

SENATE BILL NO. 36—COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

(ON BEHALF OF THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION)

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Referred to Committee on Education

SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to plans for responses to crises, emergencies and suicides by schools. (BDR 34-296)

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 education; changing the name of a development committee for a school district or charter school that develops a plan for responding to a crisis, emergency or suicide to a crisis committee; requiring a crisis committee to include at least one representative of the county or district board of health; requiring certain plans developed for use by schools in responding to crisis, emergency or suicide to be used in response to all hazards; requiring the Department of Education to include information regarding an epidemic in its model plan for the management of crises, emergencies and suicides; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

1 Existing law requires the board of trustees of each school district and the
2 governing body of each charter school and private school to establish a
3 development committee to develop a plan to be used by the schools in the district or
4 the charter school or private school in responding to a crisis, emergency or suicide.
5 (NRS 388.241, 394.1685) **Sections 1-6, 8, 9 and 11-19** of this bill change the name
6 of such a committee to a “crisis committee.” **Section 2** of this bill requires at least
7 one member of such a crisis committee be a representative of the county or district
8 board of health and requires the plan to be used for responding to all hazards.
9 **Section 2** prohibits the member of a crisis committee who is a parent or legal
10 guardian of a pupil at the school from being an employee of the school district or
11 charter school. **Section 12** of this bill similarly requires a plan developed for a
12 private school to be used for responding to all hazards.



Existing law requires: (1) a development committee to, at least once each year, review and update as appropriate the plan; and (2) the board of trustees of a school district or the governing body of a charter school to post a notice of the completed review or update at each school in its school district or at its charter school. (NRS 388.245) **Section 4** of this bill requires the notice to instead be posted on the Internet website maintained by the school district or charter school and each school. **Section 14** of this bill provides the same requirement for private schools. Existing law requires a school committee to, at least once each year, review the plan developed by a development committee and consult with certain local emergency management and social services agencies. (NRS 388.249) **Section 5** of this bill removes the requirement to consult with such organizations and requires a crisis committee to post a notice of completion of such a review on the Internet website maintained by the school. **Section 15** of this bill makes a similar change for private schools.

Existing law requires the Department of Education to develop a model plan for the management of a suicide or a crisis or emergency that involves a public or private school and requires immediate action. (NRS 388.253, 394.1687) **Section 7** of this bill requires the Department to include specific information relating to an epidemic in the model plan.

Existing law provides that the Open Meeting Law does not apply to certain meetings. (NRS 388.261) **Section 9** of this bill provides that the Open Meeting Law does not apply to meetings of the board of trustees of a school district or the governing body of a charter school concerning emergency response plans. Existing law requires the principal of each charter school to designate an employee to serve as the school safety specialist for the charter school. (NRS 388.910) **Section 10** of this bill requires instead that the governing body of the charter school designate a school safety specialist. Existing law requires the school safety specialist to provide employees of certain public safety agencies with a tour of each school in the school district or the charter school at least once every 3 years. (NRS 388.910) **Section 10** instead requires the school safety specialist to provide such employees with an opportunity to become familiar with each blueprint of such a school at least once every 3 years.

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

Section 1. NRS 388.232 is hereby amended to read as follows:
388.232 ~~["Development]~~ **"Crisis** committee" means a committee established pursuant to NRS 388.241.

Sec. 2. NRS 388.241 is hereby amended to read as follows:
388.241 1. The board of trustees of each school district shall establish a ~~[development]~~ **crisis** committee to develop one plan, which constitutes the minimum requirements of a plan, to be used by all the public schools other than the charter schools in the school district in responding to a crisis, emergency or suicide ~~[]~~ **and all other hazards**. The governing body of each charter school shall establish a ~~[development]~~ **crisis** committee to develop a plan, which constitutes the minimum requirements of a plan, to be used by the charter school in responding to a crisis, emergency or suicide ~~[]~~ **and all other hazards**.



1 2. The membership of a ~~[development]~~ *crisis* committee must
2 consist of:

3 (a) At least one member of the board of trustees or of the
4 governing body that established the committee;

5 (b) At least one administrator of a school in the school district or
6 of the charter school;

7 (c) At least one licensed teacher of a school in the school district
8 or of the charter school;

9 (d) At least one employee of a school in the school district or of
10 the charter school who is not a licensed teacher and who is not
11 responsible for the administration of the school;

12 (e) At least one parent or legal guardian of a pupil who is
13 enrolled in a school in the school district or in the charter school ~~[]~~
14 *and who is not an employee of the school district or charter*
15 *school;*

16 (f) At least one representative of a local law enforcement agency
17 in the county in which the school district or charter school is
18 located;

19 (g) At least one school police officer, including, without
20 limitation, a chief of school police of the school district if the school
21 district has school police officers;

22 (h) At least one representative of a state or local organization for
23 emergency management; ~~[and]~~

24 (i) *At least one representative of the county or district board of*
25 *health in the county in which the school district or charter school*
26 *is located, designated by the county or district board of health; and*

27 (j) At least one mental health professional, including, without
28 limitation:

29 (1) A counselor of a school in the school district or of the
30 charter school;

31 (2) A psychologist of a school in the school district or of the
32 charter school; or

33 (3) A licensed social worker of a school in the school district
34 or of the charter school.

