
ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 218—ASSEMBLYMEN BENITEZ-THOMPSON, KIRKPATRICK, DIAZ, THOMPSON, ELLIOT ANDERSON; ARAUJO, BUSTAMANTE ADAMS, CARLTON, CARRILLO, JOINER, SPIEGEL AND SPRINKLE

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Referred to Committee on Education

SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to emergencies in schools. (BDR 34-666)

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

CONTAINS UNFUNDED MANDATE (§ 3)
(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 education; requiring the board of trustees of each school district and the governing body of a charter school to consult with the Division of Emergency Management of the Department of Public Safety before constructing, expanding or remodeling buildings for schools or related facilities; requiring each school district in certain counties to appoint an emergency manager; requiring the Department of Education to conduct an annual conference regarding safety in public schools; requiring the board of trustees of each school district and the governing body of a charter school to provide drills to instruct pupils concerning lockdown procedures; requiring a licensed social worker who is employed or retained to provide services to pupils at a public school to provide certain services; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

- 1 **Section 1** of this bill requires the board of trustees of each school district and
- 2 the governing body of each charter school to consult with the Division of
- 3 Emergency Management of the Department of Public Safety regarding safety in



4 schools before constructing, expanding or remodeling buildings for schools or
5 related facilities.

6 **Section 4** of this bill requires the Department of Education to coordinate with
7 the Division to conduct an annual conference regarding safety in public schools.
8 **Section 4** additionally requires the board of trustees of each school district and the
9 governing body of each charter school to designate certain persons to attend this
10 conference.

11 **Section 5** of this bill requires a licensed social worker who is employed or
12 retained to provide services to pupils at a public school to provide certain services
13 to: (1) improve the mental health of pupils; (2) assess the needs of certain pupils;
14 and (3) provide a list of any resources that may be available in the community to
15 assist a pupil.

16 Existing law requires the board of trustees of each school district and the
17 governing body of each charter school to provide certain emergency drills for
18 pupils at least once each month during the school year. Existing law also requires a
19 public school located in a city or town that has a regularly organized, paid fire
20 department or voluntary fire department to conduct such drills under the
21 supervision of: (1) the person designated for this purpose by the board of trustees of
22 the school district; and (2) the chief of the fire department of the city or town in
23 which a school is located. (NRS 392.450) **Section 6** of this bill requires the board
24 of trustees of each school district and the governing body of each charter school to
25 provide drills for schools under their jurisdiction at least once each month during
26 the school year to instruct pupils in the appropriate procedures to be followed in the
27 event of a lockdown. **Section 6** also requires: (1) any public school located in a
28 county whose population is less than 100,000 (currently all counties other than
29 Clark and Washoe Counties) to conduct the drills under the supervision of the
30 person designated for that purpose by the board of trustees of the school district or
31 the governing body of the charter school, as applicable; and (2) a public school
32 located in a county whose population is 100,000 or more (currently Clark and
33 Washoe Counties) to conduct such drills under the supervision of an emergency
34 manager. **Section 3** of this bill requires each school district in a county whose
35 population is 100,000 or more (currently Clark and Washoe Counties) to designate
36 an employee to serve as an emergency manager.

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

1 **Section 1.** Chapter 386 of NRS is hereby amended by adding
2 thereto a new section to read as follows:

3 *The board of trustees of each school district and the governing*
4 *body of each charter school shall consult with the Division of*
5 *Emergency Management of the Department of Public Safety*
6 *regarding safety in schools before:*

7 1. *Designing, constructing or purchasing new buildings for*
8 *schools or related facilities;*

9 2. *Enlarging, remodeling or renovating existing buildings for*
10 *schools or related facilities; and*

11 3. *Acquiring sites for building schools or related facilities.*



1 **Sec. 2.** Chapter 392 of NRS is hereby amended by adding
2 thereto the provisions set forth as sections 3, 4 and 5 of this act.

