
SENATE BILL NO. 204—SENATORS SPEARMAN, WOODHOUSE,
PARKS; HARRIS AND OHRENSCHALL

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Referred to Committee on Education

SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to the mental health of pupils. (BDR 34-551)

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

CONTAINS UNFUNDED MANDATE (§§ 2, 3, 7, 9)
(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 mental health; requiring a policy for the prevention of suicide to be adopted for each public and private school in this State; requiring certain plans and outreach to address the needs of pupils who are at a high risk of suicide; requiring the Department of Education to adopt a model policy for responding to suicides; requiring a plan for response to a crisis, emergency or suicide at a school to include certain provisions related to suicide response and intervention; requiring all pupils and school staff to receive training in the prevention of suicide; requiring a course in health to include instruction concerning mental health; revising the contents of certain suicide prevention training provided to certain law enforcement agencies; authorizing the denial or revocation of a license to operate a private school for failure to adopt such a policy; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

- 1 Existing law requires the Department of Education to develop a model plan for
- 2 the management of a suicide, crisis or emergency. (NRS 388.253) Existing law
- 3 requires: (1) the board of trustees of a school district or the governing body of a
- 4 charter school or private school to establish a development committee; and (2) the
- 5 development committee to develop a plan to be used by the public schools in the



6 district or the charter or private school, as applicable, in responding to a crisis,
7 emergency or suicide. (NRS 388.241, 388.243, 394.1685, 394.1687) Existing law
8 requires such a plan to include the plans, procedures and information included in
9 the model plan developed by the Department. (NRS 388.243, 394.1687) **Section 7**
10 of this bill requires the model plan to include procedures for: (1) responding to a
11 suicide or attempted suicide; (2) providing counseling and other appropriate
12 resources to pupils and school staff who have contemplated or attempted suicide;
13 (3) outreach to persons and organizations in the community that may be able to
14 assist with response to a suicide; and (4) addressing the needs of pupils at high risk
15 of suicide.

16 **Sections 2 and 10** of this bill require the board of trustees of a school district,
17 the governing body of each university school for profoundly gifted pupils and the
18 governing body of each charter school or private school that provides instruction to
19 pupils in grades 7-12 to adopt a policy for the prevention of suicide. **Sections 2 and**
20 **10** require each such policy to include: (1) procedures for the prevention of suicide
21 and intervention with a pupil who is at risk of suicide; (2) procedures for outreach
22 to persons and organizations in the community that may be able to assist with such
23 prevention and intervention; and (3) required training for teachers and pupils
24 concerning the prevention of suicide. **Sections 2 and 10** require such a policy to
25 address the needs of groups of pupils at high risk of suicide. **Section 4** of this bill
26 requires outreach provided by the Office for a Safe and Respectful Learning
27 Environment concerning suicide to also address the needs of such pupils.

28 **Sections 11 and 12** of this bill authorize the State Board of Education to deny
29 or revoke a license to operate a private school if the holder has failed to adopt a
30 policy for the prevention of suicide. **Section 13** of this bill authorizes a person
31 aggrieved by the failure of a private school to adopt such a policy to file a
32 complaint with the Superintendent of Public Instruction. **Section 6** of this bill
33 makes a conforming change.

34 Existing law defines the term "school resource officer" to mean a peace officer
35 who is assigned to duty at one or more schools, interacts directly with pupils and
36 whose responsibilities include providing guidance and information to pupils,
37 families and educational personnel concerning the avoidance and prevention of
38 crime. (NRS 388.2358) Existing law authorizes the board of trustees of a school
39 district to employ, appoint or contract for the provision of school police officers.
40 (NRS 391.281) **Sections 3 and 9** of this bill require school resource officers and
41 school police officers to receive training in the prevention of suicide.

42 Existing law requires the Department to establish a program of training for
43 administrators in the prevention of violence and suicide. (NRS 388.1342) **Section 5**
44 of this bill: (1) requires such training to be available to all school district and school
45 personnel; and (2) broadens the scope of such training to include the prevention of
46 all violence and suicide, regardless of whether the violence or suicide is associated
47 with bullying or cyber-bullying.

48 Existing law requires the Council to Establish Academic Standards for Public
49 Schools to establish standards of content and performance for courses of study in
50 health. (NRS 389.520) **Section 8** of this bill requires the standards established for
51 such courses to include mental health and the relationship between mental health
52 and physical health.

53 Existing law creates the Statewide Program for Suicide Prevention. (NRS
54 439.511) Existing law requires the Program to employ at least one person to act as
55 a trainer for suicide prevention and facilitator for networking for Southern Nevada.
56 Existing law requires such a trainer to provide information and training relating to
57 suicide prevention to law enforcement agencies. (NRS 439.513) **Section 14** of this
58 bill requires such training to include training concerning the prevention of suicide
59 by pupils in schools and other educational settings.



