

SENATE BILL NO. 285—SENATORS JAMES, PORTER, WASHINGTON, O’CONNELL,
CARE, CARLTON, MATHEWS, MCGINNESS, O’DONNELL, SCHNEIDER AND
TITUS

MARCH 1, 1999

JOINT SPONSORS: ASSEMBLYMEN CEGAVSKE, OHRENSCHALL, BROWER,
GUSTAVSON, CHOWNING, HETTRICK, LEE, MANENDO, MARVEL, NOLAN
AND PARKS

Referred to Committee on Human Resources and Facilities

SUMMARY—Requires public schools to provide certain instruction in American government to
pupils. (BDR 34-1422)

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; requiring that pupils be instructed in certain additional subjects
relating to American government; 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.** NRS 389.020 is hereby amended to read as follows:
2 389.020 1. In all public schools, the Caliente youth center and the
3 Nevada youth training center, instruction must be given in American
4 government, including , but not limited to , the ~~essentials of the~~ :
5 ***(a) Essentials of:***
6 ***(1) The*** Constitution of the United States, ~~the constitution~~
7 ***including, without limitation, the Bill of Rights;***
8 ***(2) The Constitution*** of the State of Nevada ~~the origin~~ ;
9 ***(3) The Declaration of Independence;***
10 ***(4) The Federalist Papers;***
11 ***(5) Abraham Lincoln’s Gettysburg Address;***

- 1 **(6) *The Emancipation Proclamation; and***
- 2 **(7) *George Washington's Farewell Address;***
- 3 **(b) *Origin*** and history of the constitutions ~~{and the study}~~ ; **and**
- 4 **(c) *Study*** of and devotion to American institutions and ideals.
- 5 2. The instruction required ~~fin~~ **by** subsection 1 must be given during at
- 6 least 1 year of the elementary school grades and for a period of at least 1
- 7 year in all high schools.
- 8 **Sec. 2.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 1999.

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