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ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 454—ASSEMBLYMEMBERS NADEEM; DALIA,  
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Referred to Committee on Education

SUMMARY—Enacts a Smart Heart Law for public and private schools. (BDR 34-1029)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: May have Fiscal Impact.  
Effect on the State: No.

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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; requiring an emergency operations plan development committee for public and private schools to create a plan for responding to certain medical emergencies relating to the heart; authorizing the board of trustees of a school district, the governing body of a charter school or the governing body of a private school to include a physician or other medical professional as a member of such a committee; establishing requirements for certain training and certification for coaches, managers and athletic trainers; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**Legislative Counsel’s Digest:**

1 Existing law requires the board of trustees of each school district to establish a  
2 plan for teachers and other licensed educational personnel in the school district who  
3 teach or supervise pupils in physical education to obtain training and certification in  
4 the administration of cardiopulmonary resuscitation. (NRS 391.092) Existing  
5 regulations require coaches of a school team participating in an interscholastic  
6 activity or event governed by the Nevada Interscholastic Activities Association to  
7 be certified in cardiopulmonary resuscitation and to complete certain training in  
8 administering first aid. (NAC 385B.798) **Section 1.5** of this bill requires each  
9 coach, manager or athletic trainer in a school district to obtain training and  
10 certification in the administration of cardiopulmonary resuscitation. **Section 5**  
11 of this bill applies this requirement to each coach, manager or athletic trainer at a  
12 private school.

13 Existing law requires the board of trustees of each school district, the governing  
14 body of each charter school and the governing body of each private school to  
15 establish an emergency operations plan development committee to develop a plan  
16 for responding to certain emergencies in each school. (NRS 388.241, 388.243,



17 394.1685, 394.1687) **Sections 1.3 and 8.7** of this bill require a plan developed by  
18 such a committee for a public school or private school, respectively, to include a  
19 plan for immediately responding to an emergency involving the heart, including,  
20 without limitation, a person in cardiac arrest. **Sections 1 and 8.3** of this bill provide  
21 that the membership of such a committee at a public school or private school,  
22 respectively, may include a physician or other medical professional.

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

1     **Section 1.** NRS 388.241 is hereby amended to read as follows:  
2     388.241 1. The board of trustees of each school district shall  
3 establish an emergency operations plan development committee to  
4 develop one plan, which constitutes the minimum requirements of a  
5 plan, to be used by all the public schools other than the charter  
6 schools in the school district in responding to a crisis, emergency or  
7 suicide and all other hazards. The governing body of each charter  
8 school shall establish an emergency operations plan development  
9 committee to develop a plan, which constitutes the minimum  
10 requirements of a plan, to be used by the charter school in  
11 responding to a crisis, emergency or suicide and all other hazards.  
12 2. The membership of an emergency operations plan  
13 development committee must consist of:  
14 (a) At least one member of the board of trustees or of the  
15 governing body that established the committee;  
16 (b) At least one administrator of a school in the school district or  
17 of the charter school;  
18 (c) At least one licensed teacher of a school in the school district  
19 or of the charter school;  
20 (d) At least one employee of a school in the school district or of  
21 the charter school who is not a licensed teacher and who is not  
22 responsible for the administration of the school;  
23 (e) At least one parent or legal guardian of a pupil who is  
24 enrolled in a school in the school district or in the charter school and  
25 who is not an employee of the school district or charter school;  
26 (f) At least one representative of a local law enforcement agency  
27 in the county in which the school district or charter school is  
28 located;  
29 (g) At least one school police officer, including, without  
30 limitation, a chief of school police of the school district if the school  
31 district has school police officers;  
32 (h) At least one representative of a state or local organization for  
33 emergency management;



1 (i) At least one representative of the county or district board of  
2 health in the county in which the school district or charter school is  
3 located, designated by the county or district board of health; and

4 (j) At least one mental health professional, including, without  
5 limitation:

6 (1) A counselor of a school in the school district or of the  
7 charter school;

8 (2) A psychologist of a school in the school district or of the  
9 charter school; or

10 (3) A licensed social worker of a school in the school district  
11 or of the charter school.

12 3. The membership of an emergency operations plan  
13 development committee may also include any other person whom  
14 the board of trustees or the governing body deems appropriate,  
15 including, without limitation:

16 (a) A pupil in grade 10 or higher of a school in the school  
17 district or a pupil in grade 10 or higher of the charter school if a  
18 school in the school district or the charter school includes grade 10  
19 or higher; ~~and~~

20 (b) An attorney or judge who resides or works in the county in  
21 which the school district or charter school is located ~~and~~; and

22 *(c) A physician or other medical professional.*

23 4. The board of trustees of each school district and the  
24 governing body of each charter school shall determine the term of  
25 each member of the emergency operations plan development  
26 committee that it establishes. Each emergency operations plan  
27 development committee may adopt rules for its own management  
28 and government.

