

### Recommended Bill Draft Request Regarding School Safety Planning

Chapter 388 of the Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) provides for the establishment of school safety teams, committees to develop crisis plans, and the content/requirements of crisis plans. It is the recommendation of this Task Force that the Governor request a bill be drafted for the 2019 Legislative Session including the following provisions:

1. Individual school safety teams include representation from law enforcement, and that the existing requirement for a counselor be amended to be “school counselor, social worker or mental and behavioral health professional.”
2. Individual school safety teams be required to conduct an assessment of at-risk behaviors including violence, depression, suicide and provide information on prevention of these behaviors based on the assessment – in addition to information on bullying and cyber-bullying.
3. School crisis plans should ensure that drills occur at different times during the school day, in order for students to be familiar with safe routes to take and procedures to follow in different parts of the school building and under different circumstances.
4. Provide a means for districts to require individualized plans for schools, in lieu of the “one plan to be used by all public schools” in the district to account for significant differences and needs, but at the discretion of the local board.
5. Require that district crisis plans include representation of a mental and behavioral health professional.
6. Require that district crisis plans include provisions related to recovery strategies at a school following a crisis, emergency or suicide.
7. Annual plans required pursuant to NRS 388.243 should be uniformly required to be complete and filed by December 31 of each year (rather than simply “at least once each year.) The same filing date should be required for charter and private schools.
8. Provide authority for the Chief of the Division of Emergency Management to randomly audit plans required to be filed with office to ensure compliance with statutory all requirements.
9. Require the Governor to create a statewide committee on school safety as an additional component of these teams and committees contemplated by this chapter, to include representation from state agencies such as Education, Public Safety, Emergency Management, and Health & Human Services.