

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 217—ASSEMBLYMEN CEGAVSKE, HUMKE, HETTRICK, CHOWNING, MORTENSON, CLABORN, GUSTAVSON, ANGLE, MCCLAIN, VON TOBEL, BERMAN, BEERS, NOLAN, BROWER, LESLIE, GOLDWATER, COLLINS, PRICE, PARKS, DINI, CARPENTER, GIBBONS, TIFFANY, KOIVISTO, PERKINS AND MANENDO

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JOINT SPONSORS: SENATORS JACOBSEN, AMODEI, CARE, COFFIN, JAMES, MATHEWS, O'DONNELL, PORTER, TITUS, WASHINGTON AND WIENER

Referred to Committee on Education

SUMMARY—Provides for parental review of supplemental textbooks used in public schools. (BDR 34-1086)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State or on Industrial Insurance: No.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in ***bolded italics*** is new; matter between brackets ~~for omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to education; requiring that parents and legal guardians be afforded an opportunity to submit comments on supplemental textbooks for use in the public schools; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

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

- 1 **Section 1.** Chapter 390 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a
- 2 new section to read as follows:
- 3 ***A public school shall afford the parents and legal guardians of pupils***
- 4 ***who are enrolled in the school an opportunity to submit written***
- 5 ***comments regarding the supplemental textbooks proposed for***
- 6 ***instructional use.***

1 **Sec. 2.** NRS 390.005 is hereby amended to read as follows:

2 390.005 As used in this chapter, unless the context requires otherwise:

3 1. “Basic textbook” or “textbook” means any medium or manual of
4 instruction containing a presentation of the principles of a subject and used
5 as a basis of instruction.

6 2. “Supplemental textbook” means any medium or material , *or*
7 *originally formatted videotapes*, used to reinforce or extend a basic
8 program of instruction.

9 3. A basic or supplemental textbook becomes “unserviceable” ~~{when}~~
10 *after* 4 years have elapsed since its removal from the adopted list.

11 **Sec. 3.** NRS 390.230 is hereby amended to read as follows:

12 390.230 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, the
13 textbooks adopted by the state board must be used in the public schools in
14 this state, and no other books may be used as basic textbooks.

15 2. This section does not prohibit:

16 (a) The continued use of such textbooks previously approved until they
17 become unserviceable.

18 (b) The use of supplemental textbooks ~~{purchased}~~ *selected* by a school
19 district with the approval of the superintendent of public instruction.

20 (c) After approval by the state board, the temporary use of textbooks for
21 tryout purposes.

22 (d) A charter school from using textbooks other than those adopted for
23 use by the state board.

24 3. Any school officer or teacher who violates the provisions of this
25 chapter, or knowingly fails to follow the regulations of the state board
26 relating to *the* use of textbooks shall be punished by a fine of not more than
27 \$250.

28 4. All superintendents, principals, teachers and school officers are
29 charged with the execution of this section.

30 **Sec. 4.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 1999.