29 **Sec. 1.3.** NRS 388.243 is hereby amended to read as follows:

30 388.243 1. Each emergency operations plan development  
31 committee established by the board of trustees of a school district  
32 shall develop one plan, which constitutes the minimum requirements  
33 of a plan, to be used by all the public schools other than the charter  
34 schools in the school district in responding to a crisis, emergency or  
35 suicide and all other hazards. Each emergency operations plan  
36 development committee established by the governing body of a  
37 charter school shall develop a plan, which constitutes the minimum  
38 requirements of a plan, to be used by the charter school in  
39 responding to a crisis, emergency or suicide and all other hazards.  
40 Each emergency operations plan development committee shall,  
41 when developing the plan:

42 (a) Consult with local social service agencies and local public  
43 safety agencies in the county in which its school district or charter  
44 school is located.



1 (b) If the school district has an emergency manager designated  
2 pursuant to NRS 388.262, consult with the emergency manager.

3 (c) If the school district has school resource officers, consult  
4 with the school resource officer or a person designated by him or  
5 her.

6 (d) If the school district has school police officers, consult with  
7 the chief of school police of the school district or a person  
8 designated by him or her.

9 (e) Consult with the director of the local organization for  
10 emergency management or, if there is no local organization for  
11 emergency management, with the Chief of the Division of  
12 Emergency Management of the Office of the Military or his or her  
13 designee.

14 (f) Consult with the State Fire Marshal or his or her designee  
15 and a representative of a local government responsible for  
16 enforcement of the ordinances, codes or other regulations governing  
17 fire safety.

18 (g) Determine which persons and organizations in the  
19 community, including, without limitation, a provider of mental  
20 health services which is operated by a state or local agency, that  
21 could be made available to assist pupils and staff in recovering from  
22 a crisis, emergency or suicide.

23 2. The plan developed pursuant to subsection 1 must include,  
24 without limitation:

25 (a) The plans, procedures and information included in the model  
26 plan developed by the Department pursuant to NRS 388.253;

27 (b) A procedure for responding to a crisis or an emergency and  
28 for responding during the period after a crisis or an emergency has  
29 concluded, including, without limitation, a crisis or an emergency  
30 that results in immediate physical harm to a pupil or employee of a  
31 school in the school district or the charter school;

32 (c) A procedure for enforcing discipline within a school in the  
33 school district or the charter school and for obtaining and  
34 maintaining a safe and orderly environment during a crisis or an  
35 emergency;

36 (d) The names of persons and organizations in the community,  
37 including, without limitation, a provider of mental health services  
38 which is operated by a state or local agency, that are available to  
39 provide counseling and other services to pupils and staff of the  
40 school to assist them in recovering from a crisis, emergency or  
41 suicide;

42 (e) A plan for making the persons and organizations described in  
43 paragraph (d) available to pupils and staff after a crisis, emergency  
44 or suicide;



1 (f) A procedure for responding to a crisis or an emergency that  
2 occurs during an extracurricular activity which takes place on school  
3 grounds;

4 (g) A plan which includes strategies to assist pupils and staff at a  
5 school in recovering from a suicide;

6 (h) A description of the organizational structure which ensures  
7 there is a clearly defined hierarchy of authority and responsibility  
8 used by the school for the purpose of responding to a crisis,  
9 emergency or suicide;

10 (i) If the school district has school police officers, a plan to  
11 coordinate with local law enforcement agencies to train school  
12 police officers in active assailant movement techniques;

13 (j) A plan to coordinate with local law enforcement agencies or  
14 public safety organizations to provide active assailant trainings to  
15 each employee of the school;

16 (k) A plan to provide support to:

17 (1) Pupils who have experienced a crisis or emergency by  
18 using trauma-informed and age-appropriate resources; and

19 (2) Members of the faculty and staff who have experienced a  
20 crisis or emergency by using trauma-informed resources;

21 (l) A plan to ensure that members of the faculty and staff and a  
22 pupil's parents or legal guardians are notified of the occurrence,  
23 development and conclusion of a crisis or an emergency through  
24 any communication method established by a school, including,  
25 without limitation, communicating through text message or  
26 electronic mail; ~~and~~

27 (m) A plan to inform, at least twice each academic year, a  
28 pupil's parent or legal guardian of any state requirement related to  
29 the storage of firearms, including, without limitation, the crimes and  
30 penalties described in subsection 5 of NRS 202.300 and 202.3623  
31 ~~and~~; and

32 *(n) A plan for immediately responding to a medical emergency*  
33 *involving the heart, including, without limitation, a person in*  
34 *cardiac arrest.*

35 3. Each emergency operations plan development committee  
36 shall provide for review a copy of the plan that it develops pursuant  
37 to this section to the board of trustees of the school district that  
38 established the committee or the governing body of the charter  
39 school that established the committee.

