

Assembly Bill No. 47—Committee on Education

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AN ACT relating to education; requiring the Department of Education to adopt a plan for the establishment of a program for the professional development of teachers; requiring the Board of Regents of the University of Nevada to adopt a plan for the establishment of a program for the recruitment of teachers; 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. The Department of Education shall, in cooperation with the Board of Regents, adopt a plan for the establishment of a program for the professional development of teachers.

2. The plan adopted by the Department of Education must provide for the establishment of a program for the professional development of teachers that is designed to:

(a) Encourage licensed teachers to teach in areas of this state in which a shortage of teachers exists.

(b) Encourage licensed teachers to obtain an endorsement in a field of specialization where a shortage of teachers exists.

(c) Offer an equitable opportunity for all teachers to participate in the program.

(d) Recruit teachers for participation in the program. The recruitment must include, without limitation, publication of the information regarding the program to:

(1) Students who are enrolled in institutions of higher education;

(2) Organizations that represent licensed educational personnel; and

(3) The licensed educational personnel in the public schools in this state.

3. The Department of Education shall work in cooperation with the boards of trustees of the school districts to designate areas in this state where a shortage of teachers exists and identify fields of specialization where a shortage of teachers exists.

4. The Department of Education may apply for federal grants of money available for the development of the program, if any.

5. On or before February 5, 2001, the Department of Education shall submit the plan adopted pursuant to this section to the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for transmittal to the 71st session of the Nevada Legislature.

Sec. 2. 1. The Board of Regents shall, in cooperation with the Department of Education, adopt a plan for the establishment of a program for the recruitment of teachers.

2. The plan adopted by the Board of Regents must provide for the establishment of a program for the recruitment of teachers that is designed

to recruit pupils enrolled in the high schools in this state and students enrolled in a community college or university of the University and Community College System of Nevada for participation in the program. The recruitment must include, without limitation:

(a) Publication of the information regarding the program to organizations that include students who wish to become teachers.

(b) Methods to encourage pupils who are enrolled in high schools to enter the field of teaching, including, without limitation, pupils with disabilities and pupils who are of diverse racial, ethnic and cultural backgrounds. The Board of Regents shall work in cooperation with the boards of trustees of the school districts to determine the most effective methods to identify such pupils.

3. The Board of Regents may apply for federal grants of money available for the development of the program, if any.

4. On or before February 5, 2001, the Board of Regents shall submit the plan adopted pursuant to this section to the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for transmittal to the 71st session of the Nevada Legislature.

Sec. 3. This act becomes effective on July 1, 1999.

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