

SENATE BILL NO. 294—SENATORS DONATE; FLORES,
D. HARRIS, AND SCHEIBLE

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Referred to Committee on Judiciary

SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to the safe storage of firearms. (BDR 15-47)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: May have Fiscal Impact.
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 firearms; creating the crime of unsafe storage of a firearm; requiring a licensed dealer to provide a locking device capable of securing a firearm with each sale or transfer of a firearm; requiring a licensed gun dealer to post a notice on the premises which informs a buyer that the unlawful storage of a firearm may result in imprisonment or a fine; requiring the board of trustees of each school district and the governing body of each charter school to provide active shooter preparedness training to each employee; requiring the Department of Education to include in a model plan for management of a suicide, crisis or emergency a procedure for providing drills to instruct pupils in the appropriate procedures to be followed in response to an active shooter emergency; requiring the Department of Health and Human Services to develop and implement a safe firearm storage education campaign; providing penalties; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

1 Existing law: (1) prohibits a person from aiding or knowingly permitting a
2 child to handle, possess or control a firearm under certain circumstances; (2)
3 provides that a person does not aid or knowingly permit a child to violate such
4 existing law if the firearm was stored in a securely locked container or at a location
5 which a reasonable person would have believed to be secure; and (3) makes it a
6 misdemeanor to negligently store or leave a firearm at a location under his or her
7 control, if a person knows or has reason to know that there is a substantial risk that



8 a child, who is otherwise prohibited from handling, possessing or controlling a
9 firearm, may obtain such a firearm. (NRS 202.300)

10 **Section 6** of this bill removes certain provisions of existing law relating to the
11 storage of firearms, and **sections 2-4** of this bill instead establish the Safe Firearm
12 Storage Act. **Section 5** of this bill makes a conforming change to indicate the
13 proper placement of **sections 2-4** in the Nevada Revised Statutes. **Section 12** of this
14 bill makes a conforming change to reflect the renumbering of subsections in
15 **section 6**.

16 **Section 3** of this bill, which contains the provisions of the Safe Firearm Storage
17 Act that apply to the storage of firearms by individuals, provides that a person
18 commits the crime of unsafe storage of a firearm when the person: (1) knows or
19 reasonably should know that a child under the age of 18 years, or a resident of the
20 premises that is prohibited from possessing a firearm, can gain access to a firearm;
21 and (2) fails to responsibly and securely store the firearm. Under **section 3**, a
22 person who commits the crime of unsafe storage of a firearm is guilty of a
23 misdemeanor. **Section 3** also creates an affirmative defense to the crime of unsafe
24 storage of a firearm if a child gained possession of and used a firearm for the
25 purpose of exercising certain rights.

26 Additionally, **section 3** provides that a person responsibly and securely stores a
27 firearm if: (1) the person carries the firearm on his or her person or within such
28 proximity thereto that the person can readily retrieve and use the firearm as if the
29 person carried the firearm on his or her person; (2) the firearm is kept in a locked
30 gun safe or other secure container or in a manner that a reasonable person would
31 believe to be secure, and a child or a resident of the premises who is prohibited
32 from possessing a firearm does not have access to the key, combination or other
33 unlocking mechanism necessary to open the safe or container; (3) the person
34 properly installs a locking device on the firearm, and a child or resident of the
35 premises who is prohibited from possessing a firearm does not have access to
36 the key; or (4) the firearm is a personalized firearm, and the safety characteristics of
37 the firearm are activated. **Section 7** of this bill makes a conforming change to
38 include a necessary reference to **section 3** in a provision relating to the forfeiture of
39 personal property used in the commission of an offense.

40 **Section 4** of this bill, which contains the provisions of the Safe Firearm Storage
41 Act relating to the obligations of licensed dealers of firearms, requires a licensed
42 dealer to: (1) provide with each firearm sold or otherwise transferred a locking
43 device capable of securing the firearm; and (2) post in a conspicuous location on its
44 premises a notice which informs a buyer that the unlawful storage of a firearm may
45 result in imprisonment or a fine. A licensed dealer who violates a requirement of
46 **section 4** is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not more than \$500.

47 Existing law requires the board of trustees of each school district and the
48 governing body of each charter school, at least once a year, to provide certain
49 training to each employee of the school district or of the charter school, including,
50 without limitation, training concerning drills for evacuating and securing schools.
51 (NRS 388.245) **Section 8** of this bill includes in such training drills for active
52 shooter preparedness.

