

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; 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 Special Counsel; 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
2 matters arising in the Executive Department of the State Government. (NRS
3 228.110) **Section 7** of this bill: (1) requires the appointment of a Special Counsel
4 for the Prevention of Gun Violence by the Attorney General; and (2) authorizes
5 state agencies to cooperate with and assist the Special Counsel in the performance
6 of his or her duties. **Section 8** of this bill requires the Special Counsel to: (1) advise
7 the Attorney General on all matters relating to the prevention of gun violence; (2)
8 collaborate with professors and researchers in developing data and resources
9 relating to preventing gun violence; (3) at the request of the Attorney General,
10 assist with certain other educational campaigns and programs relating to the
11 prevention of gun violence, firearm safety and suicide prevention; and (4) collect
12 certain data relating to arrests and prosecutions for the violation of certain gun
13 laws. **Section 9** of this bill authorizes the Special Counsel to establish and
14 administer a program to award grants to organizations in this State to conduct
15 certain gun violence prevention initiatives and sets forth certain provisions should
16 such a program be created. **Section 11** of this bill authorizes the Special Counsel to
17 apply for and receive gifts, grants and contributions to carry out the duties and
18 defray the expenses of the Special Counsel. **Section 12** of this bill requires the
19 Attorney General to submit a biennial report to the Legislature concerning the
20 activities of the Special Counsel and the state of gun violence and gun violence



21 prevention in this State. Sections 2-6 of this bill define certain terms for the
22 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
2 thereto the provisions set forth as sections 2 to 12, inclusive, of this
3 act.

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

8 **Sec. 3.** (Deleted by amendment.)

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

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

11 1. *The sheriff’s office of a county;*

12 2. *A metropolitan police department; or*

13 3. *A police department of an incorporated city.*

14 **Sec. 5.** (Deleted by amendment.)

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

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

21 **Sec. 7.** 1. *The Attorney General shall appoint a Special*
22 *Counsel for the Prevention of Gun Violence, who shall serve at*
23 *the pleasure of the Attorney General.*

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

28 **Sec. 8.** *The Special Counsel shall:*

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

34 2. *Collaborate with and assist professors and researchers in:*

35 (a) *Promoting new and relevant research relating to*
36 *preventing gun violence; and*

37 (b) *Researching, developing and implementing programs,*
38 *initiatives, tools and resources aimed at preventing gun violence.*



1 3. *At the request of the Attorney General, provide assistance*
2 *to other educational campaigns and programs conducted by the*
3 *Office of the Attorney General relating to the prevention of gun*
4 *violence, firearm safety and suicide prevention.*

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

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

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

21 3. *To be eligible for a grant from a program established*
22 *pursuant to subsection 1, an organization must comply with any*
23 *regulations adopted pursuant to subsection 2 and demonstrate to*
24 *the satisfaction of the Special Counsel that the organization has*
25 *the ability to conduct effective gun violence prevention initiatives*
26 *in communities identified by the Special Counsel as being at high*
27 *risk of perpetrating or being victimized by gun violence.*

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

30 (a) *Use strategies that are evidence-informed and have*
31 *demonstrated the potential to reduce gun violence without*
32 *contributing to mass incarceration, such as hospital-based*
33 *violence intervention programs, group violence interventions,*
34 *evidence-based street outreach programs and violence interruption*
35 *and crisis management programs; and*

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

39 **Sec. 10.** (Deleted by amendment.)

40 **Sec. 11.** *The Special Counsel may apply for and receive gifts,*
41 *grants, contributions or other money from governmental and*
42 *private agencies, affiliated associations and other persons for the*
43 *purpose of carrying out the provisions of sections 7 to 12,*
44 *inclusive, of this act and to defray expenses incurred by the*
45 *Special Counsel in the discharge of his or her duties.*



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

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

7 2. *The overall state of gun violence and gun violence*
8 *prevention in this State.*

9 **Sec. 13.** (Deleted by amendment.)

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

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

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

