

SENATE BILL NO. 231—COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RESOURCES AND FACILITIES

FEBRUARY 22, 1999

Referred to Committee on Finance

SUMMARY—Makes appropriation to Department of Education for support of programs for gifted and talented pupils. (BDR S-879)

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 making an appropriation to the Department of Education for the support of programs for gifted and talented pupils; 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 the support of programs for gifted
- 3 and talented pupils:
- 4 For the fiscal year 1999-2000\$300,000
- 5 For the fiscal year 2000-2001\$300,000
- 6 2. The board of trustees of a school district may submit an application
- 7 to the Department of Education for an allocation for each year that money
- 8 is available from the appropriation made by subsection 1. Such an
- 9 application must:
- 10 (a) Be on a form provided by the Department of Education; and
- 11 (b) Include a written description of the programs for the education of
- 12 gifted and talented pupils offered by the school district and the proposed
- 13 use of the allocation to support and improve the programs.
- 14 3. Upon receipt of an application, the Department of Education shall
- 15 review the application to determine whether it is complete. The Department
- 16 of Education shall approve an application if it is complete.
- 17 4. The Department of Education shall apportion the money available
- 18 for each fiscal year among the school districts whose applications have

1 been approved. The money available must be apportioned to each school
2 district in proportion to the total number of pupils enrolled in public
3 schools within the school district on the last day of the first month of the
4 school year.

5 5. A school district that receives an allocation of money shall use the
6 money to support the school district's programs of education for gifted and
7 talented pupils, including:

8 (a) Providing professional development for all teachers, including
9 regular education teachers, relating to the instruction of gifted and talented
10 pupils;

11 (b) Creating committees throughout the school district consisting of
12 teachers who are trained to teach gifted and talented pupils to assist the
13 regular education teachers in providing instruction to gifted and talented
14 pupils;

15 (c) Increasing the amount of time that is devoted to the instruction of
16 gifted and talented pupils in the classroom;

17 (d) Preparing newsletters and informational pamphlets for dissemination
18 to parents and legal guardians concerning the programs of education for
19 gifted and talented pupils offered by the school district; and

20 (e) Offering programs of education for gifted and talented pupils
21 through mediums other than the traditional classroom setting including the
22 use of computers and mobile classrooms.

23 6. The board of trustees of a school district that receives an allocation
24 of money shall not use the money to:

25 (a) Supplant or cause to be reduced any other source of funding for the
26 programs of education for gifted and talented pupils offered by the school
27 district.

28 (b) Settle or arbitrate disputes or negotiate settlements between an
29 organization that represents licensed employees of the school district and
30 the school district.

31 (c) Adjust the schedules of salaries and benefits of the employees of the
32 school district.

33 7. Any balance of the sums appropriated by subsection 1 remaining at
34 the end of the respective fiscal years must not be committed for expenditure
35 after June 30 of the respective fiscal years and reverts to the state general
36 fund as soon as all payments of money committed have been made.

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