35 3. The membership of a ~~[development]~~ *crisis* committee may
36 also include any other person whom the board of trustees or the
37 governing body deems appropriate, including, without limitation:

38 (a) A pupil in grade 10 or higher of a school in the school
39 district or a pupil in grade 10 or higher of the charter school if a
40 school in the school district or the charter school includes grade 10
41 or higher; and

42 (b) An attorney or judge who resides or works in the county in
43 which the school district or charter school is located.

44 4. The board of trustees of each school district and the
45 governing body of each charter school shall determine the term of



1 each member of the ~~{development}~~ *crisis* committee that it
2 establishes. Each ~~{development}~~ *crisis* committee may adopt rules
3 for its own management and government.

4 **Sec. 3.** NRS 388.243 is hereby amended to read as follows:

5 388.243 1. Each ~~{development}~~ *crisis* committee established
6 by the board of trustees of a school district shall develop one plan,
7 which constitutes the minimum requirements of a plan, to be used
8 by all the public schools other than the charter schools in the school
9 district in responding to a crisis, emergency or suicide ~~{}~~ *and all*
10 *other hazards*. Each ~~{development}~~ *crisis* committee established by
11 the governing body of a charter school shall develop a plan, which
12 constitutes the minimum requirements of a plan, to be used by the
13 charter school in responding to a crisis, emergency or suicide ~~{}~~ *and*
14 *all other hazards*. Each ~~{development}~~ *crisis* committee shall, when
15 developing the plan:

16 (a) Consult with local social service agencies and local public
17 safety agencies in the county in which its school district or charter
18 school is located.

19 (b) If the school district has an emergency manager designated
20 pursuant to NRS 388.262, consult with the emergency manager.

21 (c) If the school district has school resource officers, consult
22 with the school resource officer or a person designated by him or
23 her.

24 (d) If the school district has school police officers, consult with
25 the chief of school police of the school district or a person
26 designated by him or her.

27 (e) Consult with the director of the local organization for
28 emergency management or, if there is no local organization for
29 emergency management, with the Chief of the Division of
30 Emergency Management of the Department of Public Safety or his
31 or her designee.

32 (f) Consult with the State Fire Marshal or his or her designee
33 and a representative of a local government responsible for
34 enforcement of the ordinances, codes or other regulations governing
35 fire safety.

36 (g) Determine which persons and organizations in the
37 community, including, without limitation, a provider of mental
38 health services which is operated by a state or local agency, that
39 could be made available to assist pupils and staff in recovering from
40 a crisis, emergency or suicide.

41 2. The plan developed pursuant to subsection 1 must include,
42 without limitation:

43 (a) The plans, procedures and information included in the model
44 plan developed by the Department pursuant to NRS 388.253;



1 (b) A procedure for responding to a crisis or an emergency and
2 for responding during the period after a crisis or an emergency has
3 concluded, including, without limitation, a crisis or an emergency
4 that results in immediate physical harm to a pupil or employee of a
5 school in the school district or the charter school;

6 (c) A procedure for enforcing discipline within a school in the
7 school district or the charter school and for obtaining and
8 maintaining a safe and orderly environment during a crisis or an
9 emergency;

10 (d) The names of persons and organizations in the community,
11 including, without limitation, a provider of mental health services
12 which is operated by a state or local agency, that are available to
13 provide counseling and other services to pupils and staff of the
14 school to assist them in recovering from a crisis, emergency or
15 suicide;

16 (e) A plan for making the persons and organizations described in
17 paragraph (d) available to pupils and staff after a crisis, emergency
18 or suicide;

19 (f) A procedure for responding to a crisis or an emergency that
20 occurs during an extracurricular activity which takes place on school
21 grounds;

22 (g) A plan which includes strategies to assist pupils and staff at a
23 school in recovering from a suicide; and

24 (h) A description of the organizational structure which ensures
25 there is a clearly defined hierarchy of authority and responsibility
26 used by the school for the purpose of responding to a crisis,
27 emergency or suicide.

28 3. Each ~~{development}~~ crisis committee shall provide *for*
29 *review* a copy of the plan that it develops pursuant to this section to
30 the board of trustees of the school district that established the
31 committee or the governing body of the charter school that
32 established the committee.

33 4. The board of trustees of the school district that established
34 the committee or the governing body of the charter school that
35 established the committee shall submit for ~~{approval}~~ *review* to the
36 Division of Emergency Management of the Department of Public
37 Safety the plan developed pursuant to this section.

38 5. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 388.249 and 388.251,
39 each public school must comply with the plan developed for it
40 pursuant to this section.

41 **Sec. 4.** NRS 388.245 is hereby amended to read as follows:

42 388.245 1. Each ~~{development}~~ crisis committee shall, at
43 least once each year, review and update as appropriate the plan that
44 it developed pursuant to NRS 388.243. In reviewing and updating
45 the plan, the ~~{development}~~ crisis committee shall consult with the



1 director of the local organization for emergency management or, if
2 there is no local organization for emergency management, with the
3 Chief of the Division of Emergency Management of the Department
4 of Public Safety or his or her designee.

5 2. Each ~~{development}~~ *crisis* committee shall provide an
6 updated copy of the plan to the board of trustees of the school
7 district that established the committee or the governing body of the
8 charter school that established the committee.

