

Amendment No. 501

Senate Amendment to Senate Bill No. 156	(BDR 18-958)
<b>Proposed by:</b> Senate Committee on Government Affairs	
<b>Amends:</b> Summary: No Title: No Preamble: No Joint Sponsorship: No Digest: Yes	

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EXPLANATION: Matter in (1) *blue bold italics* is new language in the original bill; (2) variations of green bold underlining is language proposed to be added in this amendment; (3) ~~red strikethrough~~ is deleted language in the original bill; (4) ~~purple double strikethrough~~ is language proposed to be deleted in this amendment; (5) orange double underlining is deleted language in the original bill proposed to be retained in this amendment.

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S.B. No. 156—Revises provisions relating to the prevention of gun violence.  
(BDR 18-958)





## SENATE BILL NO. 156—SENATOR FLORES

PREFILED FEBRUARY 2, 2025

Referred to Committee on Government Affairs

SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to the prevention of gun violence. (BDR 18-958)

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 firearm safety; creating the Office for the Prevention of Gun Violence in the Office of the Attorney General; setting forth the powers and duties of the Office; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**Legislative Counsel’s Digest:**

1 Under existing law, the Attorney General is the legal adviser on all state matters arising in  
2 the Executive Department of the State Government. (NRS 228.110) **Section 7** of this bill  
3 creates the Office for the Prevention of Gun Violence within the Office of the Attorney  
4 General and: (1) requires the Attorney General to appoint ~~fa-Director~~ **an Ombudsman** of the  
5 Office; (2) requires the ~~D~~**Director** **Ombudsman** to employ such personnel as are necessary to  
6 perform the functions and duties of the Office; and (3) authorizes state agencies to cooperate  
7 with and assist the Office in the performance of its duties. **Section 8** of this bill requires the  
8 Office to: (1) advise the Attorney General on all matters relating to the prevention of gun  
9 violence; (2) increase public awareness of federal and state laws and available resources  
10 relating to the prevention of gun violence; (3) increase education relating to the prevention of  
11 gun violence through public awareness campaigns and the development of certain materials  
12 and training resources; (4) collaborate with professors and researchers in identifying and  
13 developing data and resources relating to preventing gun violence; and (5) at the request of the  
14 Attorney General, assist with certain other educational campaigns and programs relating to the  
15 prevention of gun violence, firearm safety and suicide prevention. **Section 9** of this bill  
16 authorizes the ~~D~~**Director** **Ombudsman** to establish and administer a program to award grants  
17 to organizations in this State to conduct certain gun violence prevention initiatives and sets  
18 forth ~~the requirements~~ **certain provisions** should such a program be created. **Section 10** of  
19 this bill requires the Office to create and maintain a resource bank for data, research and  
20 statistical information pertaining to gun violence in the State. **Section 11** of this bill authorizes  
21 the Office to apply for and receive gifts, grants and contributions to carry out the duties and  
22 defray the expenses of the Office. **Section 12** of this bill requires the Attorney General to  
23 submit a biennial report to the Legislature concerning the activities and effectiveness of the  
24 Office for the Prevention of Gun Violence. **Sections 2-6** of this bill define certain terms for  
25 the purposes of the provisions of **sections 2-12**.

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

1       **Section 1.** Chapter 228 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto the  
2 provisions set forth as sections 2 to 12, inclusive, of this act.

3       **Sec. 2.** *As used in sections 2 to 12, inclusive, of this act, unless the context  
4 otherwise requires, the words and terms defined in sections 3 to 6, inclusive, of  
5 this act have the meanings ascribed to them in those sections.*

6       **Sec. 3.** ~~“Director”~~ **“Ombudsman”** means the ~~Director~~ **Ombudsman of**  
7 **the Office.**

8       **Sec. 4.** **“Office”** means the Office for the Prevention of Gun Violence  
9 created by section 7 of this act.

10       **Sec. 5.** **“Resource bank”** means the bank of information, materials and  
11 resources pertaining to gun violence in Nevada created and maintained by the  
12 Office pursuant to section 10 of this act.

13       **Sec. 6.** **“State agency”** means an agency, bureau, board, commission,  
14 department, division or any other unit of the Executive Department of the State  
15 Government.

16       **Sec. 7. 1.** The Office for the Prevention of Gun Violence is hereby  
17 created within the Office of the Attorney General.

18       2. The Attorney General shall appoint ~~a Director~~ **an Ombudsman** of the  
19 Office, who shall serve at the pleasure of the Attorney General.

20       3. The ~~Director~~ **Ombudsman** shall employ such personnel as are  
21 necessary to perform the functions and duties of the Office set forth in sections 8  
22 to 12, inclusive, of this act.

23       4. Any state agency may cooperate with and assist the Office in the  
24 performance of its duties and functions.

25       **Sec. 8.** The Office for the Prevention of Gun Violence shall:

26       1. Advise the Attorney General on all matters related to the prevention of  
27 gun violence, including, without limitation, the effectiveness of state laws in  
28 preventing gun violence, the legal, social and policy barriers to preventing gun  
29 violence and strategies and policies to prevent gun violence.

