

Amendment No. 847

Senate Amendment to Senate Bill No. 156 First Reprint	(BDR 18-958)
Proposed by: Senate Committee on Finance	
Amends: Summary: No Title: Yes Preamble: No Joint Sponsorship: No Digest: Yes	

Adoption of this amendment will ADD an unfunded mandate not requested by the affected local government to S.B. 156 R1 (§ 8).

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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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Date: 5/27/2025

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.

CONTAINS UNFUNDED MANDATE (§ 8)
(NOT REQUESTED BY AFFECTED LOCAL GOVERNMENT)

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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~~ **requiring the appointment of a Special Counsel for the Prevention of Gun Violence** by the Attorney General; setting forth the powers and duties of the ~~Office~~ **Special Counsel**; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Under existing law, the Attorney General is the legal adviser on all state matters arising in the Executive Department of the State Government. (NRS 228.110) **Section 7** of this bill ~~creates the Office~~ **; (1) requires the appointment of a Special Counsel** for the Prevention of Gun Violence ~~within the Office of~~ the Attorney General; and ~~;(1) requires the Attorney General to appoint an Ombudsman of the Office; (2) requires the Ombudsman to employ such personnel as are necessary to perform the functions and duties of the Office; and (3); (2)~~ authorizes state agencies to cooperate with and assist the ~~Office~~ **Special Counsel** in the performance of ~~his or her~~ duties. **Section 8** of this bill requires the ~~Office~~ **Special Counsel** to: (1) advise the Attorney General on all matters relating to the prevention of gun violence; (2) ~~increase public awareness of federal and state laws and available resources relating to the prevention of gun violence; (3) increase education relating to the prevention of gun violence through public awareness campaigns and the development of certain materials and training resources; (4);~~ collaborate with professors and researchers in ~~identifying and~~ developing data and resources relating to preventing gun violence; ~~and (5); (3)~~ at the request of the Attorney General, assist with certain other educational campaigns and programs relating to the prevention of gun violence, firearm safety and suicide prevention ~~; and (4)~~ **collect certain data relating to arrests and prosecutions for the violation of certain gun laws.** **Section 9** of this bill authorizes the ~~Ombudsman~~ **Special Counsel** to establish and administer a program to award grants to organizations in this State to conduct certain gun violence prevention initiatives and sets forth certain provisions should such a program be created. ~~Section 10 of this bill requires the Office to create and maintain a resource bank for data, research and statistical information pertaining to gun violence in the State.~~ **Section 11** of this bill authorizes the ~~Office~~ **Special Counsel** to apply for and receive gifts, grants and contributions to carry out the duties and defray the expenses of the ~~Office~~ **Special Counsel**. **Section 12** of this bill requires the Attorney General to submit a biennial report to the

Legislature concerning the activities ~~[and effectiveness]~~ of the ~~[Office for the Prevention of Gun Violence]~~ Special Counsel and the state of gun violence and gun violence prevention in this State. Sections 2-6 of this bill define certain terms for 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:

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

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

Sec. 3. ~~“Ombudsman” means the Ombudsman of the Office.~~ (Deleted by amendment.)

Sec. 4. ~~“Office” means the Office for the Prevention of Gun Violence created by section 7 of this act.~~ (Deleted by amendment.)

Sec. 4.5. “Local law enforcement agency” means:

1. The sheriff’s office of a county;

2. A metropolitan police department; or

3. A police department of an incorporated city.

Sec. 5. ~~“Resource bank” means the bank of information, materials and resources pertaining to gun violence in Nevada created and maintained by the Office pursuant to section 10 of this act.~~ (Deleted by amendment.)

Sec. 5.5. “Special Counsel” means Special Counsel for the Prevention of Gun Violence appointed pursuant to section 7 of this act.

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

Sec. 7. 1. ~~[The Office for the Prevention of Gun Violence is hereby created within the Office of the Attorney General.~~

~~2.] The Attorney General shall appoint [an Ombudsman of the Office.] a Special Counsel for the Prevention of Gun Violence, who shall serve at the pleasure of the Attorney General.~~

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

~~4. Any.]~~

2. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 4 of section 8 of this act, each state agency may cooperate with and assist the [Office] Special Counsel in the performance of [his or her] duties and functions.