9 3. On or before July 1 of each year, the board of trustees of the
10 school district that established the committee or the governing body
11 of the charter school that established the committee shall submit for
12 ~~{approval}~~ *review* to the Division of Emergency Management of the
13 Department of Public Safety the plan updated pursuant to subsection
14 1.

15 4. The board of trustees of each school district and the
16 governing body of each charter school shall:

17 (a) Post a notice of the completion of each review and update
18 that its ~~{development}~~ *crisis* committee performs pursuant to
19 subsection 1 ~~{at}~~ *on the Internet website maintained by the school*
20 *district or governing body and by* each school in ~~{its}~~ *the* school
21 district or ~~{at its}~~ *by the* charter school ~~{;}~~ *, as applicable;*

22 (b) File with the Department a copy of the notice ~~{provided}~~
23 *posted* pursuant to paragraph (a);

24 (c) Post a ~~{copy of}~~ *link to* NRS 388.229 to 388.266, inclusive,
25 ~~{at}~~ *on the Internet website maintained by* each school in its school
26 district or ~~{at its}~~ *by the* charter school;

27 (d) Retain a copy of each plan developed pursuant to NRS
28 388.243, each plan updated pursuant to subsection 1 and each
29 deviation approved pursuant to NRS 388.251;

30 (e) Provide a copy of each plan developed pursuant to NRS
31 388.243 and each plan updated pursuant to subsection 1 to:

32 (1) Each local public safety agency in the county in which
33 the school district or charter school is located; and

34 (2) The local organization for emergency management, if
35 any;

36 (f) Upon request, provide a copy of each plan developed
37 pursuant to NRS 388.243 and each plan updated pursuant to
38 subsection 1 to a local agency that is included in the plan and to an
39 employee of a school who is included in the plan;

40 (g) Provide a copy of each deviation approved pursuant to NRS
41 388.251 as soon as practicable to:

42 (1) The Department;

43 (2) A local public safety agency in the county in which the
44 school district or charter school is located;



1 (3) The Division of Emergency Management of the
2 Department of Public Safety;

3 (4) The local organization for emergency management, if
4 any;

5 (5) A local agency that is included in the plan; and

6 (6) An employee of a school who is included in the plan; and

7 (h) At least once each year, provide training in responding to a
8 crisis and training in responding to an emergency to each employee
9 of the school district or of the charter school, including, without
10 limitation, training concerning drills for evacuating and securing
11 schools.

12 5. The board of trustees of each school district and the
13 governing body of each charter school may apply for and accept
14 gifts, grants and contributions from any public or private source to
15 carry out the provisions of NRS 388.229 to 388.266, inclusive.

16 **Sec. 5.** NRS 388.249 is hereby amended to read as follows:

17 388.249 1. Each school committee shall, at least once each
18 year, review the plan developed pursuant to NRS 388.243 and
19 determine whether the school should deviate from the plan.

20 2. Each school committee shall, when reviewing the plan ~~f:~~

21 ~~—(a) Consult with the local social service agencies and law~~
22 ~~enforcement agencies in the county, city or town in which its school~~
23 ~~is located.~~

24 ~~—(b) Consult with the director of the local organization for~~
25 ~~emergency management or, if there is no local organization for~~
26 ~~emergency management, with the Chief of the Division of~~
27 ~~Emergency Management of the Department of Public Safety or his~~
28 ~~or her designee.~~

29 ~~—(c) Consider],~~ *consider* the specific needs and characteristics of
30 the school, including, without limitation, the length of time for law
31 enforcement to respond to the school and for a fire-fighting agency
32 to respond to a fire, explosion or other similar emergency.

33 3. If a school committee determines that the school should
34 deviate from the plan, the school committee shall notify the
35 ~~[development]~~ *crisis* committee that developed the plan, describe
36 the proposed deviation and explain the reason for the proposed
37 deviation. The school may deviate from the plan only if the
38 deviation is approved by the ~~[development]~~ *crisis* committee
39 pursuant to NRS 388.251.

40 4. Each public school shall post ~~[at the school]~~ *on the Internet*
41 *website maintained by the school* a notice of the completion of each
42 review that the school committee performs pursuant to this section.

43 **Sec. 6.** NRS 388.251 is hereby amended to read as follows:

44 388.251 1. A ~~[development]~~ *crisis* committee that receives a
45 proposed deviation from a school committee pursuant to



1 NRS 388.249 shall, within 60 days after it receives the proposed
2 deviation:

3 (a) Review the proposed deviation and any information
4 submitted with the proposed deviation; and

5 (b) Notify the school committee that submitted the proposed
6 deviation whether the proposed deviation has been approved.

7 2. A ~~development~~ crisis committee shall provide a copy of
8 each deviation that it approves pursuant to this section to the board
9 of trustees of the school district that established the committee or to
10 the governing body of the charter school that established the
11 committee.

