
SENATE BILL NO. 435—SENATOR PORTER

MARCH 15, 1999

Referred to Committee on Human Resources and Facilities

SUMMARY—Establishes commission to oversee school construction in larger counties.
(BDR 34-53)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: Yes.
Effect on the State or on Industrial Insurance: No.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in ***bolded italics*** is new; matter between brackets ~~[omitted material]~~ is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to school districts; requiring the board of trustees of a school district in a large county to establish a commission to oversee school construction; 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.** Chapter 393 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto
2 the provisions set forth as sections 2, 3 and 4 of this act.
- 3 **Sec. 2. 1.** *The board of trustees of a school district in a county*
4 *whose population is 400,000 or more shall establish a commission to*
5 *oversee school construction. Each trustee shall appoint one member to*
6 *the commission. A member may be appointed by a trustee regardless of*
7 *whether the member resides within the election district of the trustee.*
8 *Each member who is appointed must demonstrate qualifications to carry*
9 *out the duties of the commission.*
- 10 **2.** *The term of each member of the commission is 2 years. A vacancy*
11 *in the membership of the commission must be filled by the trustee, or his*
12 *successor, who appointed the seat that is vacant.*
- 13 **3.** *The commission shall:*
- 14 **(a)** *Elect a chairman from among its members;*
- 15 **(b)** *Prescribe rules for its own management and government and*
16 *submit the rules to the board of trustees of the school district for*
17 *ratification;*

1 (c) Meet throughout each year at the times and places specified by a
2 call of the chairman or a majority of the members of the commission;
3 and

4 (d) Comply with the provisions of chapter 241 of NRS.

5 4. The commission may solicit recommendations from the general
6 public.

7 5. The chairman of the commission may divide the commission into
8 subcommittees. The commission may delegate one or more of the duties
9 of the commission to a subcommittee of the commission.

10 6. Each member of the commission is entitled to receive a salary of
11 \$40 for each meeting of the commission that he attends or \$200 per
12 month, whichever is less. The salaries must be paid by the school district.
13 Members of the commission may voluntarily waive the compensation
14 provided by this subsection.

15 **Sec. 3.** If a commission to oversee school construction has been
16 established pursuant to section 2 of this act, the board of trustees of the
17 school district shall:

18 1. Work cooperatively with the commission;

19 2. Prepare a 5-year plan for the construction and maintenance of
20 school facilities within the school district for submission to the
21 commission for its review and recommendations;

22 3. Appoint an employee of the school district who has knowledge and
23 experience in school construction to act as a liaison between the school
24 district and the commission;

25 4. Consider each recommendation made by the commission and, if
26 the board of trustees does not adopt a recommendation, state in writing
27 the reason for its action; and

28 5. Provide administrative support to the commission.

29 **Sec. 4.** A commission to oversee school construction shall:

30 1. Review the 5-year plan for the construction and maintenance of
31 school facilities submitted by the board of trustees of the school district
32 and make recommendations to the board of trustees for any necessary
33 revisions to the plan;

34 2. On a quarterly basis, or more frequently if the commission
35 determines necessary, evaluate the program of school construction and
36 maintenance that is designed to carry out the 5-year plan and make
37 recommendations to the board of trustees concerning the program;

38 3. Review all items listed on an agenda of the board of trustees that
39 relate to school construction and maintenance, including, without
40 limitation, items relating to the financing of school construction and
41 maintenance, and make recommendations for approval or revision of the
42 items on the agenda;

1 **4. *Make recommendations for the management of construction and***
2 ***maintenance of school facilities within the school district in a manner***
3 ***that ensures effective and efficient expenditure of public money; and***

4 **5. *Work cooperatively with the board of trustees of the school district***
5 ***to ensure that the program of school construction and maintenance is***
6 ***responsive to the educational needs of pupils within the school district.***

7 **Sec. 5.** On or before February 1, 2001, a commission to oversee
8 school construction established pursuant to section 2 of this act shall submit
9 a report concerning the progress and methods of operation of the
10 commission to the director of the legislative counsel bureau for transmittal
11 to the 71st session of the legislature.

12 **Sec. 6.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 1999.

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