

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 420—ASSEMBLYMEMBER GONZÁLEZ

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Referred to Committee on Education

SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to governmental administration. (BDR 34-538)

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

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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 governmental administration; requiring certain entities to prepare and submit a report to the board of trustees of a school district after a chemical agent or electronic stun device is used against pupils or minors in certain settings; requiring the board of trustees of the school district to conduct an investigation and make certain determinations after receiving such a report; requiring the board of trustees of the school district to make available to the public a summary of certain information relating to the use of and review of the use of such items; creating the Voter Access Grant Program and the Account for the Voter Access Grant Program; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

1 Existing law authorizes: (1) the board of trustees of a school district to employ,
2 appoint or contract for the provision of school police officers; and (2) the governing
3 body of a charter school to contract with the board of trustees of the school district
4 in which the charter school is located to provide school police officers. (NRS
5 388A.384, 391.281) **Section 1** of this bill requires, if a school police officer or
6 employee of a school district in a county whose population is 700,000 or more
7 (currently only Clark County) uses or orders the use of a chemical agent or
8 electronic stun device against a pupil or minor in certain settings, the school in
9 which he or she is assigned or the metropolitan police department or sheriff’s office
10 that is his or her employer, as applicable, to prepare and submit a report to the
11 board of trustees of the school district in which the incident occurred. **Section 1**
12 further requires: (1) certain information to be included in the report; (2) the board
13 of trustees of the school district to conduct an independent investigation of the
14 incident; (3) the board of trustees of the school district to determine whether the use



15 of the chemical agent or electronic stun device was justified; and (4) the board of
16 trustees of the school district to determine whether to change certain policies and
17 procedures of the school district or make recommendations for the adoption or
18 modification of certain policies to the metropolitan police department or sheriff.

19 **Section 1** requires, after such an investigation has been completed, the board of
20 trustees to make available to the public not less than 30 days before the date of the
21 next succeeding general election a summary of any report submitted, investigation
22 conducted and determination made, and provides that this requirement may be
23 fulfilled by posting the summary on the Internet website of the school district.

24 Existing law requires the Secretary of State to serve as the Chief Officer of
25 Elections for this State and to be responsible for the execution and enforcement of
26 the provisions of the Nevada Revised Statutes and all other provisions of state and
27 federal law relating to elections. (NRS 293.124) **Section 3** of this bill requires the
28 Secretary of State to establish and administer the Voter Access Grant Program to
29 provide grants of money from the Account for the Voter Access Grant Program
30 created by **section 4** of this bill to eligible entities to support the administration of
31 elections and improve voter access. For the purpose of providing such grants, an
32 "eligible entity" is defined by **section 3** to mean a county, city or tribal government.

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

1 **Section 1.** Chapter 391 of NRS is hereby amended by adding
2 thereto a new section to read as follows:

3 *1. If a school police officer or employee of a school district in*
4 *a county whose population is 700,000 or more uses or orders the*
5 *use of a chemical agent or electronic stun device against a pupil or*
6 *minor under any of the following circumstances, the school in*
7 *which he or she is assigned or, if the board of trustees of the*
8 *school district has entered into a contract with a metropolitan*
9 *police department created pursuant to chapter 280 of NRS or with*
10 *the sheriff of that county for the provision of school police*
11 *officers, the metropolitan police department or sheriff's office that*
12 *employs the school police officer, must prepare and submit a*
13 *report to the board of trustees of the school district in which the*
14 *incident occurred:*

15 *(a) On or in school grounds, property, buildings or any other*
16 *school district facilities;*

17 *(b) If the board of trustees has entered into a contract with a*
18 *charter school for the provision of school police officers pursuant*
19 *to NRS 388A.384, on or in the grounds, property, buildings or any*
20 *other facilities in which the charter school is located; or*

21 *(c) At activities or events sponsored by the school district or*
22 *charter school that are in a location other than the school*
23 *grounds, property, buildings or facilities within the school district*
24 *or charter school.*



1 2. The report required pursuant to subsection 1 must
2 describe:

3 (a) Measures that the school police officer or employee of a
4 school district took before the incident occurred to reduce the
5 probability of disorder and disruption; and

6 (b) Actions taken before the incident occurred to de-escalate or
7 stabilize the situation to avoid using a chemical agent or electronic
8 stun device against a pupil or minor.

9 3. The board of trustees of a school district that receives a
10 report prepared pursuant to subsection 1 shall:

11 (a) Review the report;

12 (b) Conduct an independent investigation of the incident; and

13 (c) Determine whether:

14 (1) The measures or actions described in the report were
15 consistent with any policies or procedures of the school district
16 regarding de-escalation, stabilization or the use of force;

17 (2) The use of the chemical agent or electronic stun device
18 was justified; and

19 (3) To revise the policies and procedures of the school
20 district regarding de-escalation, stabilization and the use of force
21 or, if the school district enters into a contract with a metropolitan
22 police department created pursuant to chapter 280 of NRS or with
23 the sheriff of that county for the provision of school police
24 officers, make recommendations to the metropolitan police
25 department or sheriff for the modification or adoption of policies
26 and training procedures.