1 WHEREAS, According to 2016 data from the United States
2 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention of the United States
3 Department of Health and Human Services, suicide is the second
4 leading cause of death for youth and young adults between the ages
5 of 10 and 24 years; and

6 WHEREAS, School personnel, who interact with children and
7 teenagers on a daily basis, are well-situated to identify the warning
8 signs of suicide and make appropriate referrals for help; and

9 WHEREAS, There are resources available to help persons,
10 including lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender or questioning youth,
11 who are experiencing suicidal ideation; and

12 WHEREAS, Having at least one supportive adult in the life of a
13 child or teenager, including a lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender or
14 questioning child or teenager, can reduce the risk of suicide for that
15 child or teenager; and

16 WHEREAS, It is important to ensure that a child or teenager at
17 risk of suicide has the support of his or her community, including
18 churches or other religious institutions, clubs and nonprofit
19 organizations; now, therefore,

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21 THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
22 SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:
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24 **Section 1.** Chapter 388 of NRS is hereby amended by adding
25 thereto the provisions set forth as sections 2 and 3 of this act.

26 **Sec. 2. 1.** *The board of trustees of each school district, the*
27 *governing body of each charter school that provides instruction to*
28 *pupils in grades 7 to 12, inclusive, and the governing body of each*
29 *university school for profoundly gifted pupils shall, in*
30 *consultation with pupils, parents or guardians of pupils, school*
31 *employees, persons who provide mental health services to pupils,*
32 *persons and organizations with expertise in the prevention of*
33 *suicide and other interested persons and entities:*

34 (a) *Adopt a policy for the prevention of suicide in grades 7 to*
35 *12, inclusive; and*

36 (b) *Review the policy at least once every 5 years and update the*
37 *policy as necessary.*

38 2. *The policy adopted pursuant to subsection 1 must include,*
39 *without limitation:*

40 (a) *Procedures for the prevention of suicide and intervention*
41 *with a pupil who is at risk of suicide;*

42 (b) *Procedures for outreach to persons and organizations in*
43 *the community in which the school is located, including, without*
44 *limitation, religious and other nonprofit organizations, that may*



1 *be able to assist with the prevention of suicide or intervention with*
2 *a pupil who is at risk of suicide; and*

3 *(c) Required training for teachers and pupils concerning the*
4 *prevention of suicide. Such training:*

5 *(1) Must include, without limitation, instruction concerning*
6 *the identification of:*

7 *(I) Appropriate mental health services at the school and*
8 *in the community in which the school is located and when and*
9 *how to refer pupils and their families for such services; and*

10 *(II) Other persons and organizations in the community*
11 *in which the school is located, including, without limitation,*
12 *religious and other nonprofit organizations, that may be able to*
13 *assist with the response to a suicide.*

14 *(2) May include, without limitation, the review of*
15 *appropriate materials concerning the prevention of suicide or*
16 *participation in the program of training established pursuant to*
17 *paragraph (d) of subsection 1 of NRS 388.1342.*

18 *3. The policy adopted pursuant to subsection 1 must address*
19 *the needs of groups of pupils at a high risk of suicide, including,*
20 *without limitation:*

21 *(a) Pupils affected by a suicide;*

22 *(b) Pupils with disabilities, mental illness or substance use*
23 *disorders;*

24 *(c) Pupils who reside in settings other than a traditional home,*
25 *including, without limitation, foster care and homelessness;*

26 *(d) Lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender or questioning pupils;*
27 *and*

28 *(e) Any other group that scientific research indicates to be at a*
29 *high risk of suicide.*

30 *4. The policy adopted pursuant to subsection 1 must not*
31 *require or authorize a school employee to provide services which*
32 *he or she is not licensed to provide, including, without limitation,*
33 *services related to the diagnosis and treatment of mental illness.*

34 *5. The Department, in consultation with the Office for a Safe*
35 *and Respectful Learning Environment created by NRS 388.1323*
36 *and the Statewide Program for Suicide Prevention created by NRS*
37 *439.511, shall develop a model policy on the prevention of suicide*
38 *in grades 7 to 12, inclusive, to provide guidance to:*

39 *(a) Boards of trustees of school districts and governing bodies*
40 *of charter schools and university schools for profoundly gifted*
41 *pupils in the adoption of policies pursuant to subsection 1; and*

42 *(b) Governing bodies of private schools in the adoption of*
43 *policies pursuant to section 10 of this act.*

44 *6. The Department, each school district and each public*
45 *school that maintains an Internet website shall post on the*



1 *Internet website maintained by the Department, school district or*
2 *public school, as applicable, a link to the Internet or network site*
3 *maintained by the Coordinator of the Statewide Program for*
4 *Suicide Prevention pursuant to NRS 439.511.*

5 **Sec. 3.** *The board of trustees of a school district, governing*
6 *body of a charter school or governing body of a university school*
7 *for profoundly gifted pupils shall:*

8 1. *Ensure that each school resource officer receives training*
9 *in the prevention of suicide; and*

10 2. *Allow a school resource officer to complete the training*
11 *required by subsection 1 electronically and during working hours.*

12 **Sec. 4.** NRS 388.1323 is hereby amended to read as follows:

13 388.1323 1. The Office for a Safe and Respectful Learning
14 Environment is hereby created within the Department.

15 2. The Superintendent of Public Instruction shall appoint a
16 Director of the Office, who shall serve at the pleasure of the
17 Superintendent.

