

SENATE BILL NO. 366—SENATORS KRASNER,
STONE AND SEEVERS GANSERT

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Referred to Committee on Education

SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to children.
(BDR 34-727)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: No.

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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 children; revising provisions requiring the Department of Education to consult with certain professionals in the development of certain standards and recommendations for the instruction of pupils in the personal safety of children; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

1 Existing law requires pupils in public schools to be provided with age-
2 appropriate instruction in the personal safety of children. (NRS 389.031, 389.064)
3 Existing law further requires the Department of Education to: (1) consult with
4 persons and organizations who possess knowledge and expertise in the teaching of
5 personal safety of children to develop age-appropriate curriculum standards for
6 teaching the personal safety of children to pupils; and (2) consult with such persons
7 and organizations to develop recommendations to assist a school district or a
8 charter school in the development and implementation of various programs related
9 to the personal safety of children. **Section 1** of this bill requires that, in developing
10 the curriculum standards and recommendations required by existing law, the
11 Department must instead consult with an expert committee consisting of: (1)
12 professionals with knowledge and expertise in the teaching of personal safety to
13 children; (2) psychologists employed by a university within the Nevada System of
14 Higher Education; and (3) members of the Police Department for the Nevada
15 System of Higher Education.



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

1 **Section 1.** NRS 389.031 is hereby amended to read as follows:

2 389.031 1. The Department, in consultation with ~~persons~~
3 ~~and organizations who possess knowledge and expertise in the~~
4 ~~teaching of personal safety of children,] the expert committee~~
5 *formed pursuant to subsection 2*, shall develop:

6 (a) Age-appropriate curriculum standards based on best
7 practices for teaching the personal safety of children to pupils in
8 kindergarten and grades 1 to 12, inclusive.

9 (b) Recommendations to assist a school district or charter school
10 in developing:

11 (1) A training plan to ensure that at least one employee at
12 each school, as designated by the principal, receives training on the
13 personal safety of children;

14 (2) Educational materials and information to be distributed to
15 parents, guardians or other caretakers of pupils regarding the
16 personal safety of children and how and when to teach and reinforce
17 concepts and skills of the personal safety of children; and

18 (3) Policies and procedures for the referral of a child who has
19 reported or experienced an incident that did or could have
20 threatened his or her personal safety, and his or her family or
21 guardian, if appropriate, to various services, including, without
22 limitation, counseling or any other available services or resources.

23 (c) Recommendations of existing research-based programs and
24 curriculum samples to be considered for implementation.

25 2. *The Department shall appoint such number of members of*
26 *the expert committee to consult with the Department in the*
27 *development of curriculum standards and recommendations*
28 *pursuant to subsection 1 as the Department determines is*
29 *appropriate. Each member must be a:*

30 (a) *Professional with knowledge and expertise in the teaching*
31 *of personal safety to children;*

32 (b) *Psychologist employed by a university within the Nevada*
33 *System of Higher Education; or*

34 (c) *Member of the Police Department for the Nevada System of*
35 *Higher Education appointed pursuant to NRS 369.325 who serve*
36 *on a university campus of the System.*

37 3. The Department ~~will~~ *shall* review the standards and
38 recommendations developed pursuant to subsection 1 on an annual
39 basis to ensure that those standards and recommendations contain
40 current information.



1 ~~[3.]~~ 4. The Department may apply for and accept grants, gifts,
2 donations, bequests or devises from any public or private source to
3 carry out the provisions of this section.

4 ~~[4.]~~ 5. As used in this section, “personal safety of children”
5 means an age-appropriate recognition of various hazards and
6 dangers that are particular to children, including, without limitation,
7 the danger associated with unsafe persons, both known and
8 unknown to the child, abuse, becoming lost or separated from a
9 parent or guardian, and an awareness of age-appropriate steps a
10 child may take to avoid, lessen or alleviate those hazards and
11 dangers, including, without limitation, reporting threats of harm to a
12 responsible adult.

13 **Sec. 2.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2023.