53 Existing law requires the Department of Education to develop a model plan for
54 the management of a suicide or a crisis or emergency that involves a public or
55 private school and requires immediate action. Under existing law, the model plan
56 must provide for drills to instruct pupils in the appropriate procedures to be
57 followed in response to a crisis or an emergency. (NRS 388.253) **Section 9** of this
58 bill includes in the model plan drills concerning active shooter preparedness.

59 Existing law creates within the Department of Health and Human Services a
60 Statewide Program for Suicide Prevention and requires the Coordinator of the
61 Program to develop and maintain an Internet or network site with links to certain
62 resources for suicide prevention. (NRS 439.511) **Section 10** of this bill requires the



63 Program, in consultation with the Department and to the extent that money is
64 available, to develop and implement a safe firearm storage education campaign to
65 inform and educate certain persons about certain information relating to the safe
66 storage of firearms. **Section 10** authorizes the Program to: (1) develop and provide
67 to local law enforcement agencies and health care providers certain materials
68 relating to the safe storage of firearms; (2) provide owners of firearms with
69 information relating to the cost of purchasing locking devices, gun safes or other
70 secure storage containers for firearms; and (3) use any advertising medium or form
71 of messaging deemed appropriate by the Department in furtherance of the goals of
72 the education campaign. Under **section 10**, the Department of Health and Human
73 Services is required to post on the Internet or network site certain information about
74 community programs that allow owners of firearms to voluntarily and temporarily
75 store a firearm at certain secure locations outside of their homes.
76 **Section 11** of this bill further requires the Coordinator to post on the Internet or
77 network site information relating to: (1) the crime of unsafe storage of a firearm;
78 (2) the penalties for such an offense; and (3) the requirement that a licensed dealer
79 provide a locking device with each firearm transferred. **Section 11** also requires the
80 Coordinator to develop and provide to certain persons an informational pamphlet
81 which includes certain information about the offense of unsafe storage of a firearm.

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

1 **Section 1.** Chapter 202 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.** *Sections 2, 3 and 4 of this act may be referred to as*
4 *the Safe Firearm Storage Act.*

5 **Sec. 3. 1.** *A person commits the crime of unsafe storage of*
6 *a firearm when the person:*

7 *(a) Knows or reasonably should know that a child under the*
8 *age of 18 years, or a resident of the premises prohibited from*
9 *possessing a firearm, can gain access to the firearm; and*

10 *(b) Fails to responsibly and securely store the firearm.*

11 **2.** *For the purposes of subsection 1, a person responsibly and*
12 *securely stores a firearm if:*

13 *(a) The person carries the firearm on his or her person or*
14 *within such proximity thereto that the person can readily retrieve*
15 *and use the firearm as if the person carried the firearm on his or*
16 *her person;*

17 *(b) The firearm is kept in a locked gun safe or other secure*
18 *container or in a manner that a reasonable person would believe*
19 *to be secure, and a child or a resident of the premises who is*
20 *prohibited from possessing a firearm does not have access to the*
21 *key, combination or other unlocking mechanism necessary to*
22 *open the safe or container;*

23 *(c) The person properly installs a locking device on the*
24 *firearm, and a child or resident of the premises who is prohibited*
25 *from possessing a firearm does not have access to the key,*



1 combination or other unlocking mechanism necessary to remove
2 the locking device; or

3 (d) The firearm is a personalized firearm, and the safety
4 characteristics of the firearm are activated.

5 3. A person who violates any provision of subsection 1 is
6 guilty of a misdemeanor.

7 4. The provisions of this section do not apply to storing an
8 antique firearm or a firearm that has been determined to be a
9 curio or relic pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Chapter 44.

10 5. It is an affirmative defense to an offense charged pursuant
11 to this section that a child gained possession of and used a firearm
12 for the purpose of exercising the rights contained in NRS 200.120
13 or 200.200 or in defense of livestock.

14 6. As used in this section:

15 (a) "Locking device" means a device which prohibits the
16 operation or discharge of a firearm and which can only be
17 disabled with the use of a key, a combination, biometric data or
18 other similar means.

19 (b) "Personalized firearm" means a firearm that has, as part
20 of its original manufacture, incorporated design technology that
21 allows the firearm to be fired only by the authorized user and
22 prevents any of the safety characteristics of the firearm from being
23 readily deactivated by anyone other than the authorized user. Such
24 design technology may include, without limitation, fingerprint
25 verification, magnetic encoding, radio frequency tagging and
26 other automatic user identification systems utilizing biometric,
27 mechanical or electronic systems.

