

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.

~

EXPLANATION – Matter in ***bolded italics*** is new; matter between brackets ~~[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:

Section 1. Section 45 of chapter 473, Statutes of Nevada 1997, at
page 1780, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 45. 1. The council to establish academic standards for
public schools, created pursuant to section 43 of this act, shall
establish and submit to the state board of education:

(a) On or before September 1, 1998, standards of content and
performance, including, without limitation, a prescription of the
resulting level of achievement, based upon the content of each
course, that is expected of pupils for the following courses of study:

(1) English, including reading, composition and writing.

(2) Mathematics.

(3) Science.

(b) On or before September 1, 1999, standards of content and
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
11 may be used to measure the achievement of pupils in the standards
12 of content and performance established by the council pursuant to
13 paragraph (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
17 statewide that may be used to measure the achievement of pupils in
18 the standards of content and performance established by the council
19 pursuant to subparagraph (1) of paragraph (b) of subsection 1. The
20 recommendations must include the grades in which the
21 examinations should be administered.

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

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

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

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

- 36 (1) Adopted by this state;
- 37 (2) Adopted by the Commonwealth of Virginia or any other
38 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
42 Pace of Reform," published in 1996 by the Education Leaders
43 Council.

1 4. The state board of education shall adopt:

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

5 (b) Examinations of achievement and proficiency to be
6 administered statewide, commencing in the ~~1999-2000~~ **2000-2001**
7 school year, to measure the achievement of pupils in the standards
8 of content and performance adopted by the state board of education
9 pursuant to paragraph (a). In adopting the examinations, the state
10 board shall consider the written recommendations submitted by the
11 council pursuant to subsection 2. The examinations must be scored
12 by a single private entity or the department of education. *In the first*
13 *year that the examinations are administered, the results of the*
14 *examinations must be used solely to gather information and data*
15 *concerning the examinations.*

16 (c) On or before ~~January 1,~~ **February 28**, 2000, the standards
17 of content and performance established by the council pursuant to
18 paragraph (b) of subsection 1, to take effect in the 2000-2001
19 school year.

20 (d) Examinations of achievement and proficiency in social
21 studies to be administered statewide, commencing in the ~~2000-~~
22 ~~2001~~ **2001-2002** school year, to measure the achievement of pupils
23 in social studies in the standards of content and performance
24 adopted by the state board pursuant to paragraph (c). In adopting
25 the examinations, the state board shall consider the written
26 recommendations submitted by the council pursuant to subsection
27 2. The examinations must be scored by a single private entity or the
28 department of education. *In the first year that the examinations*
29 *are administered, the results of the examinations must be used*
30 *solely to gather information and data concerning the*
31 *examinations.*

32 5. The state board of education shall:

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

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

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

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

4 (1) Submit to the governor, the senate standing committee on
5 finance and the assembly standing committee on ways and means,
6 written reports regarding the standards adopted by the state board of
7 education pursuant to paragraph (a) of subsection 4.

8 (2) Submit to the director of the legislative counsel bureau for
9 transmission to the 70th session of the Nevada legislature any
10 recommendations for legislation that the council deems are
11 necessary to incorporate into the public schools the standards that it
12 established pursuant to paragraph (a) of subsection 1.

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

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

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

23 7. The council shall, on or before June 30, 1999, and on or
24 before June 30, 2001, report to the legislative committee on
25 education, created pursuant to section 37 of this act, regarding the
26 standards and examinations *that have been* adopted by the state
27 board of education pursuant to subsection 4.

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

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