

SENATE BILL NO. 443—COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

MARCH 15, 1999

Referred to Committee on Finance

SUMMARY—Creates committee to study funding of higher education in Nevada. (BDR S-1167)

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 ~~to be omitted~~ is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to education; creating a committee to study the methods of funding higher education in this state; providing for its organization, powers and duties; making an appropriation; 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. The Committee to Study the Funding of Higher
2 Education, consisting of 12 voting members and 4 nonvoting members, is
3 hereby created.
4 2. The following persons shall serve as voting members of the
5 Committee:
6 (a) Three members of the Senate, appointed by the Majority Leader of
7 the Senate;
8 (b) Three members of the Assembly, appointed by the Speaker of the
9 Assembly;
10 (c) Three members of the Board of Regents, appointed by the Chairman
11 of that board; and
12 (d) Three members appointed by the Governor.
13 3. The Governor shall appoint the following persons to serve as the
14 nonvoting members of the Committee:
15 (a) One person who is employed in the Budget Division of the
16 Department of Administration; and
17 (b) Three persons who are employed by the University and Community
18 College System of Nevada.

1 4. The Chairman of the Legislative Commission shall designate one of
2 the members as Chairman of the Committee.

3 5. The Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau shall provide the
4 necessary professional staff and a secretary for the Committee.

5 6. For each day or portion of a day during which they attend a meeting
6 of the Committee or are otherwise engaged in the business of the
7 Committee:

8 (a) The voting members of the Committee who are Legislators are
9 entitled to receive the compensation provided for a majority of the
10 members of the Legislature during the first 60 days of the preceding regular
11 session plus the per diem allowance provided for state officers and
12 employees generally and the travel expenses provided pursuant to NRS
13 218.2207.

14 (b) The voting members of the Committee who are members of the
15 Board of Regents are entitled to receive travel expenses and a per diem
16 allowance at the rates established in NRS 396.070.

17 (c) The voting members of the Committee appointed by the Governor
18 are entitled to receive the per diem allowance and travel expenses provided
19 for state officers and employees generally.

20 **Sec. 2.** The Committee shall:

21 1. Compare the existing method of funding higher education in Nevada
22 with the methods used in other states; and

23 2. Determine whether the other methods would be appropriate and
24 useful in Nevada.

25 **Sec. 3.** The Committee may hold public hearings at such times and
26 places as it deems necessary to afford the general public and
27 representatives of governmental agencies and of organizations interested in
28 higher education an opportunity to present relevant information and
29 recommendations.

30 **Sec. 4.** The Committee may employ such educational and financial
31 consultants as it deems necessary for this study.

32 **Sec. 5.** The Committee may accept and use all gifts and grants which it
33 receives to further its work.

34 **Sec. 6.** 1. There is hereby appropriated from the state general fund to
35 the Legislative Commission the sum of \$150,000 for the purpose of
36 conducting a study of the funding of higher education as provided in this
37 act.

38 2. Any remaining balance of the appropriation made by subsection 1
39 must not be committed for expenditure after December 31, 2000, and
40 reverts to the state general fund as soon as all payments of money
41 committed have been made.

1 **Sec. 7.** The Committee shall submit to the Legislative Commission a
2 report of its findings and recommendations for legislation before the
3 commencement of the 71st session of the Legislature.

4 **Sec. 8.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 1999, and expires by
5 limitation on January 1, 2001.

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