28 **Sec. 4. 1. Every licensed dealer shall:**

29 (a) Provide with each firearm sold or otherwise transferred a
30 locking device capable of securing the firearm; and

31 (b) Post in a conspicuous location on its premises and at any
32 other location at which the dealer sells a firearm a sign which is
33 not less than 8.5 inches wide by 11 inches high and which
34 contains, in at least 24-point boldface type, the following:

35 **NOTICE**

36 **Unlawful storage of a firearm may result in imprisonment**
37 **or fine.**

38 2. A licensed dealer who violates any provision of subsection
39 1 is guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished by a fine of not
40 more than \$500.

41 3. The provisions of this section do not apply to storing an
42 antique firearm or a firearm that has been determined to be a
43 curio or relic pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Chapter 44.

44 4. As used in this section:



1 (a) *“Licensed dealer” has the meaning ascribed to it in*
2 *NRS 202.2546.*

3 (b) *“Locking device” has the meaning ascribed to it in section*
4 *3 of this act.*

5 **Sec. 5.** NRS 202.253 is hereby amended to read as follows:

6 202.253 As used in NRS 202.253 to 202.369, inclusive **[H]** ,
7 *and sections 2, 3 and 4 of this act:*

8 1. “Antique firearm” has the meaning ascribed to it in 18
9 U.S.C. § 921(a)(16).

10 2. “Explosive or incendiary device” means any explosive or
11 incendiary material or substance that has been constructed, altered,
12 packaged or arranged in such a manner that its ordinary use would
13 cause destruction or injury to life or property.

14 3. “Firearm” means any device designed to be used as a
15 weapon from which a projectile may be expelled through the barrel
16 by the force of any explosion or other form of combustion.

17 4. “Firearm capable of being concealed upon the person”
18 applies to and includes all firearms having a barrel less than 12
19 inches in length.

20 5. “Firearms importer or manufacturer” means a person
21 licensed to import or manufacture firearms pursuant to 18 U.S.C.
22 Chapter 44.

23 6. “Machine gun” means any weapon which shoots, is
24 designed to shoot or can be readily restored to shoot more than one
25 shot, without manual reloading, by a single function of the trigger.

26 7. “Motor vehicle” means every vehicle that is self-propelled.

27 8. “Semiautomatic firearm” means any firearm that:

28 (a) Uses a portion of the energy of a firing cartridge to extract
29 the fired cartridge case and chamber the next shell or round;

30 (b) Requires a separate function of the trigger to fire each
31 cartridge; and

32 (c) Is not a machine gun.

33 9. “Unfinished frame or receiver” means a blank, a casting or a
34 machined body that is intended to be turned into the frame or lower
35 receiver of a firearm with additional machining and which has been
36 formed or machined to the point at which most of the major
37 machining operations have been completed to turn the blank, casting
38 or machined body into a frame or lower receiver of a firearm even if
39 the fire-control cavity area of the blank, casting or machined body is
40 still completely solid and unmachined.

41 **Sec. 6.** NRS 202.300 is hereby amended to read as follows:

42 202.300 1. Except as otherwise provided in this section, a
43 child under the age of 18 years shall not handle or have in his or her
44 possession or under his or her control, except while accompanied by
45 or under the immediate charge of his or her parent or guardian or an



1 adult person authorized by his or her parent or guardian to have
2 control or custody of the child, any firearm of any kind for hunting
3 or target practice or for other purposes. A child who violates this
4 subsection commits a delinquent act and the court may order the
5 detention of the child in the same manner as if the child had
6 committed an act that would have been a felony if committed by an
7 adult.

8 2. A person who aids or knowingly permits a child to violate
9 subsection 1:

10 (a) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (b), for the first
11 offense, is guilty of a misdemeanor.

12 (b) For a first offense, if the person knows or has reason to know
13 that there is a substantial risk that the child will use the firearm to
14 commit a violent act, is guilty of a category C felony and shall be
15 punished as provided in NRS 193.130.

16 (c) For a second or any subsequent offense, is guilty of a
17 category B felony and shall be punished by imprisonment in the
18 state prison for a minimum term of not less than 1 year and a
19 maximum term of not more than 6 years, and may be further
20 punished by a fine of not more than \$5,000.

