

SENATE BILL NO. 23—SENATOR MATHEWS

PREFILED JANUARY 21, 1999

Referred to Committee on Finance

SUMMARY—Makes appropriation for purchase of library books by school districts.
(BDR S-1075)

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 ~~to omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

AN ACT making an appropriation to the Department of Education for the purchase of library books
by school districts; 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.** 1. There is hereby appropriated from the state general
- 2 fund to the Department of Education for distribution to school districts to
- 3 purchase library books:
- 4 For the fiscal year 1999-2000..... \$374,000
- 5 For the fiscal year 2000-2001..... \$374,000
- 6 2. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 7, the board of trustees of
- 7 a school district may submit an application to the Department of Education
- 8 for a grant of money from the appropriation made by subsection 1 on a form
- 9 provided by the Department of Education. Such an application must include
- 10 a description of the:
- 11 (a) Amount of money expended by the school district, excluding gifts
- 12 and grants, in the immediately preceding year for the purchase of library
- 13 books for use in the media centers of school libraries within the school
- 14 district; and
- 15 (b) Financial needs of the school district to maintain an adequate supply
- 16 of library books in the media centers of school libraries within the school
- 17 district.
- 18 3. Upon receipt of such an application, the Department of Education
- 19 shall review the application to determine whether it is complete. Except as

1 otherwise provided in subsection 7, the Department of Education shall
2 approve an application if it is complete.

3 4. The Department of Education shall apportion the money available for
4 each fiscal year among the school districts whose applications have been
5 approved. Each school district is entitled to receive, within the limits of
6 money available, an amount equal to not more than 50 percent of the money
7 that the school district expended, excluding gifts and grants, on the purchase
8 of library books for use in the media centers of school libraries in the
9 immediately preceding year.

10 5. The board of trustees of a school district that receives a grant of
11 money pursuant to subsection 4 shall use the money to purchase library
12 books for use in the media centers of school libraries.

13 6. The board of trustees of a school district that receives a grant of
14 money pursuant to subsection 4 shall not use the money to:

15 (a) Supplant or cause to be reduced any other source of funding for the
16 media centers of school libraries within the school district.

17 (b) Settle or arbitrate disputes or negotiate settlements between an
18 organization that represents licensed employees of the school district and
19 the school district.

20 (c) Adjust the schedules of salaries and benefits of the employees of the
21 school district.

22 7. If the board of trustees of a school district receives a grant of money
23 pursuant to subsection 4 for the fiscal year 1999-2000 and the board of
24 trustees does not expend at least the amount of money, excluding gifts and
25 grants, that the board of trustees expended in the immediately preceding
26 year on the purchase of library books for media centers of school libraries,
27 the board of trustees is not eligible to apply for a grant of money for the
28 fiscal year 2000-2001. If the Department of Education receives an
29 application from a school district and, upon review of the information
30 contained in the application described in paragraph (a) of subsection 2, the
31 Department determines that the board of trustees did not expend at least the
32 amount of money that the board of trustees expended in the immediately
33 preceding year on the purchase of library books for media centers of school
34 libraries, the Department shall deny the application.

35 8. As used in this section, "media center of a school library" means a
36 centralized collection of educational resources located in a school library
37 that is designed to:

38 (a) Integrate the curriculum of a school;

39 (b) Teach pupils skills in methods to acquire information; and

40 (c) Ensure that teachers and pupils use the resources of information
41 offered in a school library.

42 9. Any remaining balance of the appropriation made by subsection 1
43 for:

1 (a) The fiscal year 1999-2000 must be transferred and added to the
2 money appropriated for the fiscal year 2000-2001.

3 (b) The fiscal year 2000-2001, including any money added thereto
4 pursuant to paragraph (a), must not be committed for expenditure after June
5 30, 2001, and reverts to the state general fund as soon as all payments of
6 money committed have been made.

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

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