30       2. Increase public awareness of federal and state laws and available  
31 resources relating to preventing gun violence, including, without limitation:

32       (a) Best practices for the safe storage of firearms;

33       (b) Safe and responsible gun ownership;

34       (c) Federal and state laws relating to purchasing, owning and storing a  
35 firearm;

36       (d) Accessing resources relating to mental health and substance use  
37 disorders and how to refer a person in need of assistance to resources relating to  
38 mental health, substance use disorders and suicide prevention; and

39       (e) The availability of, and the process to obtain, an order for protection  
40 pursuant to chapter 33 of NRS.

41       3. Increase education relating to preventing gun violence through:

42       (a) Public awareness campaigns relating to gun violence that are conducted  
43 in a culturally competent manner and directed toward gun owners, the parents or  
44 legal guardians of children, professions that provide services to persons and  
45 communities disproportionately affected by gun violence and communities  
46 identified by the Office as disproportionately affected by gun violence;

47       (b) The development of materials and training resources relating to the  
48 prevention of gun violence that are in multiple languages, when possible, to be  
49 made available to local law enforcement agencies, health care providers and

1 *educators to aid them in educating the public about the prevention of gun*  
2 *violence; and*

3 *(c) The utilization of multiple forms of messaging, including, without*  
4 *limitation, television messaging, radio broadcasts, print media and digital*  
5 *strategies.*

6 *4. Collaborate with and assist professors and researchers in:*

7 *(a) Identifying new data or data needed for the advancement of research*  
8 *relating to the prevention of gun violence;*

9 *(b) Encouraging the disaggregation of data relating to gun violence by race*  
10 *and ethnicity to improve the understanding of barriers to preventing gun*  
11 *violence;*

12 *(c) Promoting new and relevant research relating to preventing gun*  
13 *violence; and*

14 *(d) Researching, developing and implementing programs, initiatives, tools*  
15 *and resources aimed at preventing gun violence.*

16 *5. At the request of the Attorney General, provide assistance to other*  
17 *educational campaigns and programs conducted by the Office of the Attorney*  
18 *General relating to the prevention of gun violence, firearm safety and suicide*  
19 *prevention.*

20 **Sec. 9.** *1. The ~~Director~~ Ombudsman may, within the limits of money*  
21 *available for this purpose, establish and administer a program to award grants to*  
22 *organizations in this State to conduct gun violence prevention initiatives that are*  
23 *community-based, culturally competent and focused on interrupting cycles of gun*  
24 *violence, trauma and retaliation.*

25 *2. The Attorney General ~~shall~~ may adopt regulations for the*  
26 *administration of any grant program established pursuant to subsection 1,*  
27 *including, without limitation, the procedure to apply for such a grant, the criteria*  
28 *for awarding a grant and any reporting requirements.*

29 *3. To be eligible for a grant from a program established pursuant to*  
30 *subsection 1, an organization must comply with ~~the~~ any regulations adopted*  
31 *pursuant to subsection 2 and demonstrate to the satisfaction of the ~~Director~~*  
32 *Ombudsman that the organization has the ability to conduct effective gun*  
33 *violence prevention initiatives in communities identified by the Office as being at*  
34 *high risk of perpetrating or being victimized by gun violence.*

35 *4. Any initiative conducted with a grant awarded by the program*  
36 *established pursuant to subsection 1 must:*

37 *(a) Use strategies that are evidence-informed and have demonstrated the*  
38 *potential to reduce gun violence without contributing to mass incarceration, such*  
39 *as hospital-based violence intervention programs, group violence interventions,*  
40 *evidence-based street outreach programs and violence interruption and crisis*  
41 *management programs; and*

42 *(b) Include regular evaluations of the effectiveness of implemented*  
43 *initiatives, which must include soliciting community input.*

44 **Sec. 10.** *The Office shall create and maintain a resource bank for data,*  
45 *research and statistical information pertaining to gun violence in the State. The*  
46 *resource bank must be updated on a routine basis to reflect current statistical*  
47 *information regarding gun violence in the State.*

48 **Sec. 11.** *The Office may apply for and receive gifts, grants, contributions or*  
49 *other money from governmental and private agencies, affiliated associations and*  
50 *other persons for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of sections 7 to 12,*  
51 *inclusive, of this act and to defray expenses incurred by the Office in the*  
52 *discharge of its duties.*

1           **Sec. 12.** *On or before January 1 of each odd-numbered year, the Attorney*  
2 *General shall submit to the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for*  
3 *transmittal to the next regular session of the Legislature a written report*  
4 *concerning:*

5           1. *The implementation of sections 7 to 12, inclusive, of this act; and*

6           2. *The overall effectiveness of the Office for the Prevention of Gun*  
7 *Violence.*

8           **Sec. 13.** Notwithstanding the provisions of section 7 of this act, the ~~Director~~  
9 **Ombudsman** of the Office for the Prevention of Gun Violence shall employ not  
10 less than one full-time equivalent employee for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 and an  
11 additional two full-time equivalent employees for Fiscal Year 2026-2027.

12           **Sec. 14.** The provisions of subsection 1 of NRS 218D.380 do not apply to  
13 any provision of this act which adds or revises a requirement to submit a report to  
14 the Legislature.

15           **Sec. 15.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2025.