18 3. The Director of the Office shall ensure that the Office:

19 (a) Maintains a 24-hour, toll-free statewide hotline and Internet
20 website by which any person can report a violation of the provisions
21 of NRS 388.121 to 388.1395, inclusive, and obtain information
22 about anti-bullying efforts and organizations; and

23 (b) Provides outreach and anti-bullying education and training
24 for pupils, parents and guardians, teachers, administrators, coaches
25 and other staff members and the members of a governing body. The
26 outreach and training must include, without limitation:

27 (1) Training regarding methods, procedures and practice for
28 recognizing bullying and cyber-bullying behaviors;

29 (2) Training regarding effective intervention and remediation
30 strategies regarding bullying and cyber-bullying;

31 (3) Training regarding methods for reporting violations of
32 NRS 388.135; and

33 (4) Information on and referral to available resources
34 regarding suicide prevention and the relationship between bullying
35 or cyber-bullying and suicide **□**, *including, without limitation,*
36 *resources for pupils who are members of groups at a high risk of*
37 *suicide. Such groups include, without limitation, the groups*
38 *described in subsection 3 of section 2 of this act.*

39 4. The Director of the Office shall establish procedures by
40 which the Office may receive reports of bullying and cyber-bullying
41 and complaints regarding violations of the provisions of NRS
42 388.121 to 388.1395, inclusive.

43 5. The Director of the Office or his or her designee shall
44 investigate any complaint that a teacher, administrator, coach or
45 other staff member or member of a governing body has violated a



1 provision of NRS 388.121 to 388.1395, inclusive. If a complaint
2 alleges criminal conduct or an investigation leads the Director of the
3 Office or his or her designee to suspect criminal conduct, the
4 Director of the Office may request assistance from the Investigation
5 Division of the Department of Public Safety.

6 **Sec. 5.** NRS 388.1342 is hereby amended to read as follows:

7 388.1342 1. The Department, in consultation with persons
8 who possess knowledge and expertise in bullying and cyber-
9 bullying, shall establish a program of training:

10 (a) On methods to prevent, identify and report incidents of
11 bullying and cyber-bullying for members of the State Board.

12 (b) On methods to prevent, identify and report incidents of
13 bullying and cyber-bullying for the members of a governing body.

14 (c) For school district and school personnel to assist those
15 persons with carrying out their powers and duties pursuant to NRS
16 388.121 to 388.1395, inclusive.

17 (d) For ~~administrators~~ *school district and school personnel* in
18 the prevention of violence and suicide , *including, without*
19 *limitation, violence and suicide* associated with bullying and cyber-
20 bullying , and appropriate methods to respond to incidents of
21 violence or suicide. *Such training must include, without limitation,*
22 *instruction concerning the identification of:*

23 *(1) Appropriate mental health services at the school and in*
24 *the community in which the school is located and how and when*
25 *to refer pupils and their families for such services; and*

26 *(2) Other persons and organizations in the community in*
27 *which the school is located, including, without limitation, religious*
28 *and other nonprofit organizations, that may be able to assist with*
29 *the response to a suicide.*

30 (e) For school district and school personnel concerning the
31 needs of persons with diverse gender identities or expressions.

32 (f) For school district and school personnel concerning the needs
33 of pupils with disabilities and pupils with autism spectrum disorder.

34 2. Each member of the State Board shall, within 1 year after
35 the member is elected or appointed to the State Board, complete the
36 program of training on bullying and cyber-bullying established
37 pursuant to paragraph (a) of subsection 1 and undergo the training at
38 least one additional time while the person is a member of the State
39 Board.

40 3. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 388.134, each member
41 of a governing body shall, within 1 year after the member begins his
42 or her service on the governing body, complete the program of
43 training on bullying and cyber-bullying established pursuant to
44 paragraph (b) of subsection 1 and undergo the training at least one
45 additional time while the person is a member of the governing body.



1 4. Each administrator of a school shall complete the program
2 of training established pursuant to paragraphs (d), (e) and (f) of
3 subsection 1:

4 (a) Within 90 days after becoming an administrator;

5 (b) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (c), at least once
6 every 3 years thereafter; and

7 (c) At least once during any school year within which the
8 program of training is revised or updated.

9 5. Each program of training established pursuant to subsection
10 1 must, to the extent money is available, be made available on the
11 Internet website maintained by the Department or through another
12 provider on the Internet.

13 6. The governing body may allow school personnel to attend
14 the program established pursuant to paragraph (c), (d), (e) or (f) of
15 subsection 1 during regular school hours.

16 7. The Department shall review each program of training
17 established pursuant to subsection 1 on an annual basis to ensure
18 that the program contains current information.

19 **Sec. 6.** NRS 388.229 is hereby amended to read as follows:

20 388.229 As used in NRS 388.229 to 388.266, inclusive, unless
21 the context otherwise requires, the words and terms defined in NRS
22 388.231 to 388.2359, inclusive, *and sections 2 and 3 of this act*
23 have the meanings ascribed to them in those sections.

