

AB218- School Safety Bill, Amendments

<p>Section 1 The board of trustees of each school district and the governing body of each charter school shall consult with the Division of Emergency Management of the Department of Public Safety regarding safety in schools before:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Designing, constructing or purchasing new buildings for schools or related facilities; 2. Enlarging, remodeling or renovating existing buildings for schools or related facilities; and 3. Acquiring sites for building schools or related facilities. 	<p>Amend so school districts who employ full-time Emergency Managers and Chief of School Police, or their designee, to consult.</p>
<p>Section 4.5 Ratio of 1 to 250 Social Workers</p>	<p>Remove. Moved to preamble.</p>
<p>Sec. 5. 1. The Department shall employ licensed social workers, school psychologists or other certified or licensed mental or behavioral health professionals and make them available to provide services at public schools in this State, as necessary.</p>	<p>Amend to be more specific as to these professions: Allows Department of Education the flexibility to contract with Social Workers, school psychologist, school counselors and “mental health workers”.</p> <p>Define “Mental health workers” as used by DHHS : Within 3 months of appointment and as a condition for continued employment candidates must be licensed or in an internship for licensure with the Nevada Board of Examiners for Social Workers, Nevada Board of Examiners for Marriage & Family Therapy & Clinical Professional Counselors or the Nevada Board of Examiners for Psychologists.</p>
<p>2. If a licensed social worker is employed or retained to provide services to pupils at a public school, he or she shall without limitation:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Conduct mental health assessments of pupils; (b) Make referrals of pupils to mental health professionals(c) <p>Conduct home visits with families of pupils identified as having been involved in a behavioral incident on the premises of a public school, at an activity sponsored by a public school or on a school bus; and</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (d) Assess the needs of pupils and provide a list of any resources that are available in the community to assist a pupil, including, without limitation, resources available at no charge or at a reduced cost. 	<p>Amend to remove this section as it is too specific for statute. Broad outline of job duties to be spell out in regs.</p>
<p>3. The State Board shall adopt regulations governing the duties of social workers, school psychologists and mental health professionals employed pursuant to subsection</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The State Board may adopt regulations requiring the Department to provide additional training to such persons relating to the performance of their duties. 	<p>All good</p>