12 **Sec. 7.** NRS 388.253 is hereby amended to read as follows:

13 388.253 1. The Department shall, with assistance from other
14 state agencies, including, without limitation, the Division of
15 Emergency Management, the Investigation Division, and the
16 Nevada Highway Patrol Division of the Department of Public
17 Safety, develop a model plan for the management of:

18 (a) A suicide; ~~or~~

19 (b) A crisis or emergency that involves a public school or a
20 private school and that requires immediate action ~~H~~; and

21 (c) *All other hazards.*

22 2. The model plan must include, without limitation, a
23 procedure for:

24 (a) In response to a crisis or emergency:

25 (1) Coordinating the resources of local, state and federal
26 agencies, officers and employees, as appropriate;

27 (2) Accounting for all persons within a school;

28 (3) Assisting persons within a school in a school district, a
29 charter school or a private school to communicate with each other;

30 (4) Assisting persons within a school in a school district, a
31 charter school or a private school to communicate with persons
32 located outside the school, including, without limitation, relatives of
33 pupils and relatives of employees of such a school, the news media
34 and persons from local, state or federal agencies that are responding
35 to a crisis or an emergency;

36 (5) Assisting pupils of a school in the school district, a
37 charter school or a private school, employees of such a school and
38 relatives of such pupils and employees to move safely within and
39 away from the school, including, without limitation, a procedure for
40 evacuating the school and a procedure for securing the school;

41 (6) Reunifying a pupil with his or her parent or legal
42 guardian;

43 (7) Providing any necessary medical assistance;

44 (8) Recovering from a crisis or emergency;

45 (9) Carrying out a lockdown at a school;



- 1 (10) Providing shelter in specific areas of a school; and
2 (11) Providing disaster behavioral health related to a crisis,
3 emergency or suicide;
4 (b) Providing specific information relating to managing a crisis
5 or emergency that is a result of:
6 (1) An incident involving hazardous materials;
7 (2) An incident involving mass casualties;
8 (3) An incident involving an active shooter;
9 (4) An incident involving a fire, explosion or other similar
10 situation;
11 (5) An outbreak of disease ~~+~~, *including, without limitation,*
12 *an epidemic;*
13 (6) Any threat or hazard identified in the hazard mitigation
14 plan of the county in which the school district is located, if such a
15 plan exists; or
16 (7) Any other situation, threat or hazard deemed appropriate;
17 (c) Providing pupils and staff at a school that has experienced a
18 crisis or emergency with access to counseling and other resources to
19 assist in recovering from the crisis or emergency;
20 (d) Evacuating pupils and employees of a charter school to a
21 designated space within an identified public middle school, junior
22 high school or high school in a school district that is separate from
23 the general population of the school and large enough to
24 accommodate the charter school, and such a space may include,
25 without limitation, a gymnasium or multipurpose room of the public
26 school;
27 (e) Selecting an assessment tool which assists in responding to a
28 threat against the school by a pupil or pupils;
29 (f) On an annual basis, providing drills to instruct pupils in the
30 appropriate procedures to be followed in response to a crisis or an
31 emergency. Such drills must occur:
32 (1) At different times during normal school hours; and
33 (2) In cooperation with other state agencies, pursuant to this
34 section.
35 (g) Responding to a suicide or attempted suicide to mitigate the
36 effects of the suicide or attempted suicide on pupils and staff at the
37 school, including, without limitation, by making counseling and
38 other appropriate resources to assist in recovering from the suicide
39 or attempted suicide available to pupils and staff;
40 (h) Providing counseling and other appropriate resources to
41 pupils and school staff who have contemplated or attempted suicide;
42 (i) Outreach to persons and organizations located in the
43 community in which a school that has had a suicide by a pupil,
44 including, without limitation, religious and other nonprofit



1 organizations, that may be able to assist with the response to the
2 suicide;

3 (j) Addressing the needs of pupils at a school that has
4 experienced a crisis, emergency or suicide who are at a high risk of
5 suicide, including, without limitation, pupils who are members of
6 the groups described in subsection 3 of NRS 388.256; and

7 (k) Responding to a pupil who is determined to be a person in
8 mental health crisis, as defined in NRS 433A.0175, including,
9 without limitation:

10 (1) Utilizing mobile mental health crisis response units,
11 where available, before transporting the pupil to a public or private
12 mental health facility pursuant to subparagraph (2); and

13 (2) Transporting the pupil to a public or private mental health
14 facility or hospital for admission pursuant to NRS 433A.150.

15 3. In developing the model plan, the Department shall consider
16 the plans developed pursuant to NRS 388.243 and 394.1687 and
17 updated pursuant to NRS 388.245 and 394.1688.

18 4. The Department shall require a school district to ensure that
19 each public school in the school district identified pursuant to
20 paragraph (d) of subsection 2 is prepared to allow a charter school to
21 evacuate to the school when necessary in accordance with the
22 procedure included in the model plan developed pursuant to
23 subsection 1. A charter school shall hold harmless, indemnify and
24 defend the school district to which it evacuates during a crisis or an
25 emergency against any claim or liability arising from an act or
26 omission by the school district or an employee or officer of the
27 school district.

28 5. The Department may disseminate to any appropriate local,
29 state or federal agency, officer or employee, as the Department
30 determines is necessary:

31 (a) The model plan developed by the Department pursuant to
32 subsection 1;

33 (b) A plan developed pursuant to NRS 388.243 or updated
34 pursuant to NRS 388.245;

35 (c) A plan developed pursuant to NRS 394.1687 or updated
36 pursuant to NRS 394.1688; and

37 (d) A deviation approved pursuant to NRS 388.251 or 394.1692.

38 6. The Department shall, at least once each year, review and
39 update as appropriate the model plan developed pursuant to
40 subsection 1.