3 **Sec. 3.** *Each school district in a county whose population is*
4 *100,000 or more shall designate a full-time employee to serve as*
5 *an emergency manager. As used in this section, "emergency*
6 *manager" means a person whose job responsibilities are focused*
7 *solely on the planning and coordination of available resources for*
8 *the mitigation of, preparation for, response to and recovery from*
9 *emergencies or crises.*

10 **Sec. 4. 1.** *The Department of Education shall, at least once*
11 *each year, coordinate with the Division of Emergency*
12 *Management of the Department of Public Safety to conduct a*
13 *conference regarding safety in public schools.*

14 2. *The board of trustees of each school district and the*
15 *governing body of each charter school shall designate persons to*
16 *attend the conference held pursuant to subsection 1. The persons*
17 *so designated must include, without limitation:*

18 (a) *An administrator from the school district or charter school,*
19 *as applicable; and*

20 (b) *If the school district has school police officers, the chief of*
21 *school police of a school district or a person designated by him or*
22 *her.*

23 3. *The conference conducted pursuant to subsection 1 may be*
24 *attended by:*

25 (a) *A licensed teacher of a school or charter school;*

26 (b) *Educational support personnel employed by a school*
27 *district or charter school;*

28 (c) *The parent or legal guardian of a pupil who is enrolled in a*
29 *public school; and*

30 (d) *An employee of a local law enforcement agency.*

31 **Sec. 5.** *If a licensed social worker is employed or retained to*
32 *provide services to pupils at a public school, he or she shall,*
33 *without limitation:*

34 1. *Conduct mental health assessments of pupils;*

35 2. *Make referrals of pupils to mental health professionals;*

36 3. *Conduct home visits with families of pupils identified as*
37 *having been involved in a behavioral incident on the premises of a*
38 *public school, at an activity sponsored by a public school or on a*
39 *school bus; and*

40 4. *Assess the needs of pupils and provide a list of any*
41 *resources that are available in the community to assist a pupil,*
42 *including, without limitation, resources available at no charge or*
43 *at a reduced cost.*



Sec. 6. NRS 392.450 is hereby amended to read as follows:

392.450 1. The board of trustees of each school district and the governing body of each charter school shall provide drills for the pupils in the schools in the school district or the charter schools at least once each month during the school year to instruct those pupils in the appropriate procedures to be followed in the event of a *lockdown*, fire or other emergency . ~~[; except a crisis governed by NRS 392.600 to 392.656, inclusive.]~~ Not more than three of those drills may include instruction in the appropriate procedures to be followed in the event of a chemical explosion, related emergencies and other natural disasters.

2. In all cities or towns , ~~[which have regularly organized, paid fire departments or voluntary fire departments.]~~ the drills required by subsection 1 must be conducted under the supervision of the ~~[;]~~ *chief of the fire department of the city or town, if the city or town has a regularly organized, paid fire department or voluntary fire department, and the:*

(a) Person designated for this purpose by the board of trustees of the school district or the governing body of a charter school ~~[; and]~~ *in a county whose population is less than 100,000; or*

(b) ~~[Chief of the fire department of the city or town.]~~ *Emergency manager designated pursuant to section 3 of this act in a county whose population is 100,000 or more.*

3. A diagram of the approved escape route and any other information related to the drills required by subsection 1 which is approved by the chief of the fire department or, if there is no fire department, the State Fire Marshal must be kept posted in every classroom of every public school by the principal or teacher in charge thereof.

4. The principal, teacher or other person in charge of each school building shall cause the provisions of this section to be enforced.

5. Any violation of the provisions of this section is a misdemeanor.

6. As used in this section, "lockdown" means a circumstance in which the occupants of a building are positioned behind secured openings and isolated from threats.

Sec. 7. NRS 392.600 is hereby amended to read as follows:

392.600 As used in NRS 392.600 to 392.656, inclusive, *and sections 3, 4 and 5 of this act*, unless the context otherwise requires, the words and terms defined in NRS 392.604 to 392.612, inclusive, have the meanings ascribed to them in those sections.

Sec. 8. The provisions of NRS 354.599 do not apply to any additional expenses of a local government that are related to the provisions of this act.



1 **Sec. 9.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2015.

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