Sec. 8. ~~The [Office for the Prevention of Gun Violence]~~ Special Counsel shall:

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

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

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

~~—(b) Safe and responsible gun ownership;~~

~~1. (c) Federal and state laws relating to purchasing, owning and storing a firearm;~~

~~2. (d) Accessing resources relating to mental health and substance use disorders and how to refer a person in need of assistance to resources relating to mental health, substance use disorders and suicide prevention; and~~

~~3. (e) The availability of, and the process to obtain, an order for protection pursuant to chapter 22 of NRS.~~

~~4. 3. Increase education relating to preventing gun violence through:~~

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

~~(b) The development of materials and training resources relating to the prevention of gun violence that are in multiple languages, when possible, to be made available to local law enforcement agencies, health care providers and educators to aid them in educating the public about the prevention of gun violence; and~~

~~(c) The utilization of multiple forms of messaging, including, without limitation, television messaging, radio broadcasts, print media and digital strategies;~~

~~5. 4. Collaborate with and assist professors and researchers in:~~

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

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

~~(c) Promoting new and relevant research relating to preventing gun violence; and~~

~~(d) (b) Researching, developing and implementing programs, initiatives, tools and resources aimed at preventing gun violence.~~

~~6. 5. 3. At the request of the Attorney General, provide assistance to other educational campaigns and programs conducted by the Office of the Attorney General relating to the prevention of gun violence, firearm safety and suicide prevention.~~

4. Collect data relating to any arrest or prosecution for a violation of NRS 202.3625 to 202.3645, inclusive. Upon request of the Special Counsel, the Department of Public Safety, a local law enforcement agency, a district attorney or a city attorney shall provide such data to the Special Counsel.

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

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

3. To be eligible for a grant from a program established pursuant to subsection 1, an organization must comply with any regulations adopted pursuant to subsection 2 and demonstrate to the satisfaction of the ~~(Ombudsman)~~ Special Counsel that the organization has the ability to conduct effective gun

1 *violence prevention initiatives in communities identified by the ~~{Office}~~ Special*
2 *Counsel as being at high risk of perpetrating or being victimized by gun violence.*

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

5 (a) Use strategies that are evidence-informed and have demonstrated the
6 potential to reduce gun violence without contributing to mass incarceration, such
7 as hospital-based violence intervention programs, group violence interventions,
8 evidence-based street outreach programs and violence interruption and crisis
9 management programs; and

10 (b) Include regular evaluations of the effectiveness of implemented
11 initiatives, which must include soliciting community input.

12 Sec. 10. ~~{The Office shall create and maintain a resource bank for data,~~
13 ~~research and statistical information pertaining to gun violence in the State. The~~
14 ~~resource bank must be updated on a routine basis to reflect current statistical~~
15 ~~information regarding gun violence in the State.}~~ (Deleted by amendment.)

16 Sec. 11. The ~~{Office}~~ Special Counsel may apply for and receive gifts,
17 grants, contributions or other money from governmental and private agencies,
18 affiliated associations and other persons for the purpose of carrying out the
19 provisions of sections 7 to 12, inclusive, of this act and to defray expenses
20 incurred by the ~~{Office}~~ Special Counsel in the discharge of ~~his~~ his or her duties.

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

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

26 2. The overall ~~{effectiveness of the Office for the Prevention of Gun~~
27 ~~Violence,}~~ state of gun violence and gun violence prevention in this State.

28 Sec. 13. ~~{Notwithstanding the provisions of section 7 of this act, the~~
29 ~~Ombudsman of the Office for the Prevention of Gun Violence shall employ not less~~
30 ~~than one full time equivalent employee for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 and an~~
31 ~~additional two full time equivalent employees for Fiscal Year 2026-2027.}~~ (Deleted
32 by amendment.)

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

36 Sec. 14.5. The provisions of NRS 354.599 do not apply to any additional
37 expenses of a local government that are related to the provisions of this act.

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