

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 271—ASSEMBLYMAN FRIERSON

MARCH 15, 2021

Referred to Committee on Government Affairs

SUMMARY—Establishes certain requirements for law enforcement agencies. (BDR 23-923)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: May have Fiscal Impact.
Effect on the State: No.

CONTAINS UNFUNDED MANDATE (§ 1)
(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 law enforcement; requiring certain law enforcement agencies to maintain specific supervisor ratios; establishing provisions relating to staffing assignments of nonsupervisory peace officers and first-line supervisors; requiring first-line supervisors to perform certain duties relating to the use of force by nonsupervisory peace officers; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

1 Existing law establishes various provisions relating to peace officers and law
2 enforcement agencies. (Chapter 289 of NRS) Existing law defines the term “law
3 enforcement agency” as any agency, office, bureau, department, unit or division
4 created by statute, ordinance or rule which: (1) has a duty to enforce the law; and
5 (2) employs any person who has some or all of the powers of a peace officer. (NRS
6 289.010) This bill applies to any law enforcement agency in a county whose
7 population is 100,000 or more (currently Clark and Washoe Counties) and requires
8 such law enforcement agencies to maintain supervisor ratios of at least 1 first-line
9 supervisor per 10 nonsupervisory peace officers. This bill also requires: (1) each
10 nonsupervisory peace officer to be assigned to a single first-line supervisor; and (2)
11 the provision of work schedules which ensure that a nonsupervisory peace officer is
12 assigned to work on the same days and hours as his or her first-line supervisor.
13 Finally, this bill places certain duties on first-line supervisors relating to the use of
14 force by nonsupervisory peace officers.



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

1 **Section 1.** Chapter 289 of NRS is hereby amended by adding
2 thereto a new section to read as follows:

3 **1. In a county whose population is 100,000 or more:**

4 **(a) Each law enforcement agency shall:**

5 **(1) Maintain a supervisor ratio of at least 1 first-line**
6 **supervisor per 10 nonsupervisory peace officers;**

7 **(2) Ensure consistency in the supervision of nonsupervisory**
8 **peace officers by assigning each nonsupervisory peace officer to a**
9 **single first-line supervisor; and**

10 **(3) Schedule each nonsupervisory peace officer to work on**
11 **the same days and hours as his or her first-line supervisor; and**

12 **(b) A first-line supervisor shall:**

13 **(1) Assist in the de-escalation of any volatile situation;**

14 **(2) Provide supervision and direction as necessary in**
15 **circumstances in which nonsupervisory peace officer employs the**
16 **use of force;**

17 **(3) Respond as necessary to circumstances in which a**
18 **nonsupervisory peace officer employed the use of force; and**

19 **(4) If required by law or the policies of the law enforcement**
20 **agency, investigate each circumstance in which a nonsupervisory**
21 **peace officer employed the use of force and ensure that there is**
22 **documentation of each such circumstance.**

23 **2. As used in this section, "first-line supervisor" means a**
24 **peace officer who supervises other persons and who is on an**
25 **organizational level immediately above nonsupervisory peace**
26 **officers.**

27 **Sec. 2.** The provisions of NRS 354.599 do not apply to any
28 additional expenses of a local government that are related to the
29 provisions of this act.

30 **Sec. 3.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2021.

