
ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 480—ASSEMBLYMEN DE BRAGA, MORTENSON, CHOWNING,
MANENDO AND OHRENSCHALL

MARCH 11, 1999

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

SUMMARY—Provides for additional distribution from distributive school account for school districts in severe financial emergencies and makes appropriation to White Pine County for statewide extension of NOVA project. (BDR 34-1506)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.

Effect on the State or on Industrial Insurance: Contains Appropriation not included in Executive Budget.

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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 education; providing for an additional distribution of money from the distributive school account for school districts in severe financial emergencies; making an appropriation to White Pine County School District for statewide extension of the NOVA project for adult education; 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 387 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto
2 a new section to read as follows:
3 ***1. If the Nevada tax commission determines that a severe financial***
4 ***emergency exists in a school district, that school district is entitled to***
5 ***receive an additional distribution from the state distributive school***
6 ***account. The additional distribution must be an annual amount equal to***
7 ***the percentage of that school district's yearly apportionment of the state***
8 ***distributive school account that will be needed during the year for which***
9 ***the additional distribution will be made to repay loans or other***
10 ***indebtedness of the school district that is directly related to the severe***
11 ***financial emergency, not to exceed 5 percent of that school district's***
12 ***yearly apportionment of the state distributive school account. The***
13 ***additional distribution must be distributed at the same times as the yearly***
14 ***apportionment distributed pursuant to NRS 387.124.***

1 **2. Upon the request of a board of trustees of a school district, the**
2 **department of taxation, in consultation with the department of education,**
3 **shall determine the percentage of that school district's yearly**
4 **apportionment of the state distributive school account that will be**
5 **required in the next fiscal year to repay loans or other indebtedness of**
6 **the school district that is directly related to the severe financial**
7 **emergency. The department of taxation shall certify the percentage for**
8 **the next fiscal year to the superintendent of public instruction. If the**
9 **request is made of the department of taxation after the beginning of a**
10 **fiscal year, the department of taxation shall certify the percentage in the**
11 **manner provided in this subsection for the remaining quarters of the**
12 **fiscal year.**

13 **3. The superintendent of public instruction shall include the**
14 **additional distribution beginning with the first quarterly or monthly**
15 **apportionment to be made pursuant to NRS 387.124 following the**
16 **certification of the percentage by the department of taxation.**

17 **4. The department of taxation shall continue to make the**
18 **certification required by subsection 2 until the additional distribution**
19 **ceases pursuant to subsection 5.**

20 **5. The superintendent of public instruction shall continue to make**
21 **the additional distribution at the most recent percentage certified by the**
22 **department of taxation until the management of the school district by the**
23 **department of taxation is terminated or the department of taxation**
24 **determines that the additional distribution is no longer necessary,**
25 **whichever is later.**

26 **Sec. 2.** 1. There is hereby appropriated from the state general fund
27 to White Pine County School District the sum of \$350,000 to extend access
28 to its NOVA Project to persons throughout the state to provide a computer-
29 assisted electronic high school education via a toll-free telephone system
30 for adults and pupils who have dropped out of school.

31 2. Any remaining balance of the appropriation made by subsection 1
32 must not be committed for expenditure after June 30, 2001, and reverts to
33 the state general fund as soon as all payments of money committed have
34 been made.

35 **Sec. 3.** 1. A school district that is being managed by the department
36 of taxation on the effective date of this act because of a severe financial
37 emergency is entitled to receive an additional distribution from the state
38 distributive school account pursuant to section 1 of this act beginning in
39 fiscal year 1999-2000 but is not entitled to any retroactive additional
40 distributions.

41 2. On or before July 1, 1999, for any school district that is being
42 managed by the department of taxation on the effective date of this act
43 because of a severe financial emergency, the department of taxation, in

1 consultation with the department of education, shall determine the
2 percentage of the school district's yearly apportionment of the state
3 distributive school account that will be required in fiscal year 1999-2000 to
4 repay loans or other indebtedness of the school district that is directly
5 related to the severe financial emergency and certify that percentage to the
6 superintendent of public instruction.

7 **Sec. 4.** This act becomes effective upon passage and approval.

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