41 **Sec. 8.** NRS 388.259 is hereby amended to read as follows:

42 388.259 A plan developed or approved pursuant to NRS
43 388.243 or updated or approved pursuant to NRS 388.245, a
44 deviation and any information submitted to a [development] crisis
45 committee pursuant to NRS 388.249, a deviation approved pursuant



1 to NRS 388.251 and the model plan developed pursuant to NRS
2 388.253 are confidential and, except as otherwise provided in NRS
3 239.0115, 388.229 to 388.266, inclusive, and 393.045 must not be
4 disclosed to any person or government, governmental agency or
5 political subdivision of a government.

6 **Sec. 9.** NRS 388.261 is hereby amended to read as follows:

7 388.261 The provisions of chapter 241 of NRS do not apply to
8 a meeting of:

9 1. A ~~development~~ crisis committee;

10 2. A school committee;

11 3. *The board of trustees of a school district or governing body*
12 *of a charter school if the meeting concerns the review of a plan*
13 *submitted pursuant to subsection 3 of NRS 388.243 or a summary*
14 *presented or provided pursuant to paragraph (e) or (i) of*
15 *subsection 2 of NRS 388.910;*

16 4. The State Board if the meeting concerns a regulation
17 adopted pursuant to NRS 388.255;

18 ~~4.~~ 5. The Department of Education if the meeting concerns
19 the model plan developed pursuant to NRS 388.253; or

20 ~~5.~~ 6. The Division of Emergency Management of the
21 Department of Public Safety if the meeting concerns the ~~approval~~
22 *review* of a plan developed pursuant to NRS 388.243 or the
23 ~~approval~~ *review* of a plan updated pursuant to NRS 388.245.

24 **Sec. 10.** NRS 388.910 is hereby amended to read as follows:

25 388.910 1. The superintendent of schools of each school
26 district shall designate an employee at the district level to serve as
27 the school safety specialist for the district. The ~~principal~~
28 *governing body* of each charter school shall designate an employee
29 to serve as the school safety specialist for the charter school. Not
30 later than 1 year after being designated pursuant to this subsection, a
31 school safety specialist shall complete the training provided by the
32 Office for a Safe and Respectful Learning Environment pursuant to
33 NRS 388.1323.

34 2. A school safety specialist shall:

35 (a) Review policies and procedures of the school district or
36 charter school, as applicable, that relate to school safety to
37 determine whether those policies and procedures comply with state
38 laws and regulations;

39 (b) Ensure that each school employee who interacts directly with
40 pupils as part of his or her job duties receives information
41 concerning mental health services available in the school district or
42 charter school, as applicable, and persons to contact if a pupil needs
43 such services;

44 (c) Ensure the provision to school employees and pupils of
45 appropriate training concerning:



- 1 (1) Mental health;
- 2 (2) Emergency procedures, including, without limitation, the
- 3 plan developed pursuant to NRS 388.243; and
- 4 (3) Other matters relating to school safety and security;
- 5 (d) Annually conduct a school security risk assessment and
- 6 submit the school security risk assessment to the Office for a Safe
- 7 and Respectful Learning Environment for review pursuant to
- 8 NRS 388.1323;
- 9 (e) Present a summary of the school security risk assessment
- 10 conducted pursuant to paragraph (d) and any recommendations to
- 11 improve school safety and security based on the assessment at a
- 12 ~~public~~ meeting of the board of trustees of the school district or
- 13 governing body of the charter school, as applicable;
- 14 (f) Not later than 30 days after the meeting described in
- 15 paragraph (e), provide to the Director a summary of the school
- 16 security risk assessment, any recommendations to improve school
- 17 safety and security based on the assessment and any actions taken
- 18 by the board of trustees or governing body, as applicable, based on
- 19 those recommendations;
- 20 (g) Serve as the liaison for the school district or charter school,
- 21 as applicable, with local public safety agencies, other governmental
- 22 agencies, nonprofit organizations and the public regarding matters
- 23 relating to school safety and security;
- 24 (h) At least once every 3 years, provide ~~a tour of each school in~~
- 25 ~~the district or the charter school, as applicable, to~~ employees of
- 26 public safety agencies that are likely to be first responders to a
- 27 crisis, emergency or suicide *or other hazard* at ~~the~~ *a public* school
- 28 ~~to~~ *an opportunity to participate in an activity to familiarize*
- 29 *themselves with the blueprints of the school in a manner that*
- 30 *complies with NRS 393.045;* and
- 31 (i) Provide ~~a written record~~ to the board of trustees of the
- 32 school district or the governing body of the charter school, as
- 33 applicable, ~~to~~ any recommendations made by an employee of a
- 34 public safety agency as a result of ~~a tour~~ *an activity* provided
- 35 pursuant to paragraph (h). The board of trustees or governing body,
- 36 as applicable, shall maintain a *confidential* record of such
- 37 recommendations.
- 38 3. In a school district in a county whose population is 100,000
- 39 or more, the school safety specialist shall collaborate with the
- 40 emergency manager designated pursuant to NRS 388.262 where
- 41 appropriate in the performance of the duties prescribed in
- 42 subsection 2.
- 43 4. As used in this section:
- 44 (a) "Crisis" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 388.231.



1 (b) "Emergency" has the meaning ascribed to it in
2 NRS 388.233.

3 **Sec. 11.** NRS 394.1682 is hereby amended to read as follows:
4 394.1682 [{"development}] "*Crisis* committee" means a
5 committee established pursuant to NRS 394.1685.