27 4. After the board of trustees completes the investigation
28 required by subsection 3, the board of trustees shall make
29 available to the public not less than 30 days before the date of the
30 next succeeding general election a summary of any report
31 submitted, investigation conducted and determination made
32 pursuant to the provisions of this section. The board of trustees
33 may fulfill the requirements of this subsection by posting the
34 summary on the Internet website of the school district.

35 5. As used in this section:

36 (a) "Chemical agent" means any chemical which can rapidly
37 produce sensory irritation or disabling physical effects in humans,
38 which disappear within a short time following termination of
39 exposure. The term includes, without limitation, items commonly
40 referred to as tear gas, pepper spray, pepper balls and oleoresin
41 capsicum.

42 (b) "Electronic stun device" means a device that:

43 (1) Emits an electrical charge or current that is transmitted
44 by projectile, physical contact or other means; and



1 (2) *Is designed to disable a person or animal temporarily or*
2 *permanently.*

3 (c) *“School police officer” includes a peace officer who is*
4 *employed by a metropolitan police department created pursuant to*
5 *chapter 280 of NRS or a sheriff’s office that has entered into a*
6 *contract with a school district to provide police services in public*
7 *schools pursuant to NRS 391.281.*

8 **Sec. 2.** Chapter 225 of NRS is hereby amended by adding
9 thereto the provisions set forth as sections 3 and 4 of this act.

10 **Sec. 3. 1.** *The Secretary of State shall establish and*
11 *administer the Voter Access Grant Program to provide grants of*
12 *money from the Account for the Voter Access Grant Program*
13 *created by section 4 of this act to eligible entities to support the*
14 *administration of elections and improve voter access.*

15 2. *In carrying out the Program, the Secretary of State may*
16 *award a grant to an eligible entity for:*

17 (a) *The purchase and maintenance of supplies or equipment*
18 *for an election;*

19 (b) *Payment of election board officers and other employees*
20 *who perform duties relating to elections;*

21 (c) *Programs for voter education and outreach; and*

22 (d) *Any other project, program or expense that the Secretary of*
23 *State determines to be eligible for the Program.*

24 3. *The Secretary of State, or his or her designee, shall review*
25 *each application submitted for a grant from the Program in*
26 *accordance with the regulations adopted pursuant to subsection 6.*
27 *When reviewing an application, the Secretary of State, or his or*
28 *her designee, may request any additional information from an*
29 *applicant to determine eligibility of the applicant for a grant.*

30 4. *Any grant awarded to an eligible entity pursuant to the*
31 *Program is in addition to and does not supplant or replace any*
32 *money, support or services otherwise authorized or required by*
33 *law to be provided to an eligible entity.*

34 5. *On or before January 1 of each odd-numbered year, the*
35 *Secretary of State shall prepare and submit a written report to*
36 *the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for transmittal*
37 *to the Legislature. The report must include, without limitation, for*
38 *the immediately preceding biennium:*

39 (a) *The number of eligible entities that applied for a grant*
40 *from the Program;*

41 (b) *The number of eligible entities that received a grant from*
42 *the Program;*

43 (c) *The number of eligible entities that applied for but did not*
44 *receive a grant from the Program;*



1 (d) *The total amount of grants awarded from the Program;*
2 *and*

3 (e) *A description of the projects, programs, supplies or*
4 *equipment that were purchased or supported, in whole or in part,*
5 *from the Program.*

6 6. *The Secretary of State shall adopt any regulations*
7 *necessary to carry out the provisions of this section, including,*
8 *without limitation, regulations that prescribe:*

9 (a) *The process for applying for a grant from the Program,*
10 *including, without limitation, application requirements;*

11 (b) *Criteria for eligibility for a grant from the Program;*

12 (c) *The order of priority for reviewing applications and*
13 *awarding grants from the Program; and*

14 (d) *Standards for determining whether to approve an*
15 *application for a grant from the Program.*

16 7. *For the purposes of this section, “eligible entity” means a*
17 *county, city or tribal government.*

18 **Sec. 4. 1.** *The Account for the Voter Access Grant Program*
19 *is hereby created in the State General Fund. The Secretary of*
20 *State shall administer the Account.*

21 2. *The Secretary of State may apply for and accept any*
22 *donation, gift, grant, bequest or other source of money for deposit*
23 *in the Account.*

24 3. *The interest and income earned on the money in the*
25 *Account, after deducting any applicable charges, must be credited*
26 *to the Account.*

27 4. *Any money remaining in the Account at the end of a fiscal*
28 *year does not revert to the State General Fund and the balance in*
29 *the Account must be carried forward to the next fiscal year.*

30 **Sec. 5.** *The provisions of NRS 218D.380 do not apply to any*
31 *provision of this act which adds or revises a requirement to submit a*
32 *report to the Legislature.*

33 **Sec. 6.** *This act becomes effective on July 1, 2025.*