40 4. The board of trustees of the school district that established  
41 the committee or the governing body of the charter school that  
42 established the committee shall submit for review to the Division of  
43 Emergency Management of the Office of the Military the plan  
44 developed pursuant to this section.



1 5. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 388.249 and 388.251,  
2 each public school must comply with the plan developed for it  
3 pursuant to this section.

4 6. As used in this section:

5 (a) "Active assailant movement techniques" means any training  
6 in the technical and tactical skills necessary for school police  
7 officers to respond to a crisis or emergency concerning an active  
8 assailant.

9 (b) "Active assailant training" means any training in responding  
10 to a crisis or emergency concerning an active assailant that is  
11 necessary to evacuate or secure the school.

12 **Sec. 1.5.** NRS 391.092 is hereby amended to read as follows:

13 391.092 1. The board of trustees of each school district:

14 (a) Shall establish a plan for the teachers and other licensed  
15 educational personnel in the school district who teach or supervise  
16 pupils in physical education  *and each coach, manager or*  
17 *athletic trainer in the school district;* and

18 (b) May establish a plan for the teachers and other licensed  
19 educational personnel in the school district who teach or supervise  
20 pupils in courses of study or activities other than physical education  
21 which involve a high risk that cardiopulmonary resuscitation will  
22 need to be administered during the course of study or activity,  
23 ↪ to receive the training which is necessary for certification in the  
24 administration of cardiopulmonary resuscitation.

25 2. A plan established by the board of trustees pursuant to  
26 subsection 1 must:

27 (a) Comply with the guidelines established by the American  
28 National Red Cross or the American Heart Association for the  
29 certification of persons in the administration of cardiopulmonary  
30 resuscitation;

31 (b) Set forth the courses of study and activities offered at  
32 schools within the district other than physical education which  
33 involve a high risk that cardiopulmonary resuscitation will need to  
34 be administered during the course of study or activity, including,  
35 without limitation, laboratory sciences, vocational education, special  
36 education, competitive sports and the transportation of pupils; and

37 (c) Set forth an estimation of the time and resources necessary  
38 for all personnel of the district to obtain certification in the  
39 administration of cardiopulmonary resuscitation.

40 3. The board of trustees of each school district shall submit to  
41 the State Board any plan that it establishes pursuant to subsection 1.

42 4. A teacher or other person who:

43 (a) Is licensed pursuant to this chapter; and

44 (b) Teaches or supervises:

45 (1) Physical education; or



1 (2) A course of study or an activity that the board of trustees  
2 of the school district in which the person is employed has identified  
3 as involving a high risk that cardiopulmonary resuscitation will need  
4 to be administered during the course of study or activity and for  
5 which the board of trustees has established a plan pursuant to  
6 subsection 1,

7 ↪ shall establish and maintain current certification in the  
8 administration of cardiopulmonary resuscitation in accordance with  
9 the plan established by the board of trustees.

10 5. *A coach, manager or other person who is associated with a*  
11 *school athletic activity in the school district shall establish and*  
12 *maintain current certification in the administration of*  
13 *cardiopulmonary resuscitation in accordance with the plan*  
14 *established by the board of trustees.*

15 6. The board of trustees of a school district may enter into an  
16 agreement with a local fire department, a local law enforcement  
17 agency or a nonprofit organization to provide the training and  
18 certification required by the plan.

19 7. *As used in this section, "school athletic activity" means:*

20 (a) *An interscholastic activity or event governed by the Nevada*  
21 *Interscholastic Activities Association pursuant to chapter 385B of*  
22 *NRS;*

23 (b) *Any other interscholastic athletic activity or event involving*  
24 *an organized athletic game or competition against another team,*  
25 *club or entity; or*

26 (c) *Any practice or preparation for an interscholastic activity*  
27 *or event described in paragraph (a) or (b).*

28 **Sec. 2.** (Deleted by amendment.)

29 **Sec. 3.** Chapter 394 of NRS is hereby amended by adding  
30 thereto the provisions set forth as sections 4 and 5 of this act.

31 **Sec. 4.** (Deleted by amendment.)

