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ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 72—COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

(ON BEHALF OF THE JOINT INTERIM STANDING
COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION)

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Referred to Committee on Education

SUMMARY—Creates the Advisory Committee on the Safety and Well-Being of Public School Staff. (BDR 34-442)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: Yes.

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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; 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:

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

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

1 **Section 1.** Chapter 391 of NRS is hereby amended by adding
2 thereto the provisions set forth as sections 2, 3 and 4 of this act.

3 **Sec. 2.** *As used in sections 3 and 4 of this act, unless the*
4 *context otherwise requires, “Advisory Committee” means the*



1 *Advisory Committee on the Safety and Well-Being of Public*
2 *School Staff created by section 3 of this act.*

3 **Sec. 3.** 1. *The Advisory Committee on the Safety and Well-*
4 *Being of Public School Staff is hereby created within the*
5 *Department.*

6 2. *The Advisory Committee consists of the following*
7 *members:*

8 (a) *Five members appointed by the Governor who are licensed*
9 *pursuant to this chapter and employed by a school district in this*
10 *State, at least four of whom must teach in the classroom;*

11 (b) *Three members appointed by the Majority Leader of the*
12 *Senate, as follows:*

13 (1) *One member of the Senate;*

14 (2) *One education support professional who is employed by*
15 *a school district in this State and works primarily at a single public*
16 *school; and*

17 (3) *One administrator of an elementary school in this State;*

18 (c) *Three members appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly,*
19 *as follows:*

20 (1) *One member of the Assembly;*

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

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

25 (d) *The following ex officio members:*

26 (1) *The Superintendent of Public Instruction or his or her*
27 *designee; and*

28 (2) *The Director of the Office for a Safe and Respectful*
29 *Learning Environment appointed pursuant to NRS 388.1323.*

30 3. *After the initial terms, each member appointed pursuant to*
31 *paragraph (a), (b) or (c) of subsection 2 serves for a term of 3*
32 *years and continues in office until his or her successor is*
33 *appointed. Members may be reappointed for additional terms of 3*
34 *years in the same manner as the original appointments. Any*
35 *vacancy occurring in the membership of the Advisory Committee*
36 *must be filled for the remainder of the unexpired term in the same*
37 *manner as the original appointment.*

38 4. *Any legislative member of the Advisory Committee who is*
39 *not a candidate for reelection or who is defeated for reelection*
40 *continues to serve after the general election until the next regular*
41 *or special session of the Legislature convenes.*

42 5. *A majority of the members of the Advisory Committee*
43 *constitutes a quorum for the transaction of business, and a*
44 *majority of a quorum present at any meeting is sufficient for any*
45 *official action taken by the Advisory Committee.*



1 6. *At its first meeting and annually thereafter, the Advisory*
2 *Committee shall elect a Chair from among its members who shall*
3 *serve until the next Chair is elected.*

4 7. *The Advisory Committee shall meet at least once in the*
5 *first calendar year after its creation and thereafter at the call of*
6 *the Chair as frequently as is required to perform its duties.*

7 8. *The members of the Advisory Committee serve without*
8 *compensation and are not entitled to the per diem and travel*
9 *expenses provided for state officers and employees generally.*

10 9. *Any member of the Advisory Committee who is an officer*
11 *or employee of this State or a political subdivision of this State*
12 *must be relieved from his or her duties without loss of regular*
13 *compensation so that he or she may prepare for and attend*
14 *meetings of the Advisory Committee and perform any work*
15 *necessary to carry out the duties of the Advisory Committee in the*
16 *most timely manner practicable. A state agency or political*
17 *subdivision of this State shall not require an officer or employee*
18 *who is a member of the Advisory Committee to:*

19 (a) *Make up the time the member is absent from work to carry*
20 *out his or her duties as a member of the Advisory Committee; or*

21 (b) *Take annual leave or compensatory time for the absence.*

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

28 **Sec. 4.** *The Advisory Committee shall review, investigate and*
29 *make recommendations to the Legislature, any offices of this State*
30 *and any political subdivisions of this State as may be appropriate*
31 *concerning:*

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

36 2. *The consistent implementation of discipline of pupils.*

37 **Sec. 5.** 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of this act, as
38 soon as is practicable after July 1, 2023:

39 (a) The Governor shall appoint to the Advisory Committee:

40 (1) Two of the members described in paragraph (a) of
41 subsection 2 of section 3 of this act to terms that expire on July 1,
42 2024;

43 (2) One of the members described in paragraph (a) of
44 subsection 2 of section 3 of this act to a term that expires on July 1,
45 2025; and



1 (3) Two of the members described in paragraph (a) of
2 subsection 2 of section 3 of this act to terms that expire on July 1,
3 2026.

4 (b) The Majority Leader of the Senate shall appoint to the
5 Advisory Committee the members described in paragraph (b) of
6 subsection 2 of section 3 of this act to terms that expire on July 1,
7 2025.

8 (c) The Speaker of the Assembly shall appoint to the Advisory
9 Committee:

10 (1) The member described in subparagraph (1) of paragraph
11 (c) of subsection 2 of section 3 of this act to a term that expires on
12 July 1, 2024; and

13 (2) The members described in subparagraphs (2) and (3) of
14 paragraph (c) of subsection 2 of section 3 of this act to terms that
15 expire on July 1, 2026.

16 2. As used in this section, "Advisory Committee" means the
17 Advisory Committee on the Safety and Well-Being of Public School
18 Staff created by section 3 of this act.

19 **Sec. 6.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2023.

