

# Suspected Student Drug Use Policy Legislation

## Stat Sheet

Youth Legislator McCarthy, District 6

### General Student Statistics

- 10.1% of children twelve years and older reported using illicit drugs within the last month, countrywide. (CDC)
- Looking only at ages 12-17, 8.8% reported illicit drug use. That's over 2 million kids in the country, and over 10,000 in the state of Nevada. (CDC)
- By the time adolescents are in 12th grade, 46.6% of them have tried illicit drugs. (NCDAS)

### Rural Area Statistics

- “In rural areas, rates of drug overdose deaths are rising and have surpassed rates in urban areas.” (CDC)
- Rural areas have a lower percentage of people reporting illicit drug use than urban areas. However, the effects of illicit drug use are higher in rural areas.” (CDC)
- Higher percentages of drug have been found in rural areas/small metropolitan areas, with marijuana (2.7%), cocaine (0.3%), and hallucinogens (0.8%). (SAMSA)

### Parent Statistics\*

- 59.2% of parents of youth ages 12-24 say that they are not concerned about their children's possible use or abuse of drugs, despite government surveys showing that illicit drug use among teenagers remains high.
- On average surveyed parents could name only 2 out of 38 commonly known warning signs, or indications that a child is using drugs.
- “Approximately one in five parents (18 percent) admitted they would not know where to turn for help if their child were struggling with drugs.”

\*survey of 2,454 parents, conducted by Hazeldon Betty Ford Foundation