 to 5, inclusive, of this act*, to
8 enable the people of this State to easily and anonymously provide to
9 appropriate state or local public safety agencies and to school
10 administrators information about dangerous, violent or unlawful
11 activities, or the threat of such activities, conducted on school
12 property, at an activity sponsored by a public school, ~~or~~ on a
13 school bus of a public school ~~or~~ *or by a pupil enrolled at a public*
14 *school.*

15 **Sec. 11.** NRS 388.1455 is hereby amended to read as follows:

16 388.1455 1. The Director shall establish the Safe-to-Tell
17 Program within the Office for a Safe and Respectful Learning
18 Environment. The Program must enable any person to report
19 anonymously to the Program any dangerous, violent or unlawful
20 activity which is being conducted, or is threatened to be conducted,
21 on school property, at an activity sponsored by a public school, ~~or~~
22 on a school bus of a public school ~~or~~ *or by a pupil enrolled at a*
23 *public school.* Any information relating to any such dangerous,
24 violent or unlawful activity, or threat thereof, received by the
25 Program is confidential and, except as otherwise authorized
26 pursuant to paragraph (a) of subsection 2 and NRS 388.1458, must
27 not be disclosed to any person.

28 2. The Program must include, without limitation, methods and
29 procedures to ensure that:

30 (a) Information reported to the Program is promptly forwarded
31 to the appropriate public safety agencies ~~and~~, *the Department and*
32 *other appropriate state agencies*, school administrators ~~and~~ *and*
33 *other school employees, including, without limitation, the teams*
34 *appointed pursuant to section 4 of this act;* and

35 (b) The identity of a person who reports information to the
36 Program:

37 (1) Is not known by any person designated by the Director to
38 operate the Program;

39 (2) Is not known by any person employed by, contracting
40 with, serving as a volunteer with or otherwise assisting an
41 organization with whom the Director enters into an agreement
42 pursuant to subsection 3; and

43 (3) Is not disclosed to any person.

44 3. On behalf of the Program, the Director ~~may~~ *or his or her*
45 *designee shall establish and operate a hotline, Internet website,*



1 *mobile telephone application and support center that meets the*
2 *requirements of section 5 of this act or* enter into ~~agreements~~ *an*
3 *agreement* with ~~any~~ *an* organization that the Director determines
4 is appropriately qualified and experienced, pursuant to which the
5 organization will *establish and* operate *such* a hotline ~~or call~~ ,
6 *Internet website, mobile telephone application, electronic mail*
7 *address and support center* . ~~that will~~ *The support center shall*
8 receive initial reports made to the Program *through the hotline,*
9 *Internet website, mobile telephone application and electronic mail*
10 and forward the information contained in the reports in the manner
11 required by subsection 2.

12 4. The Director shall provide training regarding ~~the~~ :

13 (a) *The* Program to employees and volunteers of each public
14 safety agency, public safety answering point, board of trustees of a
15 school district, governing body of a charter school and any other
16 entity whose employees and volunteers the Director determines
17 should receive training regarding the Program.

18 (b) *Properly responding to a report received from the support*
19 *center, including, without limitation, the manner in which to*
20 *respond to reports of different types of dangerous, violent and*
21 *unlawful activity and threats of such activity, to each member of a*
22 *team appointed pursuant to section 4 of this act.*

23 (c) *The procedure for making a report to the support center*
24 *using the hotline, Internet website, mobile telephone application*
25 *and electronic mail and collaborating to prevent dangerous,*
26 *violent and unlawful activity directed at teachers and other*
27 *members of the staff of a school, pupils, family members of pupils*
28 *and other persons.*

29 5. The Director shall:

30 (a) Post information concerning the Program on an Internet
31 website maintained by the Director; ~~and~~

32 (b) Provide to each public school educational materials
33 regarding the Program, including, without limitation, *information*
34 *about* the telephone number , *address of the Internet website,*
35 *mobile telephone application, electronic mail address* and any
36 other methods by which a report may be made ~~H~~ ; and

37 (c) *On or before July 1 of each year, submit to the Director of*
38 *the Legislative Counsel Bureau for transmittal to the Legislative*
39 *Committee on Education a report containing a summary of the*
40 *information reported to the Director pursuant to section 5 of this*
41 *act during the immediately preceding 12 months and any other*
42 *information that the Director determines would assist the*
43 *Committee to evaluate the Program.*

44 6. As used in this section:



1 (a) "Public safety agency" has the meaning ascribed to it in
2 NRS 239B.020.

3 (b) "Public safety answering point" has the meaning ascribed to
4 it in NRS 707.500.

5 **Sec. 12.** NRS 388.229 is hereby amended to read as follows:

6 388.229 As used in NRS 388.229 to 388.261, inclusive, *and*
7 *sections 6, 7 and 8 of this act*, unless the context otherwise requires,
8 the words and terms defined in NRS 388.231 to 388.235, inclusive,
9 *and sections 6, 7 and 8 of this act* have the meanings ascribed to
10 them in those sections.

