

Assembly Bill No. 4—Committee of the Whole

CHAPTER.....

AN ACT relating to education; making an appropriation for certain schools to provide full-day kindergarten; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

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

Section 1. 1. There is hereby appropriated from the State General Fund to the Department of Education for the Fiscal Year 2006-2007 the sum of \$22,000,000 for school districts to provide full-day kindergarten at certain schools. The sum must be included in the Account for Programs for Innovation and the Prevention of Remediation.

2. The Department of Education shall distribute the allocation made by subsection 1 to school districts that elect to provide full-day kindergarten during the 2006-2007 school year at certain schools within the school district. In no event is a school district required to submit an application for an allocation of money or otherwise required to provide full-day kindergarten.

3. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 4, a school district that elects to receive an allocation of money pursuant to this section shall use the money to provide full-day kindergarten in each school within the school district that is prioritized for full-day kindergarten based upon the percentage of pupils enrolled in the school who are eligible for free or reduced price lunches pursuant to 42 U.S.C. §§ 1751 et seq. A school district shall allocate the money by assigning first priority to those schools within the school district that have the highest percentage of pupils who are eligible for free or reduced price lunches. If a school within a school district that is required to provide full-day kindergarten pursuant to this section currently provides full-day kindergarten with money that it receives from the Federal Government or other funding allocations, the school may redirect that money, to the extent authorized by applicable federal law, for other programs of remediation at the school and use the money provided by the Department of Education from the allocation to provide full-day kindergarten during the 2006-2007 school year.

4. A school that is otherwise required to provide full-day kindergarten pursuant to subsection 3 may opt out of providing full-day kindergarten.

5. A parent or legal guardian of a pupil who is otherwise zoned to attend a public school that provides full-day kindergarten pursuant to this section may request that the pupil not be enrolled in full-day kindergarten. The school district in which the pupil is

enrolled shall grant the request and ensure that the pupil is allowed to attend kindergarten, whether at the zoned school or another school, for less than a full day.

Sec. 2. This act becomes effective on July 1, 2005.