24 **Sec. 7.** NRS 388.253 is hereby amended to read as follows:

25 388.253 1. The Department shall, with assistance from other
26 state agencies, including, without limitation, the Division of
27 Emergency Management, the Investigation Division, and the
28 Nevada Highway Patrol Division of the Department of Public
29 Safety, develop a model plan for the management of:

30 (a) A suicide; or

31 (b) A crisis or emergency that involves a public school or a
32 private school and that requires immediate action.

33 2. The model plan must include, without limitation, a
34 procedure for:

35 (a) In response to a crisis or emergency:

36 (1) Coordinating the resources of local, state and federal
37 agencies, officers and employees, as appropriate;

38 (2) Accounting for all persons within a school;

39 (3) Assisting persons within a school in a school district, a
40 charter school or a private school to communicate with each other;

41 (4) Assisting persons within a school in a school district, a
42 charter school or a private school to communicate with persons
43 located outside the school, including, without limitation, relatives of
44 pupils and relatives of employees of such a school, the news media



1 and persons from local, state or federal agencies that are responding
2 to a crisis or an emergency;

3 (5) Assisting pupils of a school in the school district, a
4 charter school or a private school, employees of such a school and
5 relatives of such pupils and employees to move safely within and
6 away from the school, including, without limitation, a procedure for
7 evacuating the school and a procedure for securing the school;

8 (6) Reunifying a pupil with his or her parent or legal
9 guardian;

10 (7) Providing any necessary medical assistance;

11 (8) Recovering from a crisis or emergency;

12 (9) Carrying out a lockdown at a school; and

13 (10) Providing shelter in specific areas of a school;

14 (b) Providing specific information relating to managing a crisis
15 or emergency that is a result of:

16 (1) An incident involving hazardous materials;

17 (2) An incident involving mass casualties;

18 (3) An incident involving an active shooter;

19 (4) An outbreak of disease;

20 (5) Any threat or hazard identified in the hazard mitigation
21 plan of the county in which the school district is located, if such a
22 plan exists; or

23 (6) Any other situation, threat or hazard deemed appropriate;

24 (c) Providing pupils and staff at a school that has experienced a
25 crisis ~~{,}~~ or emergency ~~{or suicide}~~ with access to counseling and
26 other resources to assist in recovering from the crisis ~~{,}~~ or
27 emergency ; ~~{or suicide; and}~~

28 (d) Evacuating pupils and employees of a charter school to a
29 designated space within an identified public middle school, junior
30 high school or high school in a school district that is separate from
31 the general population of the school and large enough to
32 accommodate the charter school, and such a space may include,
33 without limitation, a gymnasium or multipurpose room of the public
34 school ~~{,}~~ ;

35 (e) *Responding to a suicide or attempted suicide to mitigate the*
36 *effects of the suicide or attempted suicide on pupils and staff at the*
37 *school, including, without limitation, by making counseling and*
38 *other appropriate resources to assist in recovering from the*
39 *suicide or attempted suicide available to pupils and staff;*

40 (f) *Providing counseling and other appropriate resources to*
41 *pupils and school staff who have contemplated or attempted*
42 *suicide;*

43 (g) *Outreach to persons and organizations located in the*
44 *community in which a school that has had a suicide by a pupil,*
45 *including, without limitation, religious and other nonprofit*



1 *organizations, that may be able to assist with the response to the*
2 *suicide; and*

3 *(h) Addressing the needs of pupils at a school that has*
4 *experienced a crisis, emergency or suicide who are at a high risk*
5 *of suicide, including, without limitation, pupils who are members*
6 *of the groups described in subsection 3 of section 2 of this act.*

7 3. In developing the model plan, the Department shall consider
8 the plans developed pursuant to NRS 388.243 and 394.1687 and
9 updated pursuant to NRS 388.245 and 394.1688.

10 4. The Department shall require a school district to ensure that
11 each public school in the school district identified pursuant to
12 paragraph (d) of subsection 2 is prepared to allow a charter school to
13 evacuate to the school when necessary in accordance with the
14 procedure included in the model plan developed pursuant to
15 subsection 1. A charter school shall hold harmless, indemnify and
16 defend the school district to which it evacuates during a crisis or an
17 emergency against any claim or liability arising from an act or
18 omission by the school district or an employee or officer of the
19 school district.

20 5. The Department may disseminate to any appropriate local,
21 state or federal agency, officer or employee, as the Department
22 determines is necessary:

23 (a) The model plan developed by the Department pursuant to
24 subsection 1;

25 (b) A plan developed pursuant to NRS 388.243 or updated
26 pursuant to NRS 388.245;

27 (c) A plan developed pursuant to NRS 394.1687 or updated
28 pursuant to NRS 394.1688; and

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

30 6. The Department shall, at least once each year, review and
31 update as appropriate the model plan developed pursuant to
32 subsection 1.