11 **Sec. 13.** NRS 388.241 is hereby amended to read as follows:

12 388.241 1. The board of trustees of each school district shall
13 establish a development committee to develop one plan to be used
14 by all the public schools other than the charter schools in the school
15 district in responding to a crisis , ~~for an~~ emergency ~~+~~ *or suicide*.
16 The governing body of each charter school shall establish a
17 development committee to develop a plan to be used by the charter
18 school in responding to a crisis , ~~for an~~ emergency ~~+~~ *or suicide*.

19 2. The membership of a development committee must consist
20 of:

21 (a) At least one member of the board of trustees or of the
22 governing body that established the committee;

23 (b) At least one administrator of a school in the school district or
24 of the charter school;

25 (c) At least one licensed teacher of a school in the school district
26 or of the charter school;

27 (d) At least one employee of a school in the school district or of
28 the charter school who is not a licensed teacher and who is not
29 responsible for the administration of the school;

30 (e) At least one parent or legal guardian of a pupil who is
31 enrolled in a school in the school district or in the charter school;

32 (f) At least one representative of a local law enforcement agency
33 in the county in which the school district or charter school is
34 located;

35 (g) At least one school police officer, including, without
36 limitation, a chief of school police of the school district if the school
37 district has school police officers; and

38 (h) At least one representative of a state or local organization for
39 emergency management.

40 3. The membership of a development committee may also
41 include any other person whom the board of trustees or the
42 governing body deems appropriate, including, without limitation:

43 (a) A counselor of a school in the school district or of the charter
44 school;



1 (b) A psychologist of a school in the school district or of the
2 charter school;

3 (c) A licensed social worker of a school in the school district or
4 of the charter school;

5 (d) A pupil in grade 10 or higher of a school in the school
6 district or a pupil in grade 10 or higher of the charter school if a
7 school in the school district or the charter school includes grade 10
8 or higher; and

9 (e) An attorney or judge who resides or works in the county in
10 which the school district or charter school is located.

11 4. The board of trustees of each school district and the
12 governing body of each charter school shall determine the term of
13 each member of the development committee that it establishes. Each
14 development committee may adopt rules for its own management
15 and government.

16 **Sec. 14.** NRS 388.243 is hereby amended to read as follows:

17 388.243 1. Each development committee established by the
18 board of trustees of a school district shall develop one plan to be
19 used by all the public schools other than the charter schools in the
20 school district in responding to a crisis , ~~for an~~ emergency ~~or~~ *or*
21 *suicide*. Each development committee established by the governing
22 body of a charter school shall develop a plan to be used by the
23 charter school in responding to a crisis , ~~for an~~ emergency ~~or~~ *or*
24 *suicide*. Each development committee shall, when developing the
25 plan : ~~consult with;~~

26 (a) ~~The~~ *Consult with* local social service agencies and local
27 public safety agencies in the county in which its school district or
28 charter school is located.

29 (b) ~~The~~ *Consult with the* director of the local organization for
30 emergency management or, if there is no local organization for
31 emergency management, with the Chief of the Division of
32 Emergency Management of the Department of Public Safety or his
33 or her designee.

34 (c) *Conduct a survey of persons and organizations, including,*
35 *without limitation, the agency which provides child welfare*
36 *services, that could be made available to assist pupils and staff in*
37 *recovering from a crisis, emergency or suicide.*

38 2. The plan developed pursuant to subsection 1 must include,
39 without limitation:

40 (a) The plans, procedures and information included in the model
41 plan developed by the Department pursuant to NRS 388.253;

42 (b) A procedure for responding to a crisis or an emergency and
43 for responding during the period after a crisis or an emergency has
44 concluded, including, without limitation, a crisis or an emergency



1 that results in immediate physical harm to a pupil or employee of a
2 school in the school district or the charter school; ~~and~~

3 (c) A procedure for enforcing discipline within a school in the
4 school district or the charter school and for obtaining and
5 maintaining a safe and orderly environment during a crisis or an
6 emergency ~~;~~;

7 *(d) The names of persons and organizations, including,*
8 *without limitation, the agency which provides child welfare*
9 *services, that are available to provide counseling and other*
10 *services to pupils and staff of the school to assist them in*
11 *recovering from a crisis, emergency or suicide; and*

12 *(e) A plan for making the persons and organizations described*
13 *in paragraph (d) available to pupils and staff after a crisis,*
14 *emergency or suicide.*

15 3. Each development committee shall provide a copy of the
16 plan that it develops pursuant to this section to the board of trustees
17 of the school district that established the committee or the governing
18 body of the charter school that established the committee.

19 4. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 388.249 and 388.251,
20 each public school ~~;~~ ~~including, without limitation, each charter~~
21 ~~school.~~ must comply with the plan developed for it pursuant to this
22 section.