6 **Sec. 12.** NRS 394.1685 is hereby amended to read as follows:
7 394.1685 1. The governing body of each private school shall
8 establish a [{"development}] *crisis* committee to develop a plan to be
9 used by the private school in responding to a crisis, emergency or
10 suicide [{"}] *and all other hazards*.

11 2. The membership of a [{"development}] *crisis* committee
12 consists of:

- 13 (a) At least one member of the governing body;
- 14 (b) At least one administrator of the school;
- 15 (c) At least one teacher of the school;
- 16 (d) At least one employee of the school who is not a teacher and
17 who is not responsible for the administration of the school;
- 18 (e) At least one parent or legal guardian of a pupil who is
19 enrolled in the school [{"}] *and who is not an employee of the school*;
- 20 (f) At least one representative of a local law enforcement agency
21 in the county in which the school is located; and
- 22 (g) At least one representative of a state or local organization for
23 emergency management.

24 3. The membership of a [{"development}] *crisis* committee may
25 also include any other person whom the governing body deems
26 appropriate, including, without limitation:

- 27 (a) A counselor of the school;
- 28 (b) A psychologist of the school;
- 29 (c) A licensed social worker of the school;
- 30 (d) A pupil in grade 10 or higher of the school if the school
31 includes grade 10 or higher; and
- 32 (e) An attorney or judge who resides or works in the county in
33 which the school is located.

34 4. The governing body of each private school shall determine
35 the term of each member of the [{"development}] *crisis* committee that
36 it established. Each [{"development}] *crisis* committee may adopt rules
37 for its own management and government.

38 **Sec. 13.** NRS 394.1687 is hereby amended to read as follows:
39 394.1687 1. Each [{"development}] *crisis* committee shall
40 develop a plan to be used by its school in responding to a crisis,
41 emergency or suicide [{"}] *and all other hazards*. Each [{"development}]
42 *crisis* committee shall, when developing the plan:

- 43 (a) Consult with local social service agencies and local public
44 safety agencies in the county in which its school is located.



1 (b) Consult with the director of the local organization for
2 emergency management or, if there is no local organization for
3 emergency management, with the Chief of the Division of
4 Emergency Management of the Department of Public Safety or his
5 or her designee.

6 2. The plan developed pursuant to subsection 1 must include,
7 without limitation:

8 (a) The plans, procedures and information included in the model
9 plan developed by the Department pursuant to NRS 388.253;

10 (b) A procedure for immediately responding to a crisis or an
11 emergency and for responding during the period after a crisis or an
12 emergency has concluded, including, without limitation, a crisis or
13 an emergency that results in immediate physical harm to a pupil or
14 employee of the school; and

15 (c) A procedure for enforcing discipline within the school and
16 for obtaining and maintaining a safe and orderly environment during
17 a crisis or an emergency.

18 3. Each ~~development~~ crisis committee shall provide *for*
19 *review* a copy of the plan that it develops pursuant to this section to
20 the governing body of the school that established the committee.

21 4. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 394.1691 and
22 394.1692, each private school must comply with the plan developed
23 for it pursuant to this section.

24 **Sec. 14.** NRS 394.1688 is hereby amended to read as follows:

25 394.1688 1. Each ~~development~~ crisis committee shall, at
26 least once each year, review and update as appropriate the plan that
27 it developed pursuant to NRS 394.1687. In reviewing and updating
28 the plan, the ~~development~~ crisis committee shall consult with the
29 director of the local organization for emergency management or, if
30 there is no local organization for emergency management, with the
31 Chief of the Division of Emergency Management of the Department
32 of Public Safety or his or her designee.

33 2. On or before July 1 of each year, each ~~development~~ crisis
34 committee shall provide an updated copy of the plan to the
35 governing body of the school.

36 3. The governing body of each private school shall:

37 (a) Post a notice of the completion of each review and update
38 that its ~~development~~ crisis committee performs pursuant to
39 subsection 1 ~~fat~~ *on the Internet website maintained by* the school;

40 (b) File with the Department a copy of the notice ~~provided~~
41 *posted* pursuant to paragraph (a);

42 (c) Post a ~~copy of~~ *link to* NRS 388.253 and 394.168 to
43 394.1699, inclusive, ~~fat~~ *on the Internet website maintained by* the
44 school;



1 (d) Retain a copy of each plan developed pursuant to NRS
2 394.1687, each plan updated pursuant to subsection 1 and each
3 deviation approved pursuant to NRS 394.1692;

4 (e) On or before July 1 of each year, provide a copy of each plan
5 developed pursuant to NRS 394.1687 and each plan updated
6 pursuant to subsection 1 to:

7 (1) Each local public safety agency in the county in which
8 the school is located;

9 (2) The Division of Emergency Management of the
10 Department of Public Safety; and

11 (3) The local organization for emergency management, if
12 any;

13 (f) Upon request, provide a copy of each plan developed
14 pursuant to NRS 394.1687 and each plan updated pursuant to
15 subsection 1 to a local agency that is included in the plan and to an
16 employee of the school who is included in the plan;

17 (g) Upon request, provide a copy of each deviation approved
18 pursuant to NRS 394.1692 to:

19 (1) The Department;

20 (2) A local public safety agency in the county in which the
21 school is located;

22 (3) The Division of Emergency Management of the
23 Department of Public Safety;

24 (4) The local organization for emergency management, if
25 any;

26 (5) A local agency that is included in the plan; and

27 (6) An employee of the school who is included in the plan;

28 and

29 (h) At least once each year, provide training in responding to a
30 crisis and training in responding to an emergency to each employee
31 of the school, including, without limitation, training concerning
32 drills for evacuating and securing the school.

