

SENATE BILL NO. 505—COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
(ON BEHALF OF CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT)

MARCH 22, 1999

Referred to Committee on Finance

SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to occupational education. (BDR 34-697)

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

AN ACT relating to education; creating an advisory committee on technical skills for occupational education; providing for its membership and duties; creating a fund for the improvement of programs for occupational education; requiring the state board for occupational education to adopt standards for occupational education; 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:

Section 1. Chapter 388 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto the provisions set forth as sections 2 to 9, inclusive, of this act.

Sec. 2. *As used in NRS 388.330 to 388.400, inclusive, and sections 2 to 9, inclusive, of this act, “advisory committee” means the advisory committee on technical skills for occupational education created pursuant to section 3 of this act.*

Sec. 3. 1. *The advisory committee on technical skills for occupational education is hereby created. The advisory committee consists of nine members who are appointed as follows:*

(a) Five members appointed by the governor:

(1) Three of whom must have experience in the field of occupational education;

(2) One of whom must be a representative of a private business or industry which may be directly affected by recommendations provided by the advisory committee; and

1 (3) One of whom must be a representative of the general public;
2 and

3 (b) Four members appointed by the state board of education:

4 (1) Two of whom must have experience in the field of occupational
5 education;

6 (2) One of whom must be a representative of a private business or
7 industry which may be directly affected by recommendations provided by
8 the advisory committee; and

9 (3) One of whom must be a representative of the general public.

10 Persons who are appointed to the advisory committee based on their
11 experience in the field of occupational education may also be members
12 of the state board for occupational education.

13 2. After the initial term, the term of a member of the advisory
14 committee is 4 years, except when appointed to fill an unexpired term. No
15 member may serve more than two full terms consecutively.

16 3. A vacancy in the membership of the advisory committee must be
17 filled for the remainder of the unexpired term in the same manner as the
18 original appointment.

19 4. The department shall provide administrative support to the
20 advisory committee.

21 **Sec. 4. 1.** The advisory committee shall elect a chairman from
22 among its members.

23 2. The term of the chairman is 1 year beginning on July 1 of each
24 year.

25 3. No person may serve more than two full terms consecutively as
26 chairman.

27 4. If a vacancy occurs in the chairmanship, the members of the
28 advisory committee shall elect a chairman from among its members for
29 the remainder of the unexpired term.

30 **Sec. 5.** The chairman of the advisory committee shall:

31 1. Schedule the meetings of the advisory committee; and

32 2. Ensure that the meetings of the advisory committee are conducted
33 so as to:

34 (a) Carry out the business of the advisory committee in an efficient
35 manner; and

36 (b) Preserve order and decorum among the members of the advisory
37 committee.

38 **Sec. 6. 1.** The advisory committee shall meet at least quarterly and
39 may meet at a call of the chairman or by vote of a majority of the
40 members of the advisory committee.

41 2. Five members of the advisory committee constitute a quorum to
42 transact all business, and a majority of those present must concur on any
43 decision.

1 **Sec. 7.** *Each member of the advisory committee is entitled to receive,*
2 *while engaged in the business of the advisory committee, the per diem*
3 *allowance and travel expenses provided for state officers and employees*
4 *generally.*

5 **Sec. 8. 1.** *The advisory committee shall:*

6 *(a) Review and evaluate programs for occupational education that*
7 *have been established by school districts within this state;*

8 *(b) Submit recommendations to the state board for occupational*
9 *education regarding:*

10 *(1) Standards for occupational education; and*

11 *(2) Other matters as the advisory committee deems appropriate; and*

12 *(c) Review and report to the Nevada legislature regarding the*
13 *standards for programs of occupational education adopted by the state*
14 *board for occupational education pursuant to subsection 1 of NRS*
15 *388.360.*

16 **2.** *The board of trustees of each school district that has adopted a*
17 *program of occupational education shall cooperate with and provide*
18 *information to the advisory committee as necessary for the advisory*
19 *committee to carry out its duties pursuant to this section.*

20 **Sec. 9. 1.** *There is hereby created within the state treasury the fund*
21 *for the improvement of programs for occupational education. The fund*
22 *must be administered by the state board of education.*

