
SENATE BILL NO. 9—COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RESOURCES AND FACILITIES

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(ON BEHALF OF LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION)

Referred to Committee on Human Resources and Facilities

SUMMARY—Requires school districts to pay costs for teachers to purchase retirement credit under certain circumstances. (BDR 34-252)

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 educational personnel; requiring the boards of trustees of school districts to pay the cost for a licensed teacher to purchase retirement credit if the teacher provides instruction in certain schools; 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 391 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a
2
3 new section to read as follows:
4 ***1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3 of this section and***
5 ***except as otherwise required as a result of NRS 286.537, the board of***
6 ***trustees of a school district shall pay the cost for a licensed teacher to***
7 ***purchase one-fifth of a year of service pursuant to subsection 2 of NRS***
8 ***286.300 if:***
9 ***(a) The teacher is a member of the public employees' retirement***
10 ***system and has at least 5 years of service;***
11 ***(b) The teacher has been employed as a licensed teacher in this state***
12 ***for at least 5 consecutive school years, regardless of whether the***
13 ***employment was with one or more school districts in this state;***
14 ***(c) Each evaluation of the teacher conducted pursuant to NRS 391.3125 is at***
15 ***least satisfactory for the years of employment required by***
16 ***paragraph (b); and***

1 **(d) In addition to the years of employment required by paragraph (b),**
2 **the teacher has been employed as a licensed teacher for 1 school year at a**
3 **school within the school district:**

4 **(1) Which, for that school year, carries the designation of**
5 **demonstrating inadequate achievement pursuant to NRS 385.367; or**

6 **(2) Where, for that school year, at least 65 percent of the pupils who**
7 **are enrolled in the school are pupils at risk.**

8 **2. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, the board of trustees**
9 **of a school district shall pay the cost for a licensed teacher to purchase**
10 **one-fifth of a year of service for each year that a teacher is employed as a**
11 **teacher at a school within the school district that is described in**
12 **paragraph (d) of subsection 1.**

13 **3. In no event may the years of service purchased by a licensed**
14 **teacher as a result of subsection 2 of NRS 286.300 exceed 5 years.**

15 **4. The board of trustees of a school district shall not:**

16 **(a) Assign or reassign a licensed teacher to circumvent the**
17 **requirements of this section.**

18 **(b) Include, as part of a teacher's salary, the costs of paying the**
19 **teacher to purchase service pursuant to this section.**

20 **5. As used in this section:**

21 **(a) "Pupil at risk" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 386.500.**

22 **(b) "Service" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 286.078.**

23 **Sec. 2. NRS 286.3005 is hereby amended to read as follows:**

24 **286.3005** A state agency may purchase credit for service on behalf of a
25 member only as provided in NRS 286.3007. Except as otherwise required as
26 a result of **section 1 of this act or** NRS 286.537, any other public employer
27 may pay any portion of the cost to purchase credit for service under NRS
28 286.300, but is not required to do so. No credit may be validated unless the
29 cost of purchasing credit has been paid.

30 **Sec. 3. This act becomes effective on July 1, 1999, and applies to**
31 **employment for a school year that begins on or after July 1, 1999.**