

SENATE BILL NO. 506—COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
(ON BEHALF OF CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT)

MARCH 22, 1999

Referred to Committee on Finance

SUMMARY—Requires Clark County School District to establish pilot program for educational programs of special emphasis. (BDR S-701)

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

AN ACT relating to education; requiring the Clark County School District to establish a pilot program for educational programs of special emphasis; 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 Clark County School District shall establish a pilot
2 program for educational programs of special emphasis.
3 2. The pilot program may include, without limitation, the establishment
4 of courses of study and curricula at certain public schools within the Clark
5 County School District that:
6 (a) Emphasize a particular area, field or topic of instruction; or
7 (b) Are taught in accordance with a particular method of instruction.
8 3. The educational programs of special emphasis established pursuant
9 to this section may be designed, without limitation, to:
10 (a) Respond to the needs of both pupils and business and industry by
11 using innovative instruction which is academically challenging to prepare
12 pupils to enter into vocations that are projected to require large numbers of
13 new employees in the future.
14 (b) Promote choice in education to foster academic excellence and
15 achievement and reform of the educational system.

1 (c) Maintain continuity in educational programs of special emphasis
2 through elementary, middle and high school.

3 (d) Establish measurable goals of achievement, including, without
4 limitation, those established pursuant to the Goals 2000: Educate America
5 Act, 20 U.S.C. §§ 5801 et seq.

6 4. The Clark County School District shall:

7 (a) Ensure that the success of the pilot program for educational
8 programs of special emphasis is evaluated at least once each year by an
9 independent evaluator; and

10 (b) On or before December 31 of each year, submit to the state board of
11 education the contents of the evaluation conducted pursuant to paragraph
12 (a), accompanied by any additional materials that the school district
13 determines to be relevant.

14 5. The State Board of Education shall prepare a report on its findings
15 with respect to the evaluations and materials that the board receives
16 pursuant to paragraph (b) of subsection 4 and shall, on or before
17 February 1, 2001, submit a copy of the report to the Director of the
18 Legislative Counsel Bureau for transmittal to the 71st session of the
19 Nevada Legislature.

20 **Sec. 2.** 1. There is hereby appropriated from the state general fund to
21 the Clark County School District for the support of the pilot program for
22 educational programs of special emphasis:

23 For the fiscal year 1999-2000.....\$1,600,000

24 For the fiscal year 2000-2001.....\$1,600,000

25 2. The money appropriated pursuant to this section:

26 (a) Must be used at schools within the Clark County School District to:

27 (1) Develop and establish educational programs of special emphasis
28 that are available to pupils throughout the school district;

29 (2) Purchase equipment and supplies for use in educational programs
30 of special emphasis; and

31 (3) Supplement, but not replace, the money that the schools would
32 otherwise expend for educational programs of special emphasis in the
33 absence of this appropriation.

34 (b) Must not be used to settle or arbitrate disputes or negotiate
35 settlements between an organization that represents licensed employees of
36 the school district and the school district.

37 3. Any remaining balance of the appropriation made by subsection 1
38 must not be committed for expenditure after June 30, 2001, and reverts to
39 the state general fund as soon as all payments of money committed have
40 been made.

41 **Sec. 3.** This act becomes effective upon passage and approval.