33 **Sec. 8.** NRS 389.520 is hereby amended to read as follows:

34 389.520 1. The Council shall:

35 (a) Establish standards of content and performance, including,
36 without limitation, a prescription of the resulting level of
37 achievement, for the grade levels set forth in subsection 4, based
38 upon the content of each course, that is expected of pupils for the
39 following courses of study:

40 (1) English language arts;

41 (2) Mathematics;

42 (3) Science;

43 (4) Social studies, which includes only the subjects of
44 history, geography, economics and government;

45 (5) The arts;



1 (6) Computer education and technology, which includes
2 computer science and computational thinking;

3 (7) Health;

4 (8) Physical education; and

5 (9) A foreign or world language.

6 (b) Establish a schedule for the periodic review and, if
7 necessary, revision of the standards of content and performance. The
8 review must include, without limitation, the review required
9 pursuant to NRS 390.115 of the results of pupils on the
10 examinations administered pursuant to NRS 390.105.

11 (c) Assign priorities to the standards of content and performance
12 relative to importance and degree of emphasis and revise the
13 standards, if necessary, based upon the priorities.

14 2. The standards for computer education and technology must
15 include a policy for the ethical, safe and secure use of computers
16 and other electronic devices. The policy must include, without
17 limitation:

18 (a) The ethical use of computers and other electronic devices,
19 including, without limitation:

20 (1) Rules of conduct for the acceptable use of the Internet
21 and other electronic devices; and

22 (2) Methods to ensure the prevention of:

23 (I) Cyber-bullying;

24 (II) Plagiarism; and

25 (III) The theft of information or data in an electronic
26 form;

27 (b) The safe use of computers and other electronic devices,
28 including, without limitation, methods to:

29 (1) Avoid cyber-bullying and other unwanted electronic
30 communication, including, without limitation, communication with
31 on-line predators;

32 (2) Recognize when an on-line electronic communication is
33 dangerous or potentially dangerous; and

34 (3) Report a dangerous or potentially dangerous on-line
35 electronic communication to the appropriate school personnel;

36 (c) The secure use of computers and other electronic devices,
37 including, without limitation:

38 (1) Methods to maintain the security of personal identifying
39 information and financial information, including, without limitation,
40 identifying unsolicited electronic communication which is sent for
41 the purpose of obtaining such personal and financial information for
42 an unlawful purpose;

43 (2) The necessity for secure passwords or other unique
44 identifiers;

45 (3) The effects of a computer contaminant;



- 1 (4) Methods to identify unsolicited commercial material; and
- 2 (5) The dangers associated with social networking Internet
- 3 sites; and

4 (d) A designation of the level of detail of instruction as

5 appropriate for the grade level of pupils who receive the instruction.

6 3. The standards for social studies must include multicultural

7 education, including, without limitation, information relating to

8 contributions made by men and women from various racial and

9 ethnic backgrounds. The Council shall consult with members of the

10 community who represent the racial and ethnic diversity of this

11 State in developing such standards.

12 4. *The standards for health must include mental health and*

13 *the relationship between mental health and physical health.*

14 5. The Council shall establish standards of content and

15 performance for each grade level in kindergarten and grades 1 to 8,

16 inclusive, for English language arts and mathematics. The Council

17 shall establish standards of content and performance for the grade

18 levels selected by the Council for the other courses of study

19 prescribed in subsection 1.

20 ~~5.3~~ 6. The Council shall forward to the State Board the

21 standards of content and performance established by the Council for

22 each course of study. The State Board shall:

23 (a) Adopt the standards for each course of study, as submitted

24 by the Council; or

25 (b) If the State Board objects to the standards for a course of

26 study or a particular grade level for a course of study, return those

27 standards to the Council with a written explanation setting forth the

28 reason for the objection.

29 ~~6.1~~ 7. If the State Board returns to the Council the standards

30 of content and performance for a course of study or a grade level,

31 the Council shall:

32 (a) Consider the objection provided by the State Board and

33 determine whether to revise the standards based upon the objection;

34 and

35 (b) Return the standards or the revised standards, as applicable,

36 to the State Board.

37 ➤ The State Board shall adopt the standards of content and

38 performance or the revised standards, as applicable.

39 ~~7.1~~ 8. The Council shall work in cooperation with the State

40 Board to prescribe the examinations required by NRS 390.105.

41 ~~8.1~~ 9. As used in this section:

42 (a) "Computer contaminant" has the meaning ascribed to it in

43 NRS 205.4737.

44 (b) "Cyber-bullying" has the meaning ascribed to it in

45 NRS 388.123.



1 (c) "Electronic communication" has the meaning ascribed to it
2 in NRS 388.124.

3 **Sec. 9.** NRS 391.281 is hereby amended to read as follows:

4 391.281 1. Each applicant for employment or appointment
5 pursuant to this section or employee, except a teacher or other
6 person licensed by the Superintendent of Public Instruction, must,
7 before beginning his or her employment or appointment and at least
8 once every 5 years thereafter, submit to the school district:

9 (a) A full set of the applicant's or employee's fingerprints and
10 written permission authorizing the school district to forward the
11 fingerprints to the Central Repository for Nevada Records of
12 Criminal History for its report on the criminal history of the
13 applicant or employee and for submission to the Federal Bureau of
14 Investigation for its report on the criminal history of the applicant or
15 employee.