32 **Sec. 5. 1.** *The governing body of each private school that*  
33 *operates as a high school shall establish a plan for each coach,*  
34 *manager or athletic trainer of the private school to receive the*  
35 *training which is necessary for certification in the administration*  
36 *of cardiopulmonary resuscitation.*

37 2. *A plan established by the governing body of a private*  
38 *school pursuant to subsection 1 must:*

39 (a) *Comply with the guidelines established by the American*  
40 *National Red Cross or the American Heart Association for the*  
41 *certification of persons in the administration of cardiopulmonary*  
42 *resuscitation; and*

43 (b) *Set forth an estimation of the time and resources necessary*  
44 *for coaches, managers and other persons associated with a school*



1 *athletic activity of the private school to obtain certification in the*  
2 *administration of cardiopulmonary resuscitation.*

3 *3. A coach, manager or other person who is associated with a*  
4 *school athletic activity of the private school shall establish and*  
5 *maintain current certification in the administration of*  
6 *cardiopulmonary resuscitation in accordance with the plan*  
7 *established by the governing body of the private school.*

8 *4. The governing body of a private school may enter into an*  
9 *agreement with a local fire department, a local law enforcement*  
10 *agency or a nonprofit organization to provide the training and*  
11 *certification required by the plan.*

12 *5. As used in this section, "school athletic activity" means:*

13 *(a) An interscholastic activity or event governed by the Nevada*  
14 *Interscholastic Activities Association pursuant to chapter 385B or*  
15 *NRS;*

16 *(b) Any other interscholastic athletic activity or event involving*  
17 *an organized athletic game or competition against another team,*  
18 *club or entity; or*

19 *(c) Any practice or preparation for an interscholastic activity*  
20 *or event described in paragraph (a) or (b).*

21 **Sec. 6.** (Deleted by amendment.)

22 **Sec. 7.** (Deleted by amendment.)

23 **Sec. 8.** (Deleted by amendment.)

24 **Sec. 8.3.** NRS 394.1685 is hereby amended to read as follows:

25 394.1685 1. The governing body of each private school shall  
26 establish an emergency operations plan development committee to  
27 develop a plan to be used by the private school in responding to a  
28 crisis, emergency or suicide and all other hazards.

29 2. The membership of an emergency operations plan  
30 development committee consists of:

31 (a) At least one member of the governing body;

32 (b) At least one administrator of the school;

33 (c) At least one teacher of the school;

34 (d) At least one employee of the school who is not a teacher and  
35 who is not responsible for the administration of the school;

36 (e) At least one parent or legal guardian of a pupil who is  
37 enrolled in the school and who is not an employee of the school;

38 (f) At least one representative of a local law enforcement agency  
39 in the county in which the school is located; and

40 (g) At least one representative of a state or local organization for  
41 emergency management.

42 3. The membership of an emergency operations plan  
43 development committee may also include any other person whom  
44 the governing body deems appropriate, including, without  
45 limitation:



- 1 (a) A counselor of the school;
- 2 (b) A psychologist of the school;
- 3 (c) A licensed social worker of the school;
- 4 (d) A pupil in grade 10 or higher of the school if the school
- 5 includes grade 10 or higher; ~~and~~
- 6 (e) An attorney or judge who resides or works in the county in
- 7 which the school is located ~~and~~; *and*
- 8 *(f) A physician or other medical professional.*

9 4. The governing body of each private school shall determine  
10 the term of each member of the emergency operations plan  
11 development committee that it established. Each emergency  
12 operations plan development committee may adopt rules for its own  
13 management and government.

14 **Sec. 8.7.** NRS 394.1687 is hereby amended to read as follows:

15 394.1687 1. Each emergency operations plan development  
16 committee shall develop a plan to be used by its school in  
17 responding to a crisis, emergency or suicide and all other hazards.  
18 Each emergency operations plan development committee shall,  
19 when developing the plan:

20 (a) Consult with local social service agencies and local public  
21 safety agencies in the county in which its school is located.

22 (b) Consult with the director of the local organization for  
23 emergency management or, if there is no local organization for  
24 emergency management, with the Chief of the Division of  
25 Emergency Management of the Office of the Military or his or her  
26 designee.

27 2. The plan developed pursuant to subsection 1 must include,  
28 without limitation:

29 (a) The plans, procedures and information included in the model  
30 plan developed by the Department pursuant to NRS 388.253;

31 (b) A procedure for immediately responding to a crisis or an  
32 emergency and for responding during the period after a crisis or an  
33 emergency has concluded, including, without limitation, a crisis or  
34 an emergency that results in immediate physical harm to a pupil or  
35 employee of the school; ~~and~~

36 (c) A procedure for enforcing discipline within the school and  
37 for obtaining and maintaining a safe and orderly environment during  
38 a crisis or an emergency ~~and~~; *and*

39 *(d) A plan for immediately responding to a medical emergency*  
40 *involving the heart, including, without limitation, a person in*  
41 *cardiac arrest.*

42 3. Each emergency operations plan development committee  
43 shall provide for review a copy of the plan that it develops pursuant  
44 this section to the governing body of the school that established  
45 the committee.



1 4. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 394.1691 and  
2 394.1692, each private school must comply with the plan developed  
3 for it pursuant to this section.

4 **Sec. 9.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2025.