21 3. A person does not aid or knowingly permit a child to violate
22 subsection 1 if:

23 (a) ~~[(The firearm was stored in a securely locked container or at a~~
24 ~~location which a reasonable person would have believed to be~~
25 ~~secure;~~

26 ~~—(b)]~~ The child obtained the firearm as a result of an unlawful
27 entry by any person in or upon the premises where the firearm was
28 stored;

29 ~~[(e)]~~ (b) The injury or death resulted from an accident which
30 was incident to target shooting, sport shooting or hunting; or

31 ~~[(d)]~~ (c) The child gained possession of the firearm from a
32 member of the military or a law enforcement officer, while the
33 member or officer was performing his or her official duties.

34 4. The provisions of subsection 1 do not apply to a child who is
35 a member of the Armed Forces of the United States.

36 5. ~~[(Unless a greater penalty is provided by law, a person is~~
37 ~~guilty of a misdemeanor who:~~

38 ~~—(a) Negligently stores or leaves a firearm at a location under his~~
39 ~~or her control; and~~

40 ~~—(b) Knows or has reason to know that there is a substantial risk~~
41 ~~that a child prohibited from handling or having in his or her~~
42 ~~possession or under his or her control any firearm pursuant to this~~
43 ~~section may obtain such a firearm.~~

44 ~~—6.]~~ Except as otherwise provided in subsection ~~[(9)]~~ 8, a child
45 who is 14 years of age or older, who has in his or her possession a



1 valid license to hunt, may handle or have in his or her possession or
2 under his or her control, without being accompanied by his or her
3 parent or guardian or an adult person authorized by his or her parent
4 or guardian to have control or custody of the child:

5 (a) A rifle or shotgun that is not a fully automatic firearm, if the
6 child is not otherwise prohibited by law from possessing the rifle or
7 shotgun and the child has the permission of his or her parent
8 or guardian to handle or have in his or her possession or under his or
9 her control the rifle or shotgun; or

10 (b) A firearm capable of being concealed upon the person, if the
11 child has the written permission of his or her parent or guardian to
12 handle or have in his or her possession or under his or her control
13 such a firearm and the child is not otherwise prohibited by law from
14 possessing such a firearm,

15 ➔ and the child is traveling to the area in which the child will be
16 hunting or returning from that area and the firearm is not loaded, or
17 the child is hunting pursuant to that license.

18 ~~[7.]~~ 6. Except as otherwise provided in subsection ~~[9.]~~ 8, a
19 child who is 14 years of age or older may handle or have in his or
20 her possession or under his or her control a rifle or shotgun that is
21 not a fully automatic firearm if the child is not otherwise prohibited
22 by law from possessing the rifle or shotgun, without being
23 accompanied by his or her parent or guardian or an adult person
24 authorized by his or her parent or guardian to have control or
25 custody of the child, if the child has the permission of his or her
26 parent or guardian to handle or have in his or her possession or
27 under his or her control the rifle or shotgun and the child is:

28 (a) Attending a course of instruction in the responsibilities of
29 hunters or a course of instruction in the safe use of firearms;

30 (b) Practicing the use of a firearm at an established firing range
31 or at any other area where the discharge of a firearm is permitted;

32 (c) Participating in a lawfully organized competition or
33 performance involving the use of a firearm;

34 (d) Within an area in which the discharge of firearms has not
35 been prohibited by local ordinance or regulation and the child is
36 engaging in a lawful hunting activity in accordance with chapter 502
37 of NRS for which a license is not required;

38 (e) Traveling to or from any activity described in paragraph (a),
39 (b), (c) or (d), and the firearm is not loaded;

40 (f) On real property that is under the control of an adult, and the
41 child has the permission of that adult to possess the firearm on the
42 real property; or

43 (g) At his or her residence.

44 ~~[8.]~~ 7. Except as otherwise provided in subsection ~~[9.]~~ 8, a
45 child who is 14 years of age or older may handle or have in his or



1 her possession or under his or her control, for the purpose of
2 engaging in any of the activities listed in paragraphs (a) to (g),
3 inclusive, of subsection ~~7.1~~ 6, a firearm capable of being concealed
4 upon the person, without being accompanied by his or her parent or
5 guardian or an adult person authorized by his or her parent or
6 guardian to have control or custody of the child, if the child:

7 (a) Has the written permission of his or her parent or guardian to
8 handle or have in his or her possession or under his or her control
9 such a firearm for the purpose of engaging in such an activity; and

10 (b) Is not otherwise prohibited by law from possessing such a
11 firearm.