16 (b) Written authorization for the board of trustees of the school
17 district to obtain any information concerning the applicant or
18 employee that may be available from the Statewide Central Registry
19 and any equivalent registry maintained by a governmental entity in a
20 jurisdiction in which the applicant or employee has resided within
21 the immediately preceding 5 years.

22 2. In conducting an investigation into the background of an
23 applicant or employee, a school district may cooperate with any
24 appropriate law enforcement agency to obtain information relating
25 to the criminal history of the applicant or employee, including,
26 without limitation, any record of warrants for the arrest of or
27 applications for protective orders against the applicant or employee.

28 3. The board of trustees of a school district may use a
29 substantiated report of the abuse or neglect of a child, as defined in
30 NRS 392.281, or a violation of NRS 201.540, 201.560, 392.4633 or
31 394.366 obtained from the Statewide Central Registry or an
32 equivalent registry maintained by a governmental agency in another
33 jurisdiction:

34 (a) In making determinations concerning assignments, requiring
35 retraining, imposing discipline, hiring or termination; and

36 (b) In any proceedings to which the report is relevant, including,
37 without limitation, an action for trespass or a restraining order.

38 4. The board of trustees of a school district:

39 (a) May accept any gifts, grants and donations to carry out the
40 provisions of subsections 1 and 2.

41 (b) May not be held liable for damages resulting from any action
42 of the board of trustees authorized by subsection 2 or 3.

43 5. The board of trustees of a school district may employ or
44 appoint persons to serve as school police officers. If the board of
45 trustees of a school district employs or appoints persons to serve as



1 school police officers, the board of trustees shall employ a law
2 enforcement officer to serve as the chief of school police who is
3 supervised by the superintendent of schools of the school district.
4 The chief of school police shall supervise each person appointed or
5 employed by the board of trustees as a school police officer,
6 including any school police officer that provides services to a
7 charter school pursuant to a contract entered into with the board of
8 trustees pursuant to NRS 388A.384. In addition, persons who
9 provide police services pursuant to subsection 6 or 7 shall be
10 deemed school police officers.

11 6. The board of trustees of a school district in a county that has
12 a metropolitan police department created pursuant to chapter 280 of
13 NRS may contract with the metropolitan police department for the
14 provision and supervision of police services in the public schools
15 within the jurisdiction of the metropolitan police department and on
16 property therein that is owned by the school district and on property
17 therein that is owned or occupied by a charter school if the board of
18 trustees has entered into a contract with the charter school for the
19 provision of school police officers pursuant to NRS 388A.384. If a
20 contract is entered into pursuant to this subsection, the contract must
21 make provision for the transfer of each school police officer
22 employed by the board of trustees to the metropolitan police
23 department. If the board of trustees of a school district contracts
24 with a metropolitan police department pursuant to this subsection,
25 the board of trustees shall, if applicable, cooperate with appropriate
26 local law enforcement agencies within the school district for the
27 provision and supervision of police services in the public schools
28 within the school district, including, without limitation, any charter
29 school with which the school district has entered into a contract for
30 the provision of school police officers pursuant to NRS 388A.384,
31 and on property owned by the school district and, if applicable, the
32 property owned or occupied by the charter school, but outside the
33 jurisdiction of the metropolitan police department.

34 7. The board of trustees of a school district in a county that
35 does not have a metropolitan police department created pursuant to
36 chapter 280 of NRS may contract with the sheriff of that county for
37 the provision of police services in the public schools within the
38 school district, including, without limitation, in any charter school
39 with which the board of trustees has entered into a contract for the
40 provision of school police officers pursuant to NRS 388A.384, and
41 on property therein that is owned by the school district and, if
42 applicable, the property owned or occupied by the charter school.

43 ***8. The board of trustees of a school district shall ensure that***
44 ***each school police officer receives training in the prevention of***



1 *suicide before beginning his or her service as a school police*
2 *officer.*

3 **Sec. 10.** Chapter 394 of NRS is hereby amended by adding
4 thereto a new section to read as follows:

5 *1. The governing body of each private school that provides*
6 *instruction to pupils in grades 7 to 12, inclusive, shall, in*
7 *consultation with pupils, parents or guardians of pupils, school*
8 *employees, persons who provide mental health services to pupils,*
9 *persons and organizations with expertise in the prevention of*
10 *suicide and other interested persons and entities:*

11 *(a) Adopt a policy for the prevention of suicide in grades 7 to*
12 *12, inclusive; and*

13 *(b) Review the policy at least once every 5 years and update the*
14 *policy as necessary.*

15 *2. The policy adopted pursuant to subsection 1 must include,*
16 *without limitation:*

17 *(a) Procedures for the prevention of suicide, intervention with*
18 *a pupil who is at risk of suicide and responding to a suicide or*
19 *attempted suicide to mitigate the effects of the suicide or attempted*
20 *suicide on pupils and staff at the school;*

21 *(b) Procedures for outreach to persons and organizations in*
22 *the community in which the school is located, including, without*
23 *limitation, religious and other nonprofit organizations, that may*
24 *be able to assist with the prevention of suicide, intervention with a*
25 *pupil who is at risk of suicide or response to a suicide or attempted*
26 *suicide; and*