23 **Sec. 15.** NRS 388.245 is hereby amended to read as follows:

24 388.245 1. Each development committee shall, at least once
25 each year, review and update as appropriate the plan that it
26 developed pursuant to NRS 388.243. In reviewing and updating the
27 plan, the development committee shall consult with the director of
28 the local organization for emergency management or, if there is no
29 local organization for emergency management, with the Chief of the
30 Division of Emergency Management of the Department of Public
31 Safety or his or her designee.

32 2. Each development committee shall provide an updated copy
33 of the plan to the board of trustees of the school district that
34 established the committee or the governing body of the charter
35 school that established the committee.

36 3. The board of trustees of each school district and the
37 governing body of each charter school shall:

38 (a) Post a notice of the completion of each review and update
39 that its development committee performs pursuant to subsection 1 at
40 each school in its school district or at its charter school;

41 (b) File with the Department a copy of the notice provided
42 pursuant to paragraph (a);

43 (c) Post a copy of NRS 388.229 to 388.261, inclusive, *and*
44 *sections 6, 7 and 8 of this act* at each school in its school district or
45 at its charter school;



1 (d) Retain a copy of each plan developed pursuant to NRS
2 388.243, each plan updated pursuant to subsection 1 and each
3 deviation approved pursuant to NRS 388.251;

4 (e) Provide a copy of each plan developed pursuant to NRS
5 388.243 and each plan updated pursuant to subsection 1 to:

6 (1) Each local public safety agency in the county in which
7 the school district or charter school is located;

8 (2) The Division of Emergency Management of the
9 Department of Public Safety; and

10 (3) The local organization for emergency management, if
11 any;

12 (f) Upon request, provide a copy of each plan developed
13 pursuant to NRS 388.243 and each plan updated pursuant to
14 subsection 1 to a local agency that is included in the plan and to an
15 employee of a school who is included in the plan;

16 (g) Provide a copy of each deviation approved pursuant to NRS
17 388.251 as soon as practicable to:

18 (1) The Department;

19 (2) A local public safety agency in the county in which the
20 school district or charter school is located;

21 (3) The Division of Emergency Management of the
22 Department of Public Safety;

23 (4) The local organization for emergency management, if
24 any;

25 (5) A local agency that is included in the plan; and

26 (6) An employee of a school who is included in the plan; and

27 (h) At least once each year, provide training in responding to a
28 crisis and training in responding to an emergency to each employee
29 of the school district or of the charter school, including, without
30 limitation, training concerning drills for evacuating and securing
31 schools.

32 4. The board of trustees of each school district and the
33 governing body of each charter school may apply for and accept
34 gifts, grants and contributions from any public or private source to
35 carry out the provisions of NRS 388.229 to 388.261, inclusive ~~†~~ ,
36 *and sections 6, 7 and 8 of this act.*

37 **Sec. 16.** NRS 388.247 is hereby amended to read as follows:

38 388.247 1. The principal of each public school ~~†including,~~
39 ~~without limitation, each charter school,†~~ shall establish a school
40 committee to review the plan developed for the school pursuant to
41 NRS 388.243.

42 2. The membership of a school committee must consist of:

43 (a) The principal of the school;

44 (b) Two licensed employees of the school;



1 (c) One employee of the school who is not a licensed employee
2 and who is not responsible for the administration of the school;

3 (d) One school police officer of the school if the school has
4 school police officers; and

5 (e) One parent or legal guardian of a pupil who is enrolled in the
6 school.

7 3. The membership of a school committee may also include
8 any other person whom the principal of the school deems
9 appropriate, including, without limitation:

10 (a) A member of the board of trustees of the school district in
11 which the school is located or a member of the governing body of
12 the charter school;

13 (b) A counselor of the school;

14 (c) A psychologist of the school;

15 (d) A licensed social worker of the school;

16 (e) A representative of a local law enforcement agency in the
17 county, city or town in which the school is located; and

18 (f) A pupil in grade 10 or higher from the school if the school
19 includes grade 10 or higher.

20 4. The principal of a public school, including, without
21 limitation, a charter school, shall determine the term of each
22 member of the school committee. Each school committee may adopt
23 rules for its own management and government.

24 **Sec. 17.** NRS 388.249 is hereby amended to read as follows:

25 388.249 1. Each school committee shall, at least once each
26 year, review the plan developed for the school pursuant to NRS
27 388.243 and determine whether the school should deviate from the
28 plan.

29 2. Each school committee shall, when reviewing the plan,
30 consult with:

31 (a) The local social service agencies and law enforcement
32 agencies in the county, city or town in which its school is located.

33 (b) The director of the local organization for emergency
34 management or, if there is no local organization for emergency
35 management, with the Chief of the Division of Emergency
36 Management of the Department of Public Safety or his or her
37 designee.

38 3. If a school committee determines that the school should
39 deviate from the plan, the school committee shall notify the
40 development committee that developed the plan, describe the
41 proposed deviation and explain the reason for the proposed
42 deviation. The school may deviate from the plan only if the
43 deviation is approved by the development committee pursuant to
44 NRS 388.251.