12 ~~9.1~~ 8. A child shall not handle or have in his or her possession
13 or under his or her control a loaded firearm if the child is:

14 (a) An occupant of a motor vehicle;

15 (b) Within any residence, including his or her residence, or any
16 building other than a facility licensed for target practice, unless
17 possession of the firearm is necessary for the immediate defense of
18 the child or another person; or

19 (c) Within an area designated by a county or municipal
20 ordinance as a populated area for the purpose of prohibiting the
21 discharge of weapons, unless the child is within a facility licensed
22 for target practice.

23 ~~10.1~~ 9. For the purposes of this section, a firearm is loaded if:

24 (a) There is a cartridge in the chamber of the firearm;

25 (b) There is a cartridge in the cylinder of the firearm, if the
26 firearm is a revolver; or

27 (c) There is a cartridge in the magazine and the magazine is in
28 the firearm or there is a cartridge in the chamber, if the firearm is a
29 semiautomatic firearm.

30 **Sec. 7.** NRS 179.121 is hereby amended to read as follows:

31 179.121 1. All personal property, including, without
32 limitation, any tool, substance, weapon, machine, computer, money
33 or security, which is used as an instrumentality in any of the
34 following crimes is subject to forfeiture:

35 (a) The commission of or attempted commission of the crime of
36 murder, robbery, kidnapping, burglary, invasion of the home, grand
37 larceny or theft if it is punishable as a felony;

38 (b) The commission of or attempted commission of any felony
39 with the intent to commit, cause, aid, further or conceal an act of
40 terrorism;

41 (c) A violation of NRS 202.445 or 202.446;

42 (d) The commission of any crime by a criminal gang, as defined
43 in NRS 213.1263; or

44 (e) A violation of NRS 200.463 to 200.468, inclusive, 201.300,
45 201.320, 201.395, 202.265, 202.287, 205.473 to 205.513, inclusive,



1 205.610 to 205.810, inclusive, 370.380, 370.382, 370.405, 465.070
2 to 465.086, inclusive, 630.400, 630A.600, 631.400, 632.285,
3 632.291, 632.315, 633.741, 634.227, 634A.230, 635.167, 636.145,
4 637.090, 637B.290, 639.100, 639.2813, 640.169, 640A.230,
5 644A.900 or 654.200 ~~§~~ *or section 3 of this act.*

6 2. Except as otherwise provided for conveyances forfeitable
7 pursuant to NRS 453.301 or 501.3857, all conveyances, including
8 aircraft, vehicles or vessels, which are used or intended for use
9 during the commission of a felony or a violation of NRS 202.287,
10 202.300 or 465.070 to 465.086, inclusive, are subject to forfeiture
11 except that:

12 (a) A conveyance used by any person as a common carrier in the
13 transaction of business as a common carrier is not subject to
14 forfeiture under this section unless it appears that the owner or other
15 person in charge of the conveyance is a consenting party or privy to
16 the felony or violation;

17 (b) A conveyance is not subject to forfeiture under this section
18 by reason of any act or omission established by the owner thereof to
19 have been committed or omitted without the owner's knowledge,
20 consent or willful blindness;

21 (c) A conveyance is not subject to forfeiture for a violation of
22 NRS 202.300 *or section 3 of this act* if the firearm used in the
23 violation of that section was not loaded at the time of the violation;
24 and

25 (d) A forfeiture of a conveyance encumbered by a bona fide
26 security interest is subject to the interest of the secured party if the
27 secured party neither had knowledge of nor consented to the felony.
28 If a conveyance is forfeited, the appropriate law enforcement agency
29 may pay the existing balance and retain the conveyance for official
30 use.

31 3. For the purposes of this section, a firearm is loaded if:

32 (a) There is a cartridge in the chamber of the firearm;

33 (b) There is a cartridge in the cylinder of the firearm, if the
34 firearm is a revolver; or

35 (c) There is a cartridge in the magazine and the magazine is in
36 the firearm or there is a cartridge in the chamber, if the firearm is a
37 semiautomatic firearm.

38 4. As used in this section, "act of terrorism" has the meaning
39 ascribed to it in NRS 202.4415.

40 **Sec. 8.** NRS 388.245 is hereby amended to read as follows:

41 388.245 1. Each emergency operations plan development
42 committee shall, at least once each year, review and update as
43 appropriate the plan that it developed pursuant to NRS 388.243. In
44 reviewing and updating the plan, the emergency operations plan
45 development committee shall consult with the director of the local



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

5 2. Each emergency operations plan development committee
6 shall provide an updated copy of the plan to the board of trustees of
7 the school district that established the committee or the governing
8 body of the 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 review to the Division of Emergency Management of the Office of
13 the Military the plan updated pursuant to subsection 1.

