

Senate Bill No. 445—Committee on Human Resources

and Facilities

CHAPTER.....

AN ACT relating to education; prescribing the academic subjects for public schools; requiring the state board of education to adopt certain courses of study; repealing certain courses of study; 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. NRS 386.550 is hereby amended to read as follows:
386.550 A charter school shall:

1. Comply with all laws and regulations relating to discrimination and civil rights.
2. Remain nonsectarian, including, without limitation, in its educational programs, policies for admission and employment practices.
3. Refrain from charging tuition or fees, levying taxes or issuing bonds.
4. Comply with any plan for desegregation ordered by a court that is in effect in the school district in which the charter school is located.
5. Comply with the provisions of chapter 241 of NRS.
6. Schedule and provide annually at least as many days of instruction as are required of other public schools located in the same school district as the charter school is located.
7. Cooperate with the board of trustees of the school district in the administration of the achievement and proficiency examinations administered pursuant to NRS 389.015 to the pupils who are enrolled in the charter school.
8. Comply with applicable statutes and regulations governing the achievement and proficiency of pupils in this state.
9. Provide *instruction in the core academic subjects set forth in subsection 1 of section 4 of this act, as applicable for the grade levels of pupils who are enrolled in the charter school, and provide* at least the courses of instruction that are required of pupils by statute or regulation for promotion to the next grade or graduation from a public high school and require the pupils who are enrolled in the charter school to take those courses of study. This subsection does not preclude a charter school from offering, or requiring the pupils who are enrolled in the charter school to take, other courses of study that are required by statute or regulation.
10. Provide instruction on acquired immune deficiency syndrome and the human reproductive system, related to communicable diseases and sexual responsibility in accordance with NRS 389.065.
11. Adhere to the same transportation policy that is in effect in the school district in which the charter school is located.
12. Adopt a final budget in accordance with the regulations adopted by the department. A charter school is not required to adopt a final budget

pursuant to NRS 354.598 or otherwise comply with the provisions of chapter 354 of NRS.

Sec. 2. NRS 388.380 is hereby amended to read as follows:

388.380 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, the board of trustees of a school district in a county whose population is 100,000 or more shall and any other board of trustees of a school district may:

(a) Establish and maintain occupational schools or classes giving instruction in the subjects approved by the state board for occupational education.

(b) Raise and expend money for the establishment and maintenance of occupational schools or classes.

2. The board of trustees of each school district shall incorporate into the curriculum:

(a) Occupational guidance and counseling ~~to~~ *in accordance with NRS 389.180;* and

(b) Technology. ~~to~~ *in accordance with the courses of study adopted by the state board pursuant to NRS 389.170 and 389.180.*

Sec. 3. Chapter 389 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto the provisions set forth as sections 4 and 5 of this act.

Sec. 4. 1. *The following subjects are designated as the core academic subjects that must be taught, as applicable for grade levels, in all public schools, the Caliente youth center and the Nevada youth training center:*

(a) *English, including reading, composition and writing;*

(b) *Mathematics;*

(c) *Science; and*

(d) *Social studies, which includes only the subjects of history, geography, economics and government.*

2. *Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, in addition to the core academic subjects, the following subjects must be taught as applicable for grade levels and to the extent practicable in all public schools, the Caliente youth center and the Nevada youth training center:*

(a) *The arts;*

(b) *Computer education and technology;*

(c) *Health; and*

(d) *Physical education.*

If the state board requires the completion of course work in a subject area set forth in this subsection for graduation from high school or promotion to the next grade, a public school shall offer the required course work. Unless a subject is required for graduation from high school or promotion to the next grade, a charter school is not required to comply with this subsection.

Sec. 5. *The state board shall adopt regulations establishing courses of study and the grade levels for which the courses of study apply for:*

1. *The academic subjects set forth in section 4 of this act*

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2. *Citizenship and physical training for pupils enrolled in high school.*

3. *Physiology, hygiene and cardiopulmonary resuscitation.*

4. *The prevention of suicide.*

5. *Instruction relating to child abuse.*

6. *The economics of the American system of free enterprise.*

7. *American Sign Language.*

8. *Environmental education.*

9. *Adult roles and responsibilities.*

A course of study established for subsection 1 may include one or more of the subjects listed in subsections 2 to 9, inclusive.

Sec. 6. NRS 389.010 is hereby amended to read as follows:

389.010 Except as otherwise provided in NRS ~~389.170 and~~ 389.180, boards of trustees of school districts shall enforce in schools the courses of study prescribed and adopted by the state board.

Sec. 7. 1. The subjects taught in public schools pursuant to section 4 of this act must be in accordance with the standards of content and performance established for grade levels by the council to establish academic standards for public schools pursuant to section 45 of chapter 473, Statutes of Nevada 1997, at page 1780.

2. The courses of study established by the state board of education pursuant to subsection 1 of section 5 of this act must comply with and carry out the standards of content and performance that are submitted to the state board of education by the council to establish academic standards for public schools pursuant to section 45 of chapter 473, Statutes of Nevada 1997, at page 1780.

Sec. 8. NRS 389.050, 389.060, 389.063, 389.075, 389.080, 389.083, 389.085, 389.110, 389.120, 389.130, 389.140, 389.170 and 389.190 are hereby repealed.

Sec. 9. 1. This section and sections 2 to 8, inclusive, of this act become effective on July 1, 1999.

2. Section 1 of this act becomes effective at 12:01 a.m. on July 1, 1999.

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