1 4. Each public school ~~[, including, without limitation, each~~
2 ~~charter school,]~~ shall post at the school a notice of the completion of
3 each review that the school committee performs pursuant to this
4 section.

5 **Sec. 18.** NRS 388.253 is hereby amended to read as follows:

6 388.253 1. The Department shall, with assistance from other
7 state agencies, including, without limitation, the Division of
8 Emergency Management, the Investigation Division, and the
9 Nevada Highway Patrol Division of the Department of Public
10 Safety, develop a model plan for the management of ~~fat~~ :

11 *(a) A suicide; or*

12 *(b) A crisis or ~~fat~~ emergency that involves a public school ~~[,~~*
13 ~~including, without limitation, a charter school,]~~ or a private school
14 and that requires immediate action.

15 2. The model plan must include, without limitation, a
16 procedure for:

17 *(a) In response to a crisis or emergency:*

18 *(1) Coordinating the resources of local, state and federal*
19 *agencies, officers and employees, as appropriate;*

20 ~~[(b)]~~ *(2) Accounting for all persons within a school;*

21 ~~[(c)]~~ *(3) Assisting persons within a school in a school district, a*
22 *charter school or a private school to communicate with each other;*

23 ~~[(d)]~~ *(4) Assisting persons within a school in a school district, a*
24 *charter school or a private school to communicate with persons*
25 *located outside the school, including, without limitation, relatives of*
26 *pupils and relatives of employees of such a school, the news media*
27 *and persons from local, state or federal agencies that are responding*
28 *to a crisis or an emergency;*

29 ~~[(e)]~~ *(5) Assisting pupils of a school in the school district, a*
30 *charter school or a private school, employees of such a school and*
31 *relatives of such pupils and employees to move safely within and*
32 *away from the school, including, without limitation, a procedure for*
33 *evacuating the school and a procedure for securing the school;*

34 ~~[(f)]~~ *(6) Reunifying a pupil with his or her parent or legal*
35 *guardian;*

36 ~~[(g)]~~ *(7) Providing any necessary medical assistance;*

37 ~~[(h)]~~ *(8) Recovering from a crisis or ~~fat~~ emergency;*

38 ~~[(i)]~~ *(9) Carrying out a lockdown at a school in which persons*
39 *are not allowed to enter or exit the school;*

40 ~~[(j)]~~ *and*

41 *(10) Providing shelter in specific areas of a school; ~~fat~~*

42 ~~—[(k)]~~ *(b) Providing specific information relating to managing a*
43 *crisis or ~~fat~~ emergency that is a result of:*

44 *(1) An incident involving hazardous materials;*

45 *(2) An incident involving mass casualties;*



- 1 (3) An incident involving an active shooter;
- 2 (4) An outbreak of disease;
- 3 (5) Any threat or hazard identified in the hazard mitigation
- 4 plan of the county in which the school district is located, if such a
- 5 plan exists; or
- 6 (6) Any other situation, threat or hazard deemed appropriate

7 †
8 ~~2.†~~ ; and

9 (c) *Providing pupils and staff at a school that has experienced*
10 *a crisis, emergency or suicide with access to counseling and other*
11 *resources to assist in recovering from the crisis, emergency or*
12 *suicide.*

13 3. In developing the model plan, the Department shall consider
14 the plans developed pursuant to NRS 388.243 and 394.1687 and
15 updated pursuant to NRS 388.245 and 394.1688.

16 †3.† 4. The Department may disseminate to any appropriate
17 local, state or federal agency, officer or employee, as the
18 Department determines is necessary:

19 (a) The model plan developed by the Department pursuant to
20 subsection 1;

21 (b) A plan developed pursuant to NRS 388.243 or updated
22 pursuant to NRS 388.245;

23 (c) A plan developed pursuant to NRS 394.1687 or updated
24 pursuant to NRS 394.1688; and

25 (d) A deviation approved pursuant to NRS 388.251 or 394.1692.

26 †4.† 5. The Department shall, at least once each year, review
27 and update as appropriate the model plan developed pursuant to
28 subsection 1.

29 **Sec. 19.** NRS 388.255 is hereby amended to read as follows:

30 388.255 1. The State Board shall adopt regulations setting
31 forth requirements for:

32 (a) The plan required to be developed pursuant to NRS 388.243;
33 and

34 (b) Reviewing and approving a deviation pursuant to
35 NRS 388.251.

36 2. The regulations adopted pursuant to this section must
37 include, without limitation, requirements concerning training and
38 practice in procedures for responding to a crisis, ~~†or an†~~ emergency
39 †† or suicide.

40 **Sec. 20.** NRS 388.257 is hereby amended to read as follows:

41 388.257 1. If a crisis or an emergency that requires
42 immediate action occurs at a public school ~~†, including, without~~
43 ~~limitation, a charter school,†~~ *or a suicide occurs*, the principal of the
44 school involved, or the principal's designated representative, shall,
45 in accordance with the plan developed for the school pursuant to



1 NRS 388.243 and in accordance with any deviation approved
2 pursuant to NRS 388.251, contact all appropriate local agencies ,
3 *including, without limitation, the agency which provides child*
4 *welfare services*, to respond to the crisis , ~~for the~~ emergency ~~+~~ *or*
5 *suicide*.