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

16 (a) Post a notice of the completion of each review and update
17 that its emergency operations plan development committee performs
18 pursuant to subsection 1 on the Internet website maintained by the
19 school district or governing body and by each school in the school
20 district or by the charter school, as applicable;

21 (b) File with the Department a copy of the notice posted
22 pursuant to paragraph (a);

23 (c) Post a link to NRS 388.229 to 388.266, inclusive, on the
24 Internet website maintained by each school in its school district or
25 by the charter school;

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

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

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

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

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

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

41 (1) The Department;

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

44 (3) The Division of Emergency Management of the Office of
45 the Military;



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

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

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

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

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

14 **Sec. 9.** NRS 388.253 is hereby amended to read as follows:

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

21 (a) A suicide;

22 (b) A crisis or emergency that involves a public school or a
23 private school and that requires immediate action; and

24 (c) All other hazards.

25 2. The model plan must include, without limitation, a
26 procedure for:

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

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

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

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

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

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

44 (6) Reunifying a pupil with his or her parent or legal
45 guardian;



- 1 (7) Providing any necessary medical assistance;
2 (8) Recovering from a crisis or emergency;
3 (9) Carrying out a lockdown at a school;
4 (10) Providing shelter in specific areas of a school; and
5 (11) Providing disaster behavioral health related to a crisis,
6 emergency or suicide . [§]

7 (b) Providing specific information relating to managing a crisis
8 or emergency that is a result of:

- 9 (1) An incident involving hazardous materials;
10 (2) An incident involving mass casualties;
11 (3) An incident involving an active shooter;
12 (4) An incident involving a fire, explosion or other similar
13 situation;
14 (5) An outbreak of disease, including, without limitation, an
15 epidemic;
16 (6) Any threat or hazard identified in the hazard mitigation
17 plan of the county in which the school district is located, if such a
18 plan exists; or
19 (7) Any other situation, threat or hazard deemed appropriate .

20 [§]
21 (c) Providing pupils and staff at a school that has experienced a
22 crisis or emergency with access to counseling and other resources to
23 assist in recovering from the crisis or emergency . [§]

24 (d) Evacuating pupils and employees of a charter school to a
25 designated space within an identified public middle school, junior
26 high school or high school in a school district that is separate from
27 the general population of the school and large enough to
28 accommodate the charter school, and such a space may include,
29 without limitation, a gymnasium or multipurpose room of the public
30 school . [§]

31 (e) Selecting an assessment tool which assists in responding to a
32 threat against the school by a pupil or pupils . [§]

33 (f) On an annual basis, providing drills to instruct pupils in the
34 appropriate procedures to be followed in response to a crisis or an
35 emergency [§] , *including, without limitation, drills concerning*
36 *active shooter preparedness*. Such drills must occur:

- 37 (1) At different times during normal school hours; and
38 (2) In cooperation with other state agencies, pursuant to this
39 section.

40 (g) Responding to a suicide or attempted suicide to mitigate the
41 effects of the suicide or attempted suicide on pupils and staff at the
42 school, including, without limitation, by making counseling and
43 other appropriate resources to assist in recovering from the suicide
44 or attempted suicide available to pupils and staff . [§]



1 (h) Providing counseling and other appropriate resources to
2 pupils and school staff who have contemplated or attempted suicide

3 . ~~(i)~~
4 (i) Outreach to persons and organizations located in the
5 community in which a school that has had a suicide by a pupil,
6 including, without limitation, religious and other nonprofit
7 organizations, that may be able to assist with the response to the
8 suicide. ~~(j)~~

9 (j) Addressing the needs of pupils at a school that has
10 experienced a crisis, emergency or suicide who are at a high risk of
11 suicide, including, without limitation, pupils who are members of
12 the groups described in subsection 3 of NRS 388.256. ~~(k) and~~

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

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

19 (2) Transporting the pupil to a public or private mental health
20 facility or hospital for placement on a mental health crisis hold
21 pursuant to NRS 433A.160.

22 3. In developing the model plan, the Department shall consider
23 the plans developed pursuant to NRS 388.243 and 394.1687 and
24 updated pursuant to NRS 388.245 and 394.1688.

