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SENATE BILL NO. 285—SENATOR HAMMOND

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JOINT SPONSORS: ASSEMBLYMEN ROBERTS,  
HARDY, LEAVITT; AND ELLISON

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Referred to Committee on Education

SUMMARY—Makes certain changes relating to school safety.  
(BDR S-282)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: May have Fiscal Impact.  
Effect on the State: Contains Appropriation not included  
in Executive Budget.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets [omitted material] is material to be omitted.

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AN ACT relating to education; authorizing the Department of Education to award a grant of money to the board of trustees of a school district to make improvements related to security; making an appropriation; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**Legislative Counsel’s Digest:**

1 **Section 1** of this bill authorizes the Department of Education to award a grant  
2 of money to the board of trustees of a school district to be used to improve the  
3 facilities of a school within the school district to prevent violence and improve  
4 security of facilities. **Section 1** authorizes the Department to award a grant of not  
5 more than \$500,000 for each qualifying facility within a school district. **Section 1**  
6 also authorizes the Department of Education to consult with the Department of  
7 Public Safety and the Nevada Commission on Homeland Security in awarding such  
8 a grant. **Section 2** of this bill authorizes the board of trustees of a school district to  
9 apply for such a grant. **Section 2** requires the Department of Education to receive  
10 from the board of trustees of a school district, before disbursing the grant,  
11 documentation showing that: (1) the board of trustees of the school district has  
12 received bids on the entirety of the project; and (2) the project can be fully  
13 completed with the grant money awarded to the board of trustees of the school  
14 district. **Section 2** requires the board of trustees of a school district to use the grant  
15 to make certain improvements to a school within the school district. **Section 3** of  
16 this bill makes an appropriation to pay for the award of such grants.



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

1     **Section 1.** 1. The Department of Education may award a  
2 grant of money to the board of trustees of a school district for  
3 improvements related to prevention of violence and security of  
4 facilities of a school within the school district.

5     2. The Department may award a grant of not more than  
6 \$500,000 for each qualifying school building pursuant to subsection  
7 1. The Department shall award grants pursuant to subsection 1 on a  
8 first-come, first-served basis.

9     3. In awarding a grant pursuant to subsection 1, the Department  
10 of Education may consult with the Department of Public Safety and  
11 the Nevada Commission on Homeland Security.

12     **Sec. 2.** 1. The board of trustees of a school district may  
13 apply to the Department of Education for a grant of money to  
14 improve security of facilities of a school in a manner prescribed by  
15 the Department. An application for a grant must include an  
16 explanation of how the grant will be used.

17     2. The Department shall not distribute money awarded to the  
18 board of trustees of a school district until the Department receives  
19 documentation:

20     (a) That the board of trustees of the school district has received  
21 bids on the entirety of the project; and

22     (b) That the project can be fully completed with money  
23 available for the project, including, without limitation, any grant  
24 money awarded to the board of trustees of the school district.

25     3. The board of trustees of a school district may use a grant  
26 awarded pursuant to section 1 of this act to predesign, design,  
27 construct, furnish and equip school facilities, including, without  
28 limitation, renovating and expanding existing buildings and  
29 facilities, to prevent violence and improve the safety of school  
30 facilities.

31     **Sec. 3.** 1. There is hereby appropriated from the State  
32 General Fund to the Department of Education the sum of  
33 \$25,000,000 for awarding grants for improvements related to  
34 prevention of violence and security of facilities of a school pursuant  
35 to section 1 of this act.

36     2. Any remaining balance of the appropriation made by  
37 subsection 1 must not be committed for expenditure after June 30,  
38 2021, by the entity to which the appropriation is made or any  
39 entity to which money from the appropriation is granted or  
40 otherwise transferred in any manner, and any portion of the  
41 appropriated money remaining must not be spent for any purpose  
42 after September 17, 2021, by either the entity to which the money



1 was appropriated or the entity to which the money was subsequently  
2 granted or transferred, and must be reverted to the State General  
3 Fund on or before September 17, 2021.

4 **Sec. 4.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2019.