6 2. If a local agency that is responsible for responding to a crisis
7 or an emergency is contacted pursuant to subsection 1 and the local
8 agency determines that the crisis or the emergency requires
9 assistance from a state agency, the local agency may:

10 (a) If a local organization for emergency management has been
11 established in the city or county in which the local agency that was
12 contacted is located, through such local organization for emergency
13 management, notify the Division of Emergency Management of the
14 Department of Public Safety of the crisis or the emergency and
15 request assistance from the Division in responding to the crisis or
16 the emergency; or

17 (b) If a local organization for emergency management has not
18 been established in the city or county in which the local agency that
19 was contacted is located, directly notify the Division of Emergency
20 Management of the Department of Public Safety of the crisis or the
21 emergency and request assistance from the Division in responding
22 to the crisis or the emergency.

23 3. If the Division of Emergency Management of the
24 Department of Public Safety receives notification of a crisis or an
25 emergency and a request for assistance pursuant to subsection 2 and
26 the Governor or the Governor's designated representative
27 determines that the crisis or the emergency requires assistance from
28 a state agency, the Division shall carry out its duties set forth in the
29 model plan developed pursuant to NRS 388.253 and its duties set
30 forth in chapter 414 of NRS, including, without limitation,
31 addressing the immediate crisis or emergency and coordinating the
32 appropriate and available local, state and federal resources to
33 provide support services and counseling to pupils, teachers, and
34 parents or legal guardians of pupils, and providing support for law
35 enforcement agencies, for as long as is reasonably necessary.

36 4. If a local law enforcement agency responds to a crisis , ~~for~~
37 ~~an~~ emergency *or suicide* that occurs at a public school or notifies a
38 public school regarding a crisis , ~~for an~~ emergency *or suicide* that
39 occurs outside of the public school, the local law enforcement
40 agency must consider whether it is necessary and appropriate to
41 notify any other public school ~~+, including, without limitation, a~~
42 ~~charter school,~~ or any private school of the crisis , ~~for~~ emergency
43 ~~+~~ *or suicide*. Such notification must include, without limitation,
44 any information necessary for the public school or private school to
45 appropriately respond to the crisis , ~~for~~ emergency ~~+~~ *or suicide*.



1 **Sec. 21.** NRS 388.259 is hereby amended to read as follows:
2 388.259 A plan developed pursuant to NRS 388.243 or
3 updated pursuant to NRS 388.245, a deviation and any information
4 submitted to a development committee pursuant to NRS 388.249, a
5 deviation approved pursuant to NRS 388.251 and the model plan
6 developed pursuant to NRS 388.253 are confidential and, except as
7 otherwise provided in NRS 239.0115 and NRS 388.229 to 388.261,
8 inclusive, *and sections 6, 7 and 8 of this act* must not be disclosed
9 to any person or government, governmental agency or political
10 subdivision of a government.

11 **Sec. 22.** Chapter 394 of NRS is hereby amended by adding
12 thereto the provisions set forth as sections 23 and 24 of this act.

13 **Sec. 23.** *“Agency which provides child welfare services” has*
14 *the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 432B.030.*

15 **Sec. 24.** *“Suicide” means the suicide of a pupil, teacher or*
16 *other member of the community of a private school.*

17 **Sec. 25.** NRS 394.168 is hereby amended to read as follows:

18 394.168 As used in NRS 394.168 to 394.1699, inclusive, *and*
19 *sections 23 and 24 of this act*, unless the context otherwise requires,
20 the words and terms defined in NRS 394.1681 to 394.1683,
21 inclusive, *and sections 23 and 24 of this act* have the meanings
22 ascribed to them in those sections.

23 **Sec. 26.** NRS 394.1685 is hereby amended to read as follows:

24 394.1685 1. The governing body of each private school shall
25 establish a development committee to develop a plan to be used by
26 the private school in responding to a crisis, ~~for an~~ emergency ~~or~~
27 *suicide.*

28 2. The membership of a development committee consists of:

- 29 (a) At least one member of the governing body;
30 (b) At least one administrator of the school;
31 (c) At least one teacher of the school;
32 (d) At least one employee of the school who is not a teacher and
33 who is not responsible for the administration of the school;
34 (e) At least one parent or legal guardian of a pupil who is
35 enrolled in the school;
36 (f) At least one representative of a local law enforcement agency
37 in the county in which the school is located; and
38 (g) At least one representative of a state or local organization for
39 emergency management.

40 3. The membership of a development committee may also
41 include any other person whom the governing body deems
42 appropriate, including, without limitation:

- 43 (a) A counselor of the school;
44 (b) A psychologist of the school;
45 (c) A licensed social worker of the school;



1 (d) A pupil in grade 10 or higher of the school if the school
2 includes grade 10 or higher; and

3 (e) An attorney or judge who resides or works in the county in
4 which the school is located.

