

SENATE BILL NO. 435—SENATOR PORTER

MARCH 15, 1999

Referred to Committee on Human Resources and Facilities

SUMMARY—Authorizes board of trustees of school district to expand duties of oversight panel for school facilities 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; 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:

- 1 **Section 1.** Chapter 393 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a
2 new section to read as follows:
3 ***1. The board of trustees of a school district in a county whose***
4 ***population is 400,000 or more may, by a vote of not less than two-thirds***
5 ***of the total membership of the board of trustees, expand the duties of the***
6 ***oversight panel for school facilities established for the school district***
7 ***pursuant to NRS 393.092.***
8 ***2. If the board of trustees votes to expand the duties of the oversight***
9 ***panel, the board of trustees shall:***
10 ***(a) Prepare a 3-year plan for the renovation of school facilities and a***
11 ***5-year plan for the construction of school facilities within the school***
12 ***district for submission, to the oversight panel for its review and***
13 ***recommendations;***
14 ***(b) Appoint the assistant superintendent of school facilities or his***
15 ***designee, if the board of trustees has employed a person to serve in that***
16 ***capacity, or otherwise appoint an employee of the school district who has***
17 ***knowledge and experience in school construction, to act as a liaison***
18 ***between the school district and the oversight panel;***

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

5 (d) In addition to the administrative support required pursuant to NRS
6 393.095, provide such administrative support to the oversight panel as is
7 necessary for the oversight panel to carry out its expanded duties.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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