

SENATE BILL NO. 104—COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RESOURCES AND FACILITIES

(ON BEHALF OF DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION)

FEBRUARY 4, 1999

Referred to Committee on Human Resources and Facilities

SUMMARY—Revises dates for administration of certain achievement and proficiency examinations in public schools. (BDR S-421)

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; delaying the prospective dates by which the achievement and proficiency examinations used to measure the achievement of pupils in the standards of content and performance adopted by the state board of education must be administered 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.** Section 45 of chapter 473, Statutes of Nevada 1997, at
2 page 1780, is hereby amended to read as follows:
3 Sec. 45. 1. The council to establish academic standards for
4 public schools, created pursuant to section 43 of this act, shall establish and
5 submit to the state board of education:
6 (a) On or before September 1, 1998, standards of content and performance,
7 including, without limitation, a prescription of the
8 resulting level of achievement, based upon the content of each course, that is
9 expected of pupils for the following courses of study:
10 (1) English, including reading, composition and writing.
11 (2) Mathematics.
12 (3) Science.
13 (b) On or before September 1, 1999, standards of content and
14 performance, including, without limitation, a prescription of the

1 resulting level of achievement, based upon the content of each
2 course, that is expected of pupils for the following courses of study:

- 3 (1) Social studies.
- 4 (2) Computer education.
- 5 (3) Health and physical education.
- 6 (4) The arts.

7 2. The council shall submit written recommendations to the
8 state board of education:

9 (a) On or before November 1, 1998, on the type of examinations
10 of achievement and proficiency to be administered statewide that may be used
11 to measure the achievement of pupils in the standards
12 of content and performance established by the council pursuant to paragraph
13 (a) of subsection 1. The recommendations must include
14 the grades in which the examinations should be administered.

15 (b) On or before November 1, 1999, on the type of examinations
16 of achievement and proficiency in social studies to be administered statewide
17 that may be used to measure the achievement of pupils in
18 the standards of content and performance established by the council pursuant
19 to subparagraph (1) of paragraph (b) of subsection 1. The
20 recommendations must include the grades in which the examinations should be
21 administered.

22 3. In developing the standards and examinations pursuant to subsections 1
23 and 2, the council shall:

24 (a) Hold at least eight meetings. The meetings must be held in at least four
25 different counties during the period commencing August
26 1, 1997, and expiring July 31, 1999. At least four of these meetings must be
27 held to hear public testimony concerning the proposed
28 standards of content and performance and the examinations of achievement
29 and proficiency.

30 (b) Consult with licensed educational personnel in the various school
31 districts and with other persons who have knowledge and
32 experience concerning standards of content and performance or examinations
33 of achievement and proficiency in education.

34 (c) Review and consider any standards of content and performance and any
35 examinations of achievement and
36 proficiency:

- 37 (1) Adopted by this state;
- 38 (2) Adopted by the Commonwealth of Virginia or any other states;
- 39 (3) Adopted by the Federal Government; or
- 40 (4) Advocated in publications of entities, including, but not
41 limited to, the "Standards Primer: A Resource for Accelerating the

1 Pace of Reform,” published in 1996 by the Education Leaders Council.

2 4. The state board of education shall adopt:

3 (a) On or before January 1, 1999, the standards of content and
4 performance established by the council pursuant to paragraph (a) of subsection
5 1, to take effect in the 1999-2000 school year.

6 (b) Examinations of achievement and proficiency to be administered
7 statewide, commencing in the ~~1999-2000~~ 2002-
8 2003 school year, to measure the achievement of pupils in the standards of
9 content and performance adopted by the state board of
10 education pursuant to paragraph (a). In adopting the examinations, the state
11 board shall consider the written recommendations
12 submitted by the council pursuant to subsection 2. The examinations must be
13 scored by a single private entity or the
14 department of education.

15 (c) On or before January 1, 2000, the standards of content and
16 performance established by the council pursuant to paragraph (b) of subsection
17 1, to take effect in the 2000-2001 school year.

18 (d) Examinations of achievement and proficiency in social studies to be
19 administered statewide, commencing in the ~~2000-~~
20 2001- 2003-2004 school year, to measure the achievement of pupils in social
21 studies in the standards of content and performance
22 adopted by the state board pursuant to paragraph (c). In adopting the
23 examinations, the state board shall consider the written
24 recommendations submitted by the council pursuant to subsection 2. The
25 examinations must be scored by a single private entity or the
26 department of education.

27 5. The state board of education shall:

28 (a) On or before February 1, 1999, submit a written report to the council and
29 to the director of the legislative counsel bureau for
30 transmission to the 70th session of the Nevada legislature. The written report
31 must include a description of the standards adopted
32 by the state board of education.

33 (b) On or before February 1, 2001, submit a written report to the
34 council and to the director of the legislative counsel bureau for transmission to
35 the 71st session of the Nevada legislature. The
36 written report must include a description of the standards adopted by the state
37 board of education.

38 6. In addition to the duties prescribed in subsections 1 and 2, the council
39 shall:

40 (a) As soon as practicable, but not later than April 1, 1999:

41 (1) Submit to the governor, the senate standing committee on
42 finance and the assembly standing committee on ways and means,

1 written reports regarding the standards adopted by the state board of education
2 pursuant to paragraph (a) of subsection 4.

3 (2) Submit to the director of the legislative counsel bureau for transmission
4 to the 70th session of the Nevada legislature any
5 recommendations for legislation that the council deems are necessary to
6 incorporate into the public schools the standards that it
7 established pursuant to paragraph (a) of subsection 1.

8 (b) As soon as practicable, but not later than April 1, 2001:

9 (1) Submit to the governor, the senate standing committee on finance and
10 the assembly standing committee on ways and means,
11 written reports regarding the standards adopted by the state board of education
12 pursuant to paragraph (c) of subsection 4.

13 (2) Submit to the director of the legislative counsel bureau for transmission
14 to the 71st session of the Nevada legislature any
15 recommendations for legislation that the council deems are necessary to
16 incorporate into the public schools the standards that it
17 established pursuant to paragraphs (a) or (b) of subsection 1.

18 7. The council shall, on or before June 30, 1999, and on or
19 before June 30, 2001, report to the legislative committee on education, created
20 pursuant to section 37 of this act, regarding the

21 ~~{standards and examinations}~~ :

22 (a) *Standards* adopted by the state board of education pursuant
23 to subsection 4.

24 (b) *Examinations adopted by the state board of education*
25 *pursuant to subsection 4, if such examinations have been adopted at the time*
26 *that the report is presented.*

27 8. The council shall, on or before June 30, 2001, coordinate its duties
28 pursuant to this section with the legislative bureau of
29 educational accountability and program evaluation, created pursuant to section
30 41 of this act, to enable the bureau to continue
31 the duties of the council of evaluating and reporting after June 30,
32 2001.

33 **Sec. 2.** This act becomes effective upon passage and approval.