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

35 5. The Department may disseminate to any appropriate local,
36 state or federal agency, officer or employee, as the Department
37 determines is necessary:

38 (a) The model plan developed by the Department pursuant to
39 subsection 1;

40 (b) A plan developed pursuant to NRS 388.243 or updated
41 pursuant to NRS 388.245;

42 (c) A plan developed pursuant to NRS 394.1687 or updated
43 pursuant to NRS 394.1688; and

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



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

4 **Sec. 10.** Chapter 439 of NRS is hereby amended by adding
5 thereto a new section to read as follows:

6 *1. To the extent that money is available, and in consultation*
7 *with the Department, the Statewide Program for Suicide*
8 *Prevention shall develop and implement a safe firearm storage*
9 *education campaign to inform and educate purchasers of*
10 *firearms, licensed dealers, shooting ranges and safety instructors*
11 *about the safe storage of firearms and state requirements related*
12 *to the safe storage of firearms.*

13 *2. As part of the education campaign, the Statewide Program*
14 *for Suicide Prevention may:*

15 *(a) Develop and provide materials to local law enforcement*
16 *agencies and health care providers to assist with educating the*
17 *public about the safe storage of firearms and state requirements*
18 *related to the storage of firearms;*

19 *(b) Provide information to owners of firearms about programs*
20 *that assist with the cost of purchasing locking devices for firearms,*
21 *gun safes or other secure storage containers for firearms,*
22 *including, without limitation, programs that provide free or*
23 *reduced-price locking devices; and*

24 *(c) In furtherance of the goals of the education campaign, use*
25 *any publishing, radio or other advertising medium or any other*
26 *form of messaging deemed appropriate by the Department.*

27 *3. The Department shall provide information on the Internet*
28 *or network site developed pursuant to paragraph (i) of subsection*
29 *2 of NRS 439.511, information about community programs that*
30 *allow owners of firearms to voluntarily and temporarily store a*
31 *firearm at a secure location outside of the home, including,*
32 *without limitation, a licensed dealer, gun range or law*
33 *enforcement agency.*

34 *4. The Department may provide assistance to any local entity*
35 *that facilitates a program described in subsection 3.*

36 *5. The Department may accept gifts, grants and donations*
37 *from any source for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of*
38 *this section.*

39 **Sec. 11.** NRS 439.511 is hereby amended to read as follows:

40 439.511 1. There is hereby created within the Department a
41 Statewide Program for Suicide Prevention. The Department shall
42 implement the Statewide Program for Suicide Prevention, which
43 must, without limitation:

44 (a) Create public awareness for issues relating to suicide
45 prevention;



- 1 (b) Build community networks; and
- 2 (c) Carry out training programs for suicide prevention for law
- 3 enforcement personnel, providers of health care, school employees,
- 4 family members of veterans, members of the military and other
- 5 persons at risk of suicide and other persons who have contact with
- 6 persons at risk of suicide.

7 2. The Director shall employ a Coordinator of the Statewide

8 Program for Suicide Prevention. The Coordinator:

9 (a) Must have at least the following education and experience:

10 (1) A bachelor's degree in social work, psychology,

11 sociology, counseling or a closely related field and 5 years or more

12 of work experience in behavioral health or a closely related field; or

13 (2) A master's degree or a doctoral degree in social work,

14 psychology, sociology, counseling, public health or a closely related

15 field and 2 years or more of work experience in behavioral health or

16 a closely related field.

17 (b) Should have as many of the following characteristics as

18 possible:

19 (1) Significant professional experience in social services,

20 mental health or a closely related field;

21 (2) Knowledge of group behavior and dynamics, methods of

22 facilitation, community development, behavioral health treatment

23 and prevention programs, and community-based behavioral health

24 problems;

25 (3) Experience in working with diverse community groups

26 and constituents; and

27 (4) Experience in writing grants and technical reports.

28 3. The Coordinator shall:

29 (a) Provide educational activities to the general public relating to

30 suicide prevention;

31 (b) Provide training to persons who, as part of their usual

32 routine, have face-to-face contact with persons who may be at risk

33 of suicide, including, without limitation, training to recognize

34 persons at risk of suicide and providing information on how to refer

35 those persons for treatment or supporting services, as appropriate;

36 (c) To the extent that money is available for this purpose,

37 provide training to family members of veterans, members of the

38 military and other persons at risk of suicide, including, without

39 limitation, training in recognizing and productively interacting with

40 persons at risk of suicide and the manner in which to refer those

41 persons to persons professionally trained in suicide intervention and

42 prevention;

43 (d) Develop and carry out public awareness and media

44 campaigns in each county targeting groups of persons who are at

45 risk of suicide;