5 4. The governing body of each private school shall determine
6 the term of each member of the development committee that it
7 established. Each development committee may adopt rules for its
8 own management and government.

9 **Sec. 27.** NRS 394.1687 is hereby amended to read as follows:

10 394.1687 1. Each development committee shall develop a
11 plan to be used by its school in responding to a crisis, ~~for an~~
12 emergency ~~or suicide~~. Each development committee shall, when
13 developing the plan : ~~consult with;~~

14 (a) ~~The~~ *Consult with* local social service agencies and local
15 public safety agencies in the county in which its school is located.

16 (b) ~~The~~ *Consult with the* director of the local organization for
17 emergency management or, if there is no local organization for
18 emergency management, with the Chief of the Division of
19 Emergency Management of the Department of Public Safety or his
20 or her designee.

21 (c) *Conduct a survey of persons and organizations, including,*
22 *without limitation, the agency which provides child welfare*
23 *services, that could be made available to assist pupils and staff in*
24 *recovering from a crisis, emergency or suicide.*

25 2. The plan developed pursuant to subsection 1 must include,
26 without limitation:

27 (a) The plans, procedures and information included in the model
28 plan developed by the Department pursuant to NRS 388.253;

29 (b) A procedure for immediately responding to a crisis or an
30 emergency and for responding during the period after a crisis or an
31 emergency has concluded, including, without limitation, a crisis or
32 an emergency that results in immediate physical harm to a pupil or
33 employee of the school; ~~and~~

34 (c) A procedure for enforcing discipline within the school and
35 for obtaining and maintaining a safe and orderly environment during
36 a crisis or an emergency ~~;~~;

37 (d) *The names of persons and organizations, including,*
38 *without limitation, the agency which provides child welfare*
39 *services, that are available to provide counseling and other*
40 *services to pupils and staff of the school to assist them in*
41 *recovering from a crisis, emergency or suicide; and*

42 (e) *A plan for making the persons and organizations described*
43 *in paragraph (d) available to pupils and staff after a crisis,*
44 *emergency or suicide.*



1 3. Each development committee shall provide a copy of the
2 plan that it develops pursuant to this section to the governing body
3 of the school that established the committee.

4 4. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 394.1691 and
5 394.1692, each private school must comply with the plan developed
6 for it pursuant to this section.

7 **Sec. 28.** NRS 394.1696 is hereby amended to read as follows:

8 394.1696 1. If a crisis or an emergency that requires
9 immediate action occurs at a private school ~~H~~ *or a suicide occurs*,
10 the principal or other person in charge of the private school
11 involved, or his or her designated representative, shall, in
12 accordance with the plan developed for the school pursuant to NRS
13 394.1687 and in accordance with any deviation approved pursuant
14 to NRS 394.1692, contact all appropriate local agencies, *including,*
15 *without limitation, the agency which provides child welfare*
16 *services*, to respond to the crisis, ~~for the~~ emergency ~~H~~ *or suicide*.

17 2. If a local agency that is responsible for responding to a crisis
18 or an emergency is contacted pursuant to subsection 1 and the local
19 agency determines that the crisis or the emergency requires
20 assistance from a state agency, the local agency may:

21 (a) If a local organization for emergency management has been
22 established in the city or county in which the local agency that was
23 contacted is located, through such local organization for emergency
24 management, notify the Division of Emergency Management of the
25 Department of Public Safety of the crisis or the emergency and
26 request assistance from the Division in responding to the crisis or
27 the emergency; or

28 (b) If a local organization for emergency management has not
29 been established in the city or county in which the local agency that
30 was contacted is located, directly notify the Division of Emergency
31 Management of the Department of Public Safety of the crisis or the
32 emergency and request assistance from the Division in responding
33 to the crisis or the emergency.

34 3. If the Division of Emergency Management of the
35 Department of Public Safety receives notification of a crisis or an
36 emergency and a request for assistance pursuant to subsection 2 and
37 the Governor or the Governor's designated representative
38 determines that the crisis or the emergency requires assistance from
39 a state agency, the Division shall carry out its duties set forth in the
40 model plan developed pursuant to NRS 388.253 and its duties set
41 forth in chapter 414 of NRS, including, without limitation,
42 addressing the immediate crisis or emergency and coordinating the
43 appropriate and available local, state and federal resources to
44 provide support services and counseling to pupils, teachers, and



1 parents or legal guardians of pupils, and providing support for law
2 enforcement agencies, for as long as is reasonably necessary.

3 4. If a local law enforcement agency responds to a crisis , ~~for~~
4 ~~an~~ emergency *or suicide* that occurs at a private school or notifies a
5 private school regarding a crisis , ~~for an~~ emergency *or suicide* that
6 occurs outside of the private school, the local law enforcement
7 agency must consider whether it is necessary and appropriate to
8 notify any public school ~~[, including, without limitation, a charter~~
9 ~~school,]~~ or any other private school of the crisis , ~~for~~ emergency ~~+~~
10 *or suicide*. Such notification must include, without limitation, any
11 information necessary for the public school or private school to
12 appropriately respond to the crisis , ~~for~~ emergency ~~+~~ *or suicide*.

