ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 217-ASSEMBLYMEMBER GONZÁLEZ

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Referred to Committee on Education

SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to law enforcement on school property. (BDR 34-201)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: Increases or Newly Provides for Term of Imprisonment in County or City Jail or Detention Facility. Effect on the State: No.

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

AN ACT relating to education; prohibiting school districts, public schools and their employees from providing permission to access school district facilities to certain federal officials investigating or enforcing immigration laws; prohibiting school districts, public schools and their employees from providing information concerning pupils to certain federal, state or local officials investigating or enforcing immigration laws; prohibiting a school police officer or employee of certain school districts from using a chemical agent or electronic stun device against pupils or minors in certain settings; requiring certain entities to prepare and submit a report to the board of trustees of a school district after such prohibited instruments are used; requiring the board of trustees of the school district to conduct an investigation and make certain determinations after receiving such a report; providing penalties; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Existing law requires the Attorney General to publish model policies for limiting, to the fullest extent possible and consistent with any applicable law, minigration enforcement at certain public places, including public schools. (NRS 228.208) Section 1 of this bill prohibits a school district, public school or any employee of a school district or public school, except pursuant to a lawful court order or warrant, from providing a United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement officer, or other federal official engaging in the investigation or





8 enforcement of immigration laws: (1) permission to access the grounds, buildings ğ or facilities of a school district or public school; or (2) the education records of or information about a pupil or the family or household of a pupil. Section 1 10 11 additionally applies the prohibition on the provision of the education records of or 12 information about a pupil or the family or household of a pupil to a state or local 13 law enforcement officer engaged in the investigation or enforcement of 14 immigration laws. Section 1 makes a violation of this prohibition punishable as a 15 misdemeanor.

16 Existing law authorizes: (1) the board of trustees of a school district to employ, 17 appoint or contract for the provision of school police officers; and (2) the governing 18 body of a charter school to contract with the board of trustees of the school district 19 in which the charter school is located to provide school police officers. (NRS $\tilde{20}$ 388A.384, 391.281) Section 2 of this bill makes it a misdemeanor for a school 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 police officer or employee of a school district in a county whose population is 700,000 or more (currently only Clark County) to use a chemical agent or electronic stun device on a pupil or minor while: (1) on or in school grounds, property, buildings or any other school district facilities; (2) on or in the grounds, property, buildings or any other facilities in which a charter school is located, if the board of trustees of the school district has entered into a contract with the charter school for the provision of school police officers; or (3) at activities or events 28 29 sponsored by the school district or charter school that are not located on school property. Section 2 additionally requires that, if a school police officer or employee 30 of a school district uses or orders the use of a chemical agent or electronic stun 31 32 33 device against a pupil or minor, the school in which he or she is assigned or the metropolitan police department or sheriff's office that is his or her employer, as applicable, must prepare and submit a report to the board of trustees of the school 34 district in which the incident occurred. Section 2 further requires: (1) certain 35 information to be included in the report; (2) the board of trustees of the school 36 district to conduct an independent investigation of the incident; (3) the board of 37 trustees of the school district to determine whether the incident was justified; and 38 (4) the board of trustees of the school district to determine whether to change 39 certain policies and procedures of the school district or make recommendations for 40 the adoption or modification of certain policies to the metropolitan police 41 department or sheriff's department.

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

1 **Section 1.** Chapter 388 of NRS is hereby amended by adding 2 thereto a new section to read as follows:

3 1. A school district or public school, and any employee of a 4 school district or public school, shall not grant a United States 5 Immigration and Customs Enforcement officer, or other federal 6 official engaging in the investigation or enforcement of immigration laws, permission to access the grounds, buildings or 7 facilities of a school district or public school without a lawful 8 order or warrant issued by a court of competent jurisdiction. 9 2. A school district or public school, and any employee of a 10

10 2. A school district or public school, and any employee of a 11 school district or public school, shall not disclose or provide in 12 writing, verbally or in any other manner, the education records of





or any information about a pupil, or the family or household of a
 pupil, to a United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement
 officer or other federal official, or a state or local law enforcement
 officer, engaging in the investigation or enforcement of
 immigration laws, except pursuant to a lawful order or warrant
 issued by a court of competent jurisdiction.

7 3. Any person who knowingly and willfully violates the 8 provisions of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor.

9 4. As used in this section, "public school" includes, without 10 limitation, a charter school or university school for profoundly 11 gifted pupils.

12 Sec. 2. Chapter 391 of NRS is hereby amended by adding 13 thereto a new section to read as follows:

14 1. A school police officer or employee of a school district in a 15 county whose population is 700,000 or more shall not use a 16 chemical agent or electronic stun device against any pupil or 17 minor while:

(a) On or in school grounds, property, buildings or any other
 school district facilities;

(b) If the board of trustees has entered into a contract with a
charter school for the provision of school police officers pursuant
to NRS 388A.384, on or in the grounds, property, buildings or any
other facilities in which the charter school is located; or

(c) At activities or events sponsored by the school district or
charter school that are in a location other than the school
grounds, property, buildings or facilities within the school district
or charter school.

28 2. If a school police officer or employee of a school district in 29 a county whose population is 700,000 or more uses or orders the 30 use of a chemical agent or electronic stun device against a pupil or minor in a manner prohibited by subsection 1, the school in which 31 32 he or she is assigned or, if the board of trustees of the school 33 district has contracted with a metropolitan police department created pursuant to chapter 280 of NRS or with the sheriff of that 34 county for the provision of school police officers, the metropolitan 35 police department or sheriff's office that employs the school police 36 37 officer must prepare and submit a report to the school district in 38 which the incident occurred describing:

(a) Measures that the school police officer or employee of a
 school district took before the incident occurred to reduce the
 probability for disorder and disruption; and

42 (b) Actions taken before the incident occurred to de-escalate or
43 stabilize the situation to avoid using a chemical agent or electronic
44 stun device against a pupil or minor.





The board of trustees of a school district that receives a 1 3. 2 report prepared pursuant to subsection 2 shall:

- (a) **Review the report**;
- (b) Conduct an independent investigation of the incident; and
- (c) Determine whether:

(1) The measures or actions described in the report were 6 7 consistent with any policies or procedures of the school district 8 regarding de-escalation or the use of force;

9 (2) The use of the chemical agent or electronic stun device 10 was justified; and

11 (3) To revise the policies and procedures of the school 12 district regarding de-escalation and the use of force or, if the school district contracts with a metropolitan police department 13 created pursuant to chapter 280 of NRS or with the sheriff of that 14 county for the provision of school police officers, make 15 recommendations to the metropolitan police department or sheriff 16 for the modification or adoption of policies and training 17 procedures to prevent future violations of subsection 1. 18

19 Any person who violates the provisions of subsection 1 is 4. 20 guilty of a misdemeanor.

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As used in this section:

(a) "Chemical agent" means any chemical which can rapidly 22 23 produce sensory irritation or disabling physical effects in humans, 24 which disappear within a short time following termination of exposure. The term includes, without limitation, items commonly 25 26 referred to as tear gas, pepper spray, pepper balls and oleoresin 27 capsicum.

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(b) "Electronic stun device" means a device that:

29 (1) Emits an electrical charge or current that is transmitted 30 by projectile, physical contact or other means; and

(2) Is designed to disable a person or animal temporarily or 31 32 *permanently*.

(c) "School police officer" includes a peace officer who is 33 employed by a metropolitan police department created pursuant to 34 chapter 280 of NRS or a sheriff's office that has contracted with a 35 school district to provide police services in public schools pursuant 36 to NRS 391.281. 37 **Sec. 3.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2025.

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