Assembly Bill No. 72–Committee on Education

CHAPTER.....

AN ACT relating to education; creating the Advisory Committee on the Safety and Well-Being of Public School Staff; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Existing law establishes various requirements governing educational personnel, including requirements governing the licensing, qualifications, employment, powers, duties, supervision and evaluation of such personnel. (Chapter 391 of NRS) **Section 3** of this bill creates the Advisory Committee on the Safety and Well-Being of Public School Staff, and **section 2** of this bill defines the term "Advisory Committee" to refer to that Advisory Committee. **Section 3** prescribes the membership of the Advisory Committee and establishes procedures governing the operation of the Advisory Committee. **Section 4** of this bill requires the Advisory Committee, on or before June 30, 2025, to review, investigate and make recommendations concerning: (1) any issue relating to the safety and well-being of public school staff, including provisions of law or regulations that affect the safety and well-being of public school staff; and (2) the consistent implementation of discipline of pupils.

EXPLANATION - Matter in **bolded italics** is new; matter between brackets formitted material; is material to be omitted.

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

- **Section 1.** Chapter 391 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto the provisions set forth as sections 2, 3 and 4 of this act.
- Sec. 2. As used in sections 3 and 4 of this act, unless the context otherwise requires, "Advisory Committee" means the Advisory Committee on the Safety and Well-Being of Public School Staff created by section 3 of this act.
- Sec. 3. 1. The Advisory Committee on the Safety and Well-Being of Public School Staff is hereby created within the Department.
- 2. The Advisory Committee consists of the following members:
- (a) Five members appointed by the Governor who are licensed pursuant to this chapter and employed by a school district in this State, at least four of whom must teach in the classroom;
- (b) Three members appointed by the Majority Leader of the Senate, as follows:
 - (1) One member of the Senate;
- (2) One education support professional who is employed by a school district in this State and works primarily at a single public school; and



- (3) One administrator of an elementary school in this State;
- (c) Three members appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly, as follows:

(1) One member of the Assembly;

(2) One education support professional who is employed by a school district in this State, works primarily for the school district and is assigned to multiple public schools; and

(3) One administrator of a high school in this State; and

(d) The following ex officio members:

- (1) The Superintendent of Public Instruction or his or her designee; and
- (2) The Director of the Office for a Safe and Respectful Learning Environment appointed pursuant to NRS 388.1323.
- 3. Any vacancy occurring in the membership of the Advisory Committee must be filled in the same manner as the original appointment.

4. Any legislative member of the Advisory Committee who is not a candidate for reelection or who is defeated for reelection

continues to serve after the general election.

- 5. A majority of the members of the Advisory Committee constitutes a quorum for the transaction of business, and a majority of a quorum present at any meeting is sufficient for any official action taken by the Advisory Committee.
- 6. At its first meeting, the Advisory Committee shall elect a Chair from among its members.
- 7. The Advisory Committee shall meet at least once in the first calendar year after its creation and thereafter at the call of the Chair as frequently as is required to perform its duties.

8. The members of the Advisory Committee serve without compensation and are not entitled to the per diem and travel

expenses provided for state officers and employees generally.

- 9. Any member of the Advisory Committee who is an officer or employee of this State or a political subdivision of this State must be relieved from his or her duties without loss of regular compensation so that he or she may prepare for and attend meetings of the Advisory Committee and perform any work necessary to carry out the duties of the Advisory Committee in the most timely manner practicable. A state agency or political subdivision of this State shall not require an officer or employee who is a member of the Advisory Committee to:
- (a) Make up the time the member is absent from work to carry out his or her duties as a member of the Advisory Committee; or
 - (b) Take annual leave or compensatory time for the absence.



10. As used in this section, "education support professional" means a person that is employed by a school district in this State and not required, as a condition of his or her employment, to hold a license issued pursuant to this chapter. The term includes, without limitation, school secretaries, paraprofessionals, custodial staff, food service workers and bus drivers.

Sec. 4. On or before June 30, 2025, the Advisory Committee shall review, investigate and make recommendations to the Legislature, any offices of this State and any political subdivisions

of this State as may be appropriate concerning:

1. Any issue relating to the safety and well-being of public school staff, including, without limitation, provisions of law or regulations that affect the safety and well-being of public school staff; and

2. The consistent implementation of discipline of pupils.

Sec. 5. (Deleted by amendment.)

Sec. 6. This act becomes effective on July 1, 2023, and expires by limitation on June 30, 2025.