23 **2.** *The money in the fund must be used only to:*

24 *(a) Pay for the establishment of and the reasonable administrative*
25 *expenses incurred by the advisory committee;*

26 *(b) Pay for the per diem allowance and travel expenses to which*
27 *members of the advisory committee are entitled pursuant to section 7 of*
28 *this act; and*

29 *(c) Provide money to school districts that have adopted programs for*
30 *occupational education in accordance with the standards adopted*
31 *pursuant to subsection 1 of NRS 388.360 for the purchase of equipment*
32 *and supplies for such programs.*

33 **3.** *The interest and income earned on the money in the fund, after*
34 *deducting any applicable charges, must be credited to the fund and may*
35 *only be disbursed as authorized by the state board of education.*

36 **4.** *The state board of education shall establish annually, within the*
37 *limits of money available in the fund, a basic allocation of \$25,000 to*
38 *each school district that has established a program for occupational*
39 *education in accordance with the standards adopted pursuant to*
40 *subsection 1 of NRS 388.360.*

41 **5.** *Any money remaining after the allocations made pursuant to*
42 *subsection 4 must be allocated to school districts that have adopted a*
43 *program for occupational education in accordance with the standards*

1 *adopted pursuant to subsection 1 of NRS 388.360 in proportion to the*
2 *total number of pupils enrolled in grades 7 to 12, inclusive, within the*
3 *district on the last day of the first month of the school year preceding the*
4 *school year for which the money is being provided.*

5 *6. A school district that receives money pursuant to this section:*

6 *(a) Shall use the money to purchase equipment and supplies for*
7 *programs for occupational education.*

8 *(b) Shall not use the money to:*

9 *(1) Settle or arbitrate disputes or negotiate settlements between an*
10 *organization that represents licensed employees of the school district and*
11 *the school district;*

12 *(2) Adjust the schedules of salaries and benefits of the employees of*
13 *the school district; or*

14 *(3) Replace the money that the school district would otherwise*
15 *expend on programs for occupational education.*

16 **Sec. 10.** NRS 388.360 is hereby amended to read as follows:

17 388.360 *1. The state board for occupational education shall:*

18 *(a) Consider the recommendations submitted by the advisory*
19 *committee pursuant to section 8 of this act; and*

20 *(b) Based upon those recommendations and in consultation with the*
21 *advisory committee, adopt standards for programs for occupational*
22 *education.*

23 *2. The state board for occupational education may:*

24 ~~1-1~~ *(a) Cooperate with any federal agency, board or department*
25 *designated to administer the Acts of Congress apportioning federal money*
26 *to the State of Nevada for occupational education.*

27 ~~1-2~~ *(b) Establish policies and adopt regulations for the administration*
28 *of any legislation enacted pursuant thereto by the State of Nevada.*

29 ~~1-3~~ *(c) Establish policies and adopt regulations for the administration*
30 *of money provided by the Federal Government and the State of Nevada for*
31 *the promotion, extension and improvement of occupational education in*
32 *Nevada.*

33 ~~1-4~~ *(d) Establish policies or regulations and formulate plans for the*
34 *promotion of occupational education in such subjects as are an essential*
35 *and integral part of the system of public education in the State of Nevada.*

36 ~~1-5~~ *(e) Establish policies to provide for the preparation of teachers of*
37 *such programs and subjects.*

38 ~~1-6~~ *(f) Approve positions for such persons as may be necessary to*
39 *administer the federal act and provisions of this Title enacted pursuant*
40 *thereto for the State of Nevada.*

41 ~~1-7~~ *(g) Direct its executive officer to make studies and investigations*
42 *relating to occupational education.*

~~18.1~~ (h) Establish policies to promote and aid in the establishment by local communities of schools, departments or classes giving training in occupational subjects.

~~19.1~~ (i) Cooperate with local communities in the maintenance of such schools, departments or classes.

~~110.1~~ (j) Prescribe qualifications for the teachers, directors and supervisors of occupational subjects.

~~111.1~~ (k) Provide for the certification of such teachers, directors and supervisors.

~~112.1~~ (l) Establish policies or regulations to cooperate in the maintenance of classes supported and controlled by the public for the preparation of the teachers, directors and supervisors of occupational subjects, or maintain such classes under its own direction and control.