13 **Sec. 29.** NRS 394.1698 is hereby amended to read as follows:

14 394.1698 A plan developed pursuant to NRS 394.1687 or
15 updated pursuant to NRS 394.1688, a deviation and any information
16 submitted to a development committee pursuant to NRS 394.1691
17 and a deviation approved pursuant to NRS 394.1692 are confidential
18 and, except as otherwise provided in NRS 239.0115, 388.253 and
19 394.168 to 394.1699, inclusive, *and sections 23 and 24 of this act*
20 must not be disclosed to any person or government, governmental
21 agency or political subdivision of a government.

22 **Sec. 30.** NRS 414.135 is hereby amended to read as follows:

23 414.135 1. There is hereby created in the State General Fund
24 the Emergency Assistance Account. Beginning with the fiscal year
25 that begins on July 1, 1999, the State Controller shall, at the end of
26 each fiscal year, transfer the interest earned during the previous
27 fiscal year on the money in the Disaster Relief Account created
28 pursuant to NRS 353.2735 to the Emergency Assistance Account in
29 an amount not to exceed \$500,000.

30 2. The Division of Emergency Management of the Department
31 of Public Safety shall administer the Emergency Assistance
32 Account. The Division may adopt regulations authorized by this
33 section before, on or after July 1, 1999.

34 3. Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (c), all
35 expenditures from the Emergency Assistance Account must be
36 approved in advance by the Division. Except as otherwise provided
37 in subsection 4, all money in the Emergency Assistance Account
38 must be expended:

39 (a) To provide supplemental emergency assistance to this state
40 or to local governments in this state that are severely and adversely
41 affected by a natural, technological or man-made emergency or
42 disaster for which available resources of this state or the local
43 government are inadequate to provide a satisfactory remedy;



1 (b) To pay any actual expenses incurred by the Division for
2 administration during a natural, technological or man-made
3 emergency or disaster; and

4 (c) For any other purpose authorized by the Legislature.

5 4. Beginning with the fiscal year that begins on July 1, 1999, if
6 any balance remains in the Emergency Assistance Account at the
7 end of a fiscal year and the balance has not otherwise been
8 committed for expenditure, the Division may, with the approval of
9 the Interim Finance Committee, allocate all or any portion of the
10 remaining balance, not to exceed \$250,000, to this state or to a local
11 government to:

12 (a) Purchase equipment or supplies required for emergency
13 management;

14 (b) Provide training to personnel related to emergency
15 management; and

16 (c) Carry out the provisions of NRS 388.229 to 388.261,
17 inclusive ~~H~~, and sections 6, 7 and 8 of this act.

18 5. Beginning with the fiscal year that begins on July 1, 1999,
19 the Division shall, at the end of each quarter of a fiscal year, submit
20 to the Interim Finance Committee a report of the expenditures made
21 from the Emergency Assistance Account for the previous quarter.

22 6. The Division shall adopt such regulations as are necessary to
23 administer the Emergency Assistance Account.

24 7. The Division may adopt regulations to provide for
25 reimbursement of expenditures made from the Emergency
26 Assistance Account. If the Division requires such reimbursement,
27 the Attorney General shall take such action as is necessary to
28 recover the amount of any unpaid reimbursement plus interest at a
29 rate determined pursuant to NRS 17.130, computed from the date on
30 which the money was removed from the Disaster Relief Account,
31 upon request by the Division.

32 **Sec. 31.** Chapter 432B of NRS is hereby amended by adding
33 thereto a new section to read as follows:

34 *1. If a public school or private school within the jurisdiction*
35 *of an agency which provides child welfare services experiences a*
36 *crisis, emergency or suicide, the agency which provides child*
37 *welfare services shall provide counseling and other services to*
38 *pupils and staff of the school upon being contacted by the*
39 *principal or other person in charge of the school or his or her*
40 *designated representative pursuant to NRS 388.257 or 394.1696,*
41 *as applicable.*

42 *2. As used in this section:*

43 *(a) "Private school" has the meaning ascribed to it in*
44 *NRS 394.103.*



1 (b) "Public school" has the meaning ascribed to it in
2 NRS 385.007.

3 (c) With reference to:

4 (1) A private school:

5 (I) "Crisis" has the meaning ascribed to it in
6 NRS 394.1681.

7 (II) "Emergency" has the meaning ascribed to it in
8 NRS 394.16823.

9 (III) "Suicide" has the meaning ascribed to it in section
10 24 of this act.

11 (2) A public school:

12 (I) "Crisis" has the meaning ascribed to it in
13 NRS 388.231.

14 (II) "Emergency" has the meaning ascribed to it in
15 NRS 388.233.