33 4. As used in this section, "public safety agency" has the
34 meaning ascribed to it in NRS 388.2345.

35 **Sec. 15.** NRS 394.1691 is hereby amended to read as follows:

36 394.1691 1. Each school committee shall, at least once each
37 year, review the plan developed for its school pursuant to NRS
38 394.1687 and determine whether the school should deviate from the
39 plan.

40 2. Each school committee shall ~~[- when reviewing the plan,~~
41 ~~consult with:~~

42 ~~—(a) The local social service agencies and law enforcement~~
43 ~~agencies in the county, city or town in which its school is located.~~

44 ~~—(b) The director of the local organization for emergency~~
45 ~~management or, if there is no local organization for emergency~~



1 ~~management, with the Chief of the Division of Emergency~~
2 ~~Management of the Department of Public Safety or his or her~~
3 ~~designee.] consider the specific needs and characteristics of the~~
4 ~~school, including, without limitation, the length of time for law~~
5 ~~enforcement to respond to the school and for a fire-fighting~~
6 ~~agency to respond to a fire, explosion or similar emergency.~~

7 3. If a school committee determines that its school should
8 deviate from the plan, the school committee shall notify the
9 ~~[development] crisis~~ committee that developed the plan, describe
10 the proposed deviation and explain the reason for the proposed
11 deviation. The school may deviate from the plan only if the
12 deviation is approved by the ~~[development] crisis~~ committee
13 pursuant to NRS 394.1692.

14 4. Each private school shall post ~~[at]~~ *on the Internet website*
15 *maintained by* the school a notice of the completion of each review
16 that its school committee performs pursuant to this section.

17 **Sec. 16.** NRS 394.1692 is hereby amended to read as follows:

18 394.1692 1. A ~~[development] crisis~~ committee that receives a
19 proposed deviation from a school committee pursuant to NRS
20 394.1691 shall, within 60 days after it receives the proposed
21 deviation:

22 (a) Review the proposed deviation and any information
23 submitted with the proposed deviation; and

24 (b) Notify the school committee that submitted the proposed
25 deviation whether the proposed deviation has been approved.

26 2. A ~~[development] crisis~~ committee shall provide a copy of
27 each deviation that it approves pursuant to this section to the
28 governing body of the private school that established the committee.

29 **Sec. 17.** NRS 394.1698 is hereby amended to read as follows:

30 394.1698 A plan developed pursuant to NRS 394.1687 or
31 updated pursuant to NRS 394.1688, a deviation and any information
32 submitted to a ~~[development] crisis~~ committee pursuant to NRS
33 394.1691 and a deviation approved pursuant to NRS 394.1692 are
34 confidential and, except as otherwise provided in NRS 239.0115,
35 388.253 and 394.168 to 394.1699, inclusive, must not be disclosed
36 to any person or government, governmental agency or political
37 subdivision of a government.

38 **Sec. 18.** NRS 394.1699 is hereby amended to read as follows:

39 394.1699 The provisions of chapter 241 of NRS do not apply
40 to a meeting of:

41 1. A ~~[development] crisis~~ committee;

42 2. A school committee; or

43 3. The Board if the meeting concerns a regulation adopted
44 pursuant to NRS 394.1694.



1 **Sec. 19.** NRS 414.040 is hereby amended to read as follows:

2 414.040 1. A Division of Emergency Management is hereby
3 created within the Department of Public Safety. The Chief of the
4 Division is appointed by and holds office at the pleasure of the
5 Director of the Department of Public Safety. The Division is the
6 State Agency for Emergency Management and the State Agency for
7 Civil Defense for the purposes of the Compact ratified by the
8 Legislature pursuant to NRS 415.010. The Chief is the State's
9 Director of Emergency Management and the State's Director of
10 Civil Defense for the purposes of that Compact.

11 2. The Chief may employ technical, clerical, stenographic and
12 other personnel as may be required, and may make such
13 expenditures therefor and for other expenses of his or her office
14 within the appropriation therefor, or from other money made
15 available to him or her for purposes of emergency management, as
16 may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this chapter.

17 3. The Chief, subject to the direction and control of the
18 Director, shall carry out the program for emergency management in
19 this State. The Chief shall coordinate the activities of all
20 organizations for emergency management within the State, maintain
21 liaison with and cooperate with agencies and organizations of other
22 states and of the Federal Government for emergency management
23 and carry out such additional duties as may be prescribed by the
24 Director.

25 4. The Chief shall assist in the development of comprehensive,
26 coordinated plans for emergency management by adopting an
27 integrated process, using the partnership of governmental entities,
28 business and industry, volunteer organizations and other interested
29 persons, for the mitigation of, preparation for, response to and
30 recovery from emergencies or disasters. In adopting this process, the
31 Chief shall:

32 (a) Except as otherwise provided in NRS 232.3532, develop
33 written plans for the mitigation of, preparation for, response to and
34 recovery from emergencies and disasters. The plans developed by
35 the Chief pursuant to this paragraph must include the information
36 prescribed in NRS 414.041 to 414.044, inclusive.

