

State Board of Education: Senate Bill Subcommittee Report
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Senate Bill 108 passed in 2017, requires the State Board of Education to create a subcommittee

Section 1.5: to study the manner in which to include, in one of the three units of credit in social studies required pursuant to NRS 389.018 instruction concerning crimes that frequently involve persons under the age of 18 years. Such instruction must include, without limitation, crimes involving:

- a) Sexual conduct, including, without limitation, sexual assault, statutory sexual seduction, sex trafficking and sexting;*
- b) Alcohol and controlled substances, including, without limitation, driving under the influence and the possession, use and distribution of alcohol and controlled substances;*
- c) Domestic violence;*
- d) Stalking; and*
- e) Destruction of property.*

Section 2: The instruction described in subsection 1 must emphasize personal responsibility for understanding and complying with the law and must include, without limitation, instruction on:

- a) The elements of the various crimes;*
- b) Appropriate conduct necessary to avoid being accused of such crimes, including, without limitation, specific instruction concerning the legal requirements for finding consent with respect to sexual conduct;*
- c) The consequences of engaging in such crimes;*
- d) The rights of a person alleged to have committed any such crime; and*
- e) The criminal justice system.*

Section 3: The instruction described in subsection 1 must provide information to assist victims and witnesses of such crimes, including, without limitations:

- a) The rights of victims;*
- b) Resources available to victims;*
- c) The rights and responsibilities of a person who witnesses any such crime; and*
- d) Information concerning how to report such a crimes and where to seek assistance.*

Upon the completion of the study the subcommittee will provide recommendations relating to the above subsections 1.5-3 of Senate Bill 108, in the following areas:

- a) The manner in which to modify the curriculum of the relevant course in social studies to include the instruction.
- b) Any appropriate revision to the requirements for licensure or endorsement that may be necessary or appropriate for a teacher.
- c) The professional development that may be necessary or appropriate for a teacher who provides this instruction.
- d) Consideration of any similar instruction provided in another state or school district.

Recommendations:

In relation to Section 1.5 of Senate Bill 108, the subcommittee recommends the following:

- The chair of the SB 108 subcommittee will submit a letter to the Council to Establish Academic Standards requesting review and possible revisions of Health standards to include the topics in Senate Bill 108 sections 1.5-3.
- Letter to Commission on Professional Standards to request a review of licensing and endorsement in light of Senate Bill 108 and a report to the State Board of Education with their findings.
- Require the Nevada Department of Education to curate a list of high quality instruction materials and Community Partners who deliver content aligned to the parameters of Senate Bill 108 for teachers.
- Engaging with community partners and districts for professional development in a train the trainer model and consideration in expanding the motion to include intersection between social workers, students and multi-disciplinary teams in schools.

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