16 (III) "Suicide" has the meaning ascribed to it in section 8
17 of this act.

18 **Sec. 32.** NRS 432B.190 is hereby amended to read as follows:
19 432B.190 The Division of Child and Family Services shall, in
20 consultation with each agency which provides child welfare
21 services, adopt:

22 1. Regulations establishing reasonable and uniform standards
23 for:

24 (a) Child welfare services provided in this State;

25 (b) Programs for the prevention of abuse or neglect of a child
26 and the achievement of the permanent placement of a child;

27 (c) The development of local councils involving public and
28 private organizations;

29 (d) Reports of abuse or neglect, records of these reports and the
30 response to these reports;

31 (e) Carrying out the provisions of NRS 432B.260, including,
32 without limitation, the qualifications of persons with whom agencies
33 which provide child welfare services enter into agreements to
34 provide services to children and families;

35 (f) The management and assessment of reported cases of abuse
36 or neglect;

37 (g) The protection of the legal rights of parents and children;

38 (h) Emergency shelter for a child;

39 (i) The prevention, identification and correction of abuse or
40 neglect of a child in residential institutions;

41 (j) Developing and distributing to persons who are responsible
42 for a child's welfare a pamphlet that is written in language which is
43 easy to understand, is available in English and in any other language
44 the Division determines is appropriate based on the demographic
45 characteristics of this State and sets forth:



1 (1) Contact information regarding persons and governmental
2 entities which provide assistance to persons who are responsible for
3 the welfare of children, including, without limitation, persons and
4 entities which provide assistance to persons who are being
5 investigated for allegedly abusing or neglecting a child;

6 (2) The procedures for taking a child for placement in
7 protective custody; and

8 (3) The state and federal legal rights of:

9 (I) A person who is responsible for a child's welfare and
10 who is the subject of an investigation of alleged abuse or neglect of
11 a child, including, without limitation, the legal rights of such a
12 person at the time an agency which provides child welfare services
13 makes initial contact with the person in the course of the
14 investigation and at the time the agency takes the child for
15 placement in protective custody, and the legal right of such a person
16 to be informed of any allegation of abuse or neglect of a child which
17 is made against the person at the initial time of contact with the
18 person by the agency; and

19 (II) Persons who are parties to a proceeding held pursuant
20 to NRS 432B.410 to 432B.590, inclusive, during all stages of the
21 proceeding; and

22 (k) Making the necessary inquiries required pursuant to NRS
23 432B.397 to determine whether a child is an Indian child.

24 2. Regulations, which are applicable to any person who is
25 authorized to place a child in protective custody without the consent
26 of the person responsible for the child's welfare, setting forth
27 reasonable and uniform standards for establishing whether
28 immediate action is necessary to protect the child from injury, abuse
29 or neglect for the purposes of determining whether to place the child
30 into protective custody pursuant to NRS 432B.390. Such standards
31 must consider the potential harm to the child in remaining in his or
32 her home, including, without limitation:

33 (a) Circumstances in which a threat of harm suggests that a child
34 is in imminent danger of serious harm.

35 (b) The conditions or behaviors of the child's family which
36 threaten the safety of the child who is unable to protect himself or
37 herself and who is dependent on others for protection, including,
38 without limitation, conditions or behaviors that are beyond the
39 control of the caregiver of the child and create an imminent threat of
40 serious harm to the child.

41 ➤ The Division of Child and Family Services shall ensure that the
42 appropriate persons or entities to whom the regulations adopted
43 pursuant to this subsection apply are provided with a copy of such
44 regulations. As used in this subsection, "serious harm" includes the
45 threat or evidence of serious physical injury, sexual abuse,



1 significant pain or mental suffering, extreme fear or terror, extreme
2 impairment or disability, death, substantial impairment or risk of
3 substantial impairment to the child's mental or physical health or
4 development.

5 3. Regulations establishing procedures for:

6 (a) Expeditiously locating any missing child who has been
7 placed in the custody of an agency which provides child welfare
8 services;

9 (b) Determining the primary factors that contributed to a child
10 who has been placed in the custody of an agency which provides
11 child welfare services running away or otherwise being absent from
12 foster care, and to the extent possible and appropriate, responding to
13 those factors in current and subsequent placements; and

14 (c) Determining the experiences of a child who has been placed
15 in the custody of an agency which provides child welfare services
16 during any period the child was missing, including, without
17 limitation, determining whether the child may be a victim of sexual
18 abuse or sexual exploitation.

19 4. Such other regulations as are necessary for the
20 administration of NRS 432B.010 to 432B.606, inclusive **H**, *and*
21 *section 31 of this act.*

22 **Sec. 33.** The provisions of subsection 1 of NRS 218D.380 do
23 not apply to any provision of this act which adds or revises a
24 requirement to submit a report to the Legislature.

25 **Sec. 34.** The provisions of NRS 354.599 do not apply to any
26 additional expenses of a local government that are related to the
27 provisions of this act.

28 **Sec. 35.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2017.

