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ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 318—COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

(ON BEHALF OF ASSEMBLYMAN WILLIAMS)

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Referred to Committee on Education

SUMMARY—Provides for development and distribution of certain information relating to high school proficiency examination. (BDR 34-1301)

FISCAL NOTE:   Effect on Local Government: No.  
                      Effect on the State: No.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

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AN ACT relating to education; requiring the department of education to develop an informational pamphlet for the high school proficiency examination; requiring the distribution of the pamphlet to pupils and parents and legal guardians; requiring the department to establish a statewide program for use by schools and school districts in their preparation of pupils for the high school proficiency examination; 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 389 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto  
2     the provisions set forth as sections 2 and 3 of this act.  
3     **Sec. 2. 1. *The department shall develop an informational pamphlet***  
4     ***concerning the high school proficiency examination for pupils who are***  
5     ***enrolled in junior high, middle school and high school, and their parents***  
6     ***and legal guardians. The pamphlet must include a written explanation of***  
7     ***the:***  
8         ***(a) Importance of passing the examination, including, without***  
9         ***limitation, an explanation that if the pupil fails the examination he is not***  
10        ***eligible to receive a standard high school diploma;***  
11        ***(b) Subject areas tested on the examination;***  
12        ***(c) Format for the examination, including, without limitation, the***  
13        ***range of items that are contained on the examination;***  
14        ***(d) Manner by which the scaled score, as reported to pupils and their***  
15        ***parents or legal guardians, is derived from the raw score;***  
16        ***(e) Timeline by which the results of the examination must be reported***  
17        ***to pupils and their parents or legal guardians;***



- 1     (f) Maximum number of times that a pupil is allowed to take the  
2 examination if he fails to pass the examination after the first  
3 administration; and  
4     (g) Courses of study that the department recommends that pupils take  
5 to prepare the pupils to successfully meet the academic challenges of the  
6 examination and pass the examination.
- 7     2. The department shall review the pamphlet on an annual basis and  
8 make such revisions to the pamphlet as it considers necessary to ensure  
9 that pupils and their parents or legal guardians fully understand the  
10 examination.
- 11    3. On or before September 1, the department shall provide a copy of  
12 the pamphlet or revised pamphlet to the board of trustees of each school  
13 district and the governing body of each charter school that includes  
14 pupils enrolled in a junior high, middle school or high school grade  
15 level.
- 16    4. The board of trustees of each school district shall provide a copy  
17 of the pamphlet to each junior high, middle school or high school within  
18 the school district for posting. The governing body of each charter school  
19 shall ensure that a copy of the pamphlet is posted at the charter school.  
20 Each principal of a junior high, middle school, high school or charter  
21 school shall ensure that the teachers, counselors and administrators  
22 employed at the school fully understand the contents of the pamphlet.
- 23    5. On or before January 15, the:
- 24     (a) Board of trustees of each school district shall provide a copy of the  
25 pamphlet to each pupil who is enrolled in a junior high, middle school or  
26 high school of the school district and to the parents or legal guardians of  
27 such a pupil.
- 28     (b) Governing body of each charter school shall provide a copy of the  
29 pamphlet to each pupil who is enrolled in the charter school at a junior  
30 high, middle school or high school grade level and to the parents or legal  
31 guardians of such a pupil.
- 32    **Sec. 3. 1.** The department shall establish a statewide program for  
33 use by schools and school districts in their preparation of pupils for the  
34 high school proficiency examination. The program must:
- 35     (a) Be designed to ensure that pupils understand the format for the  
36 examination;
- 37     (b) Be designed to ensure that the actual examination is not included  
38 within the materials and other information used for preparation; and
- 39     (c) Specify the type of sample questions and practice items that may be  
40 included with the materials and other information used for preparation.
- 41    2. Each school district, each middle school, junior high and high  
42 school within a school district and each charter school that provides  
43 instruction to pupils enrolled in a middle school, junior high or high  
44 school grade level, shall comply with the statewide program established  
45 pursuant to subsection 1. This subsection does not preclude a school or a  
46 school district from providing additional materials and information for  
47 preparation if the materials and information comply with the statewide  
48 program.



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1     **Sec. 4.** 1. On or before September 1, 2001, the department of  
2 education shall develop an informational pamphlet concerning the high  
3 school proficiency examination pursuant to section 2 of this act. On or  
4 before October 1, 2001, the department of education shall provide a copy  
5 of the pamphlet to the board of trustees of each school district and the  
6 governing body of each charter school that includes pupils who are  
7 enrolled in a junior high, middle school or high school grade level.  
8     2. On or before September 1, 2001, the department of education shall  
9 establish a statewide program for use by schools and school districts in  
10 their preparation of pupils for the high school proficiency examination  
11 pursuant to section 3 of this act. On or before October 1, 2001, the  
12 department of education shall provide a detailed written explanation of the  
13 statewide program to the board of trustees of each school district and the  
14 governing body of each charter school that includes pupils who are  
15 enrolled in a junior high, middle school or high school grade level.  
16     **Sec. 5.** 1. On or before January 15, 2002, the board of trustees of  
17 each school district and the governing body of each charter school that  
18 includes pupils who are enrolled in a junior high, middle school or high  
19 school grade level, shall provide a copy of the pamphlet developed  
20 pursuant to section 2 of this act to each pupil enrolled in a junior high,  
21 middle school or high school and to the parents or legal guardians of such a  
22 pupil.  
23     2. Each school district, each middle school, junior high and high  
24 school within a school district and each charter school that provides  
25 instruction to pupils enrolled in a middle school, junior high or high school  
26 grade level, shall comply with the statewide program for the preparation of  
27 pupils for the high school proficiency examination established by the  
28 department of education pursuant to section 3 of this act commencing with  
29 preparation that is provided for administrations of the examination in the  
30 spring semester of 2002.  
31     **Sec. 6.** This act becomes effective upon passage and approval.