37 (b) Conduct activities designed to:

38 (1) Eliminate or reduce the probability that an emergency
39 will occur or to reduce the effects of unavoidable disasters;

40 (2) Prepare state and local governmental agencies, private
41 organizations and other persons to be capable of responding
42 appropriately if an emergency or disaster occurs by fostering the
43 adoption of plans for emergency operations, conducting exercises to
44 test those plans, training necessary personnel and acquiring
45 necessary resources;



1 (3) Test periodically plans for emergency operations to
2 ensure that the activities of state and local governmental agencies,
3 private organizations and other persons are coordinated;

4 (4) Provide assistance to victims, prevent further injury or
5 damage to persons or property and increase the effectiveness of
6 recovery operations; and

7 (5) Restore the operation of vital community life-support
8 systems and return persons and property affected by an emergency
9 or disaster to a condition that is comparable to or better than what
10 existed before the emergency or disaster occurred.

11 5. In addition to any other requirement concerning the program
12 of emergency management in this State, the Chief shall:

13 (a) Maintain an inventory of any state or local services,
14 equipment, supplies, personnel and other resources related to
15 participation in the Nevada Intrastate Mutual Aid System
16 established pursuant to NRS 414A.100;

17 (b) Coordinate the provision of resources and equipment within
18 this State in response to requests for mutual aid pursuant to NRS
19 414.075 or chapter 414A of NRS;

20 (c) Coordinate with state agencies, local governments, Indian
21 tribes or nations and special districts to use the personnel and
22 equipment of those state agencies, local governments, Indian tribes
23 or nations and special districts as agents of the State during a
24 response to a request for mutual aid pursuant to NRS 414.075 or
25 414A.130; and

26 (d) Provide notice:

27 (1) On or before February 15 of each year to the governing
28 body of each political subdivision of whether the political
29 subdivision has complied with the requirements of NRS 239C.250;

30 (2) On or before February 15 of each year to the Chair of the
31 Public Utilities Commission of Nevada of whether each utility that
32 is not a governmental utility and each provider of new electric
33 resources has complied with the requirements of NRS 239C.270;

34 (3) On or before February 15 of each year to the Governor of
35 whether each governmental utility described in subsection 1 of NRS
36 239C.050 and each provider of new electric resources has complied
37 with the requirements of NRS 239C.270;

38 (4) On or before February 15 of each year to the governing
39 body of each governmental utility described in subsection 2 of NRS
40 239C.050 and each provider of new electric resources of whether
41 each such governmental utility has complied with the requirements
42 of NRS 239C.270;

43 (5) On or before August 15 of each year to the
44 Superintendent of Public Instruction of whether each board of
45 trustees of a school district, governing body of a charter school or



1 governing body of a private school has complied with the
2 requirements of NRS 388.243 or 394.1687, as applicable; and

3 (6) On or before November 15 of each year to the Chair of
4 the Nevada Gaming Control Board of whether each resort hotel has
5 complied with the requirements of NRS 463.790.

6 6. The Division shall:

7 (a) Perform the duties required pursuant to chapter 415A of
8 NRS;

9 (b) Perform the duties required pursuant to NRS 353.2753 at the
10 request of a state agency or local government;

11 (c) Adopt regulations setting forth the manner in which federal
12 funds received by the Division to finance projects related to
13 emergency management and homeland security are allocated, except
14 with respect to any funds committed by specific statute to the
15 regulatory authority of another person or agency, including, without
16 limitation, funds accepted by the State Emergency Response
17 Commission pursuant to NRS 459.740; and

18 (d) Submit a written report to the Nevada Commission on
19 Homeland Security within 60 days of making a grant of money to a
20 state agency, political subdivision or tribal government to pay for a
21 project or program relating to the prevention of, detection of,
22 mitigation of, preparedness for, response to and recovery from acts
23 of terrorism that includes, without limitation:

24 (1) The total amount of money that the state agency, political
25 subdivision or tribal government has been approved to receive for
26 the project or program;

27 (2) A description of the project or program; and

28 (3) An explanation of how the money may be used by the
29 state agency, political subdivision or tribal government.

30 7. The Division shall develop a written guide for the
31 preparation and maintenance of an emergency response plan to
32 assist a person or governmental entity that is required to file a plan
33 pursuant to NRS 239C.250, 239C.270, 388.243, 394.1687 or
34 463.790. The Division shall review the guide on an annual basis and
35 revise the guide if necessary. On or before January 15 of each year,
36 the Division shall provide the guide to:

37 (a) Each political subdivision required to adopt a response plan
38 pursuant to NRS 239C.250;

39 (b) Each utility and each provider of new electric resources
40 required to prepare and maintain an emergency response plan
41 pursuant to NRS 239C.270;

42 (c) Each **{development} crisis** committee required to develop a
43 plan to be used in responding to a crisis, emergency or suicide **and**
44 **all other hazards** by:



1 (1) A public school or charter school pursuant to NRS
2 388.243; or

3 (2) A private school pursuant to NRS 394.1687; and

4 (d) Each resort hotel required to adopt an emergency response
5 plan pursuant to NRS 463.790.

6 **Sec. 20.** This act becomes effective upon passage and
7 approval.

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