

Senate Bill No. 435—Senator Porter

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AN ACT relating to school districts; authorizing the board of trustees of a school district in a large county to expand the duties of the oversight panel for school facilities created for the school district under certain circumstances; 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. Chapter 393 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

1. The board of trustees of a school district in a county whose population is 400,000 or more may, by a vote of not less than two-thirds of the total membership of the board of trustees, expand the duties of the oversight panel for school facilities established for the school district pursuant to NRS 393.092.

2. If the board of trustees votes to expand the duties of the oversight panel, the board of trustees shall:

(a) Prepare a 3-year plan for the renovation of school facilities and a 5-year plan for the construction of school facilities within the school district for submission, to the oversight panel for its review and recommendations;

(b) Appoint the assistant superintendent of school facilities or his designee, if the board of trustees has employed a person to serve in that capacity, or otherwise appoint an employee of the school district who has knowledge and experience in school construction, to act as a liaison between the school district and the oversight panel;

(c) Consider each recommendation made by the oversight panel and, if the board of trustees does not adopt a recommendation, state in writing the reason for its action and include the statement in the minutes of the board of trustees, if applicable; and

(d) In addition to the administrative support required pursuant to NRS 393.095, provide such administrative support to the oversight panel as is necessary for the oversight panel to carry out its expanded duties.

3. If the board of trustees votes to expand the duties of the oversight panel, the oversight panel shall:

(a) Work cooperatively with the board of trustees of the school district to ensure that the program of school construction and renovation is responsive to the educational needs of pupils within the school district;

(b) Review the 3-year plan for the renovation of school facilities and the 5-year plan for the construction of school facilities submitted by the board of trustees of the school district and make recommendations to the board of trustees for any necessary revisions to the plans;

(c) On a quarterly basis, or more frequently if the oversight panel determines necessary, evaluate the program of school construction and renovation that is designed to carry out the 3-year plan and the 5-year plan and make recommendations to the board of trustees concerning the program;

(d) Make recommendations for the management of construction and renovation of school facilities within the school district in a manner that ensures effective and efficient expenditure of public money; and

(e) Prepare an annual report that includes a summary of the progress of the construction and renovation of school facilities within the school district and the expenditure of money from the proceeds of bonds for the construction and renovation, if such information is available to the oversight panel.

Sec. 2. If the board of trustees of a school district expands the duties of the oversight panel for school facilities pursuant to section 1 of this act, the board of trustees shall prepare a report concerning the progress and methods of operation of the oversight panel in carrying out its expanded duties pursuant to section 1 of this act. The board of trustees shall submit the report to the director of the legislative counsel bureau for transmittal to the 71st session of the legislature.

Sec. 3. This act becomes effective on July 1, 1999.

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