27 *(c) Required training for teachers and pupils concerning the*
28 *prevention of suicide. Such training:*

29 *(1) Must include, without limitation, instruction concerning*
30 *the identification of:*

31 *(I) Appropriate mental health services at the school and*
32 *in the community in which the school is located and when and*
33 *how to refer pupils and their families for such services; and*

34 *(II) Other persons and organizations in the community*
35 *in which the school is located, including, without limitation,*
36 *religious and other nonprofit organizations, that may be able to*
37 *assist with the response to a suicide.*

38 *(2) May include, without limitation, the review of*
39 *appropriate materials concerning the prevention of suicide.*

40 *3. The policy adopted pursuant to subsection 1 must address*
41 *the needs of groups of pupils at a high risk of suicide, including,*
42 *without limitation:*

43 *(a) Pupils affected by a suicide;*

44 *(b) Pupils with disabilities, mental illness or substance use*
45 *disorders;*



1 (c) *Pupils who reside in settings other than a traditional home,*
2 *including, without limitation, foster care and homelessness;*

3 (d) *Lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender or questioning pupils;*
4 *and*

5 (e) *Any other group that scientific research indicates to be at a*
6 *high risk of suicide.*

7 4. *The policy adopted pursuant to subsection 1 must not*
8 *require or authorize a school employee to provide services which*
9 *he or she is not licensed to provide, including, without limitation,*
10 *services related to the diagnosis and treatment of mental illness.*

11 5. *Each private school that maintains an Internet website*
12 *shall post on the Internet website a link to the Internet or network*
13 *site maintained by the Coordinator of the Statewide Program for*
14 *Suicide Prevention pursuant to NRS 439.511.*

15 **Sec. 11.** NRS 394.251 is hereby amended to read as follows:

16 394.251 1. Each elementary or secondary educational
17 institution desiring to operate in this State must apply to the
18 Superintendent upon forms provided by the Department. The
19 application must be accompanied by the catalog or brochure
20 published or proposed to be published by the institution. The
21 application must also be accompanied by:

22 (a) Evidence of the required surety bond or certificate of deposit
23 and payment of the fees required by law; and

24 (b) Documentation of the actions the institution has taken to
25 comply with the requirements prescribed in NRS 394.16065,
26 394.1607 and 394.16075 ~~and~~ *and section 10 of this act.*

27 2. After review of the application and any further information
28 required by the Superintendent, and an investigation of the applicant
29 if necessary, the Board shall either grant or deny a license to operate
30 to the applicant. The Board must deny a license to operate to an
31 applicant who does not provide the documentation required by
32 paragraph (b) of subsection 1.

33 3. The license must state in a clear and conspicuous manner at
34 least the following information:

35 (a) The date of issuance, effective date and term of the license.

36 (b) The correct name and address of the institution licensed to
37 operate.

38 (c) The authority for approval and conditions of operation.

39 (d) Any limitation of the authorization, as considered necessary
40 by the Board.

41 4. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the term for
42 which authorization is given must not exceed 2 years. A provisional
43 license may be issued for a shorter period of time if the Board finds
44 that the applicant has not fully complied with the standards



1 established by NRS 394.241. Authorization may be given for a term
2 of not more than 4 years if:

3 (a) The institution has been licensed to operate for not less than
4 4 years preceding the authorization; and

5 (b) The institution has operated during that period without the
6 filing of a verified complaint against it and without violating any
7 provision of NRS 394.201 to 394.351, inclusive, or any regulation
8 adopted pursuant to those sections.

9 5. The license must be issued to the owner or governing body
10 of the applicant institution and is nontransferable. If a change in
11 ownership of the institution occurs, the new owner or governing
12 body must, within 10 days after the change in ownership, apply for a
13 new license, and if it fails to do so, the institution's license
14 terminates. Application for a new license because of a change in
15 ownership of the institution is, for purposes of NRS 394.281, an
16 application for renewal of the institution's license.

17 6. At least 60 days before the expiration of a license, the
18 institution must complete and file with the Superintendent an
19 application form for renewal of its license. The renewal application
20 must:

21 (a) Be reviewed and acted upon as provided in this section; and

22 (b) Include documentation of the actions the institution has
23 taken to comply with the requirements prescribed in NRS
24 394.16065, 394.1607 and 394.16075 ~~§~~ *and section 10 of this act.*

25 7. An institution not yet in operation when its application for a
26 license is filed may not begin operation until the license is issued.
27 An institution in operation when its application for a license is filed
28 may continue operation until its application is acted upon by the
29 Board, and thereafter its authority to operate is governed by the
30 action of the Board.

31 **Sec. 12.** NRS 394.301 is hereby amended to read as follows:

32 394.301 1. The Board may revoke or make conditional a
33 license to operate or an agent's permit after its issuance if it
34 reasonably believes that the holder of the license or permit has
35 violated the Private Elementary and Secondary Education
36 Authorization Act or any regulations adopted under it ~~§~~ *or has*
37 *failed to comply with the requirements of section 10 of this act.*
38 Prior to the revocation or imposition of conditions, the
39 Superintendent shall notify the holder by certified mail of facts or
40 conduct which warrant the impending action and advise the holder
41 that if a hearing is desired it must be requested within 10 days of
42 receipt of the notice letter.