~~113.1~~ (m) Establish by regulation the qualifications required for persons engaged in the training of occupational teachers.

Sec. 11. NRS 388.400 is hereby amended to read as follows:

388.400 1. The money for occupational education must be provided for and raised in the manner specified in NRS 387.050 and 388.330 to 388.400, inclusive ~~1.1~~, and sections 2 to 9, inclusive, of this act.

2. The state treasurer is the custodian of the money and shall make disbursements therefrom on warrants of the state controller issued upon the order of the executive officer of the state board for occupational education.

Sec. 12. On or before July 1, 1999:

1. The governor shall appoint to the advisory committee on technical skills for occupational education created pursuant to section 3 of this act:

(a) Two persons to terms that expire on June 30, 2001.

(b) One person to a term that expires on June 30, 2002.

(c) Two persons to terms that expire on June 30, 2003.

2. The state board of education shall appoint to the advisory committee on technical skills for occupational education created pursuant to section 3 of this act:

(a) One person to a term that expires on June 30, 2001.

(b) Two persons to terms that expire on June 30, 2002.

(c) One person to a term that expires on June 30, 2003.

Sec. 13. On or before July 1, 2000, the advisory committee on technical skills for occupational education created pursuant to section 3 of this act shall:

1. Complete an initial review and evaluation of each program for occupational education that has been established by a school district within this state; and

2. Provide a report on that review and evaluation to the state board for occupational education, including, without limitation, recommendations for standards for programs for occupational education.

1 **Sec. 14.** On or before January 1, 2001, the state board for
2 occupational education shall adopt standards for programs for occupational
3 education based on the findings and recommendations set forth in the
4 report provided by the advisory committee on technical skills for
5 occupational education pursuant to section 13 of this act.

6 **Sec. 15.** On or before February 15, 2001, the advisory committee on
7 technical skills for occupational education created pursuant to section 3 of
8 this act shall review and report to the 71st session of the Nevada legislature
9 regarding the standards for programs of occupational education adopted by
10 the state board for occupational education pursuant to subsection 1 of NRS
11 388.360 and section 14 of this act.

12 **Sec. 16.** 1. There is hereby appropriated from the state general fund
13 to the fund for the improvement of programs for occupational education
14 created pursuant to section 9 of this act:

15 For the fiscal year 1999-2000\$8,000,000

16 For the fiscal year 2000-2001\$8,000,000

17 2. The amount allocated from the fund to pay for:

18 (a) The establishment of and the reasonable administrative expenses
19 incurred by the advisory committee on technical skills for occupational
20 education; and

21 (b) The per diem allowance and travel expenses to which members of
22 the advisory committee on technical skills for occupational education are
23 entitled pursuant to section 7 of this act,
24 must not exceed the sum of \$15,000 in each fiscal year.

25 3. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, the sums appropriated
26 by subsection 1 must be used to make the allocations to school districts
27 required pursuant to section 9 of this act. To receive money pursuant to this
28 subsection, a school district shall:

29 (a) If the state board for occupational education has not yet adopted
30 standards for programs for occupational education pursuant to subsection 1
31 of NRS 388.360 and section 14 of this act, provide evidence to the state
32 board of education that the school district has a program for occupational
33 education; or

34 (b) If the state board for occupational education has adopted standards
35 for programs for occupational education pursuant to subsection 1 of NRS
36 388.360 and section 14 of this act, provide evidence to the state board of
37 education that the program of the school district for occupational education
38 complies with those standards.

39 4. The sums appropriated by subsection 1 are available for either fiscal
40 year. Any balance of those sums must not be committed for expenditure
41 after June 30, 2001, and reverts to the state general fund as soon as all
42 payments of money committed have been made.

1 **Sec. 17.** 1. This section and sections 12 and 16 of this act become
2 effective upon passage and approval.

3 2. Section 3 of this act becomes effective upon passage and approval
4 for the purpose of appointing members to the advisory committee on
5 technical skills for occupational education and on July 1, 1999, for all other
6 purposes.

7 3. Sections 1, 2, 4 to 11, inclusive, 13, 14 and 15 of this act become
8 effective on July 1, 1999.

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