1 (e) Enhance crisis services relating to suicide prevention;
2 (f) Link persons trained in the assessment of and intervention in
3 suicide with schools, public community centers, nursing homes and
4 other facilities serving persons most at risk of suicide;

5 (g) Coordinate the establishment of local advisory groups in
6 each county to support the efforts of the Statewide Program;

7 (h) Work with groups advocating suicide prevention,
8 community coalitions, managers of existing crisis hotlines that are
9 nationally accredited or certified, and staff members of mental
10 health agencies in this State to identify and address the barriers that
11 interfere with providing services to groups of persons who are at
12 risk of suicide, including, without limitation, elderly persons, Native
13 Americans, youths and residents of rural communities;

14 (i) Develop and maintain an Internet or network site with links
15 to appropriate resource documents, suicide hotlines that are
16 nationally accredited or certified, licensed professional personnel,
17 state and local mental health agencies and appropriate national
18 organizations;

19 (j) *Post on the Internet or network site developed and*
20 *maintained pursuant to paragraph (i) any applicable law relating*
21 *to the unsafe storage of a firearm, including, without limitation,*
22 *the crimes and penalties described in sections 3 and 4 of this act;*

23 (k) Review current research on data collection for factors related
24 to suicide and develop recommendations for improved systems of
25 surveillance and uniform collection of data;

26 ~~(l)~~ (l) Develop and submit proposals for funding from
27 agencies of the Federal Government and nongovernmental
28 organizations; ~~and~~

29 ~~(m)~~ (m) Oversee and provide technical assistance to each person
30 employed to act as a trainer for suicide prevention pursuant to NRS
31 439.513 ~~(h)~~; *and*

32 (n) *Develop and provide to licensed dealers, shooting ranges,*
33 *safety instructors and health care providers an information*
34 *pamphlet which includes information about any applicable law*
35 *relating to the unsafe storage of a firearm, including, without*
36 *limitation, sections 3 and 4 of this act.*

37 4. As used in this section:

38 (a) "Internet or network site" means any identifiable site on the
39 Internet or on a network and includes, without limitation:

40 (1) A website or other similar site on the World Wide Web;

41 (2) A site that is identifiable through a Uniform Resource
42 Locator; and

43 (3) A site on a network that is owned, operated, administered
44 or controlled by a provider of Internet service.



1 (b) "Systems of surveillance" means systems pursuant to which
2 the health conditions of the general public are regularly monitored
3 through systematic collection, evaluation and reporting of
4 measurable information to identify and understand trends relating to
5 suicide.

6 **Sec. 12.** NRS 502.010 is hereby amended to read as follows:

7 502.010 1. A person who hunts or fishes any wildlife without
8 having first procured a license or permit to do so, as provided in this
9 title, is guilty of a misdemeanor, except that:

10 (a) A license to hunt or fish is not required of a resident of this
11 State who is under 12 years of age, unless required for the issuance
12 of tags as prescribed in this title or by the regulations of the
13 Commission.

14 (b) A license to fish is not required of a nonresident of this State
15 who is under 12 years of age, but the number of fish taken by the
16 nonresident must not exceed 50 percent of the daily creel and
17 possession limits as provided by law.

18 (c) Except as otherwise provided in subsection ~~6~~ 5 or ~~7~~ 6 of
19 NRS 202.300 and NRS 502.066, it is unlawful for any child who is
20 under 18 years of age to hunt any wildlife with any firearm, unless
21 the child is accompanied at all times by the child's parent or
22 guardian or is accompanied at all times by an adult person
23 authorized by the child's parent or guardian to have control or
24 custody of the child to hunt if the authorized person is also licensed
25 to hunt.

26 (d) A child under 12 years of age, whether accompanied by a
27 qualified person or not, shall not hunt big game in the State of
28 Nevada unless he or she participates in a program established
29 pursuant to NRS 502.104. This section does not prohibit any child
30 from accompanying an adult licensed to hunt.

31 (e) The Commission may adopt regulations setting forth:

32 (1) The species of wildlife which may be hunted or trapped
33 without a license or permit; or

34 (2) The circumstances under which a person may fish
35 without a license, permit or stamp in a lake or pond that is located
36 entirely on private property and is stocked with lawfully acquired
37 fish.

38 (f) The Commission may declare 1 day per year as a day upon
39 which persons may fish without a license to do so.

40 2. This section does not apply to the protection of persons or
41 property from unprotected wildlife on or in the immediate vicinity
42 of home or ranch premises.

43 **Sec. 13.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2023.