43 2. If an agent's permit is revoked or conditions imposed, the
44 Superintendent shall, by certified mail, notify the institutions which



1 the agent represented in addition to the agent and any other parties
2 to any hearing.

3 **Sec. 13.** NRS 394.311 is hereby amended to read as follows:

4 394.311 1. Any person claiming damage either individually
5 or as a representative of a class of complainants as a result of any
6 act by an elementary or secondary educational institution or its
7 agent, or both, which is a violation of the Private Elementary and
8 Secondary Education Authorization Act or regulations promulgated
9 under it ~~§~~ *or section 10 of this act*, may file with the
10 Superintendent a verified complaint against the institution, its agent
11 or both. The complaint must set forth the alleged violation and
12 contain other information as required by regulations of the Board. A
13 complaint may also be filed by the Superintendent on his or her own
14 motion or by the Attorney General.

15 2. The Superintendent shall investigate any verified complaint
16 and may, as part of the investigation, cause an inspection of the
17 elementary or secondary educational institution to be conducted.
18 The Superintendent may attempt to effectuate a settlement by
19 persuasion and conciliation. The Board may consider a complaint
20 after 10 days' written notice by certified mail to the institution or to
21 the agent, or both, as appropriate, giving notice of a time and place
22 for a hearing.

23 3. If, after consideration of all evidence presented at a hearing,
24 the Board finds that an elementary or secondary educational
25 institution or its agent, or both, has engaged in any act which
26 violates the Private Elementary and Secondary Education
27 Authorization Act or regulations promulgated under it ~~§~~ *or section*
28 *10 of this act*, the Board shall issue and the Superintendent shall
29 serve upon the institution or agent, or both, an order to cease and
30 desist from such act. The Board may also, as appropriate, based on
31 the Superintendent's investigation or the evidence adduced at the
32 hearing, or both, institute an action to revoke an institution's license
33 or an agent's permit.

34 **Sec. 14.** NRS 439.513 is hereby amended to read as follows:

35 439.513 1. The Coordinator of the Statewide Program for
36 Suicide Prevention shall employ at least one person to act as a
37 trainer for suicide prevention and facilitator for networking for
38 Southern Nevada.

39 2. Each trainer for suicide prevention:

40 (a) Must have at least the following education and experience:

41 (1) Three years or more of experience in providing education
42 and training relating to suicide prevention to diverse community
43 groups; or

44 (2) A bachelor's degree, master's degree or doctoral degree
45 in social work, public health, psychology, sociology, counseling or a



1 closely related field and 2 years or more of experience in providing
2 education and training relating to suicide prevention.

3 (b) Should have as many of the following characteristics as
4 possible:

5 (1) Significant knowledge and experience relating to suicide
6 and suicide prevention;

7 (2) Knowledge of methods of facilitation, networking and
8 community-based suicide prevention programs;

9 (3) Experience in working with diverse community groups
10 and constituents; and

11 (4) Experience in providing suicide awareness information
12 and suicide prevention training.

13 3. At least one trainer for suicide prevention must be based in a
14 county whose population is 700,000 or more.

15 4. Each trainer for suicide prevention shall:

16 (a) Assist the Coordinator of the Statewide Program for Suicide
17 Prevention in disseminating and carrying out the Statewide Program
18 in the county in which the trainer for suicide prevention is based;

19 (b) Provide information and training relating to suicide
20 prevention to emergency medical personnel, providers of health
21 care, mental health agencies, social service agencies, churches,
22 public health clinics, school districts, law enforcement agencies and
23 other similar community organizations in the county in which the
24 trainer for suicide prevention is based;

25 (c) Assist the Coordinator of the Statewide Program for Suicide
26 Prevention in developing and carrying out public awareness and
27 media campaigns targeting groups of persons who are at risk of
28 suicide in the county in which the trainer for suicide prevention is
29 based;

30 (d) Assist in developing a network of community-based
31 programs for suicide prevention in the county in which the trainer
32 for suicide prevention is based, including, without limitation,
33 establishing one or more local advisory groups for suicide
34 prevention; and

35 (e) Facilitate the sharing of information and the building of
36 consensus among multiple constituent groups in the county in
37 which the trainer for suicide prevention is based, including, without
38 limitation, public agencies, community organizations, advocacy
39 groups for suicide prevention, mental health providers and
40 representatives of the various groups that are at risk for suicide.

41 ***5. Training provided to law enforcement agencies pursuant to***
42 ***paragraph (b) of subsection 4 must include, without limitation,***
43 ***training concerning prevention of suicide by pupils in schools and***
44 ***other educational settings.***



1 **Sec. 15.** The provisions of subsection 1 of NRS 354.599 do
2 not apply to any additional expenses of a local government which
3 are related to the provisions of this act.

4 **Sec. 16.** 1. This section and sections 1 to 9, inclusive, 14 and
5 15 of this act become effective on July 1, 2019.

6 2. Sections 10 to 13, inclusive, of this act become effective on
7 July 1, 2021.

