

**A.B. 450**

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 450—ASSEMBLYMEN TIFFANY, CEGAVSKE,  
BEERS, CHOWNING, HETTRICK, LESLIE, MARVEL AND PARKS

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JOINT SPONSORS: SENATORS RAWSON, COFFIN, JACOBSEN,  
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Referred to Concurrent Committees on Education  
and Ways and Means

SUMMARY—Makes appropriations for purchase of textbooks and for other educational purposes. (BDR S-1164)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.  
Effect on the State: 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; making an appropriation for allocation to school districts for the purchase of textbooks and workbooks; making an appropriation for allocation to school districts for the purchase of textbooks and for professional development and educational technology; 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. There is hereby appropriated from the state general
- 2 fund to the Department of Education for allocation by the Superintendent
- 3 of Public Instruction to school districts for the purchase of textbooks and
- 4 workbooks the sum of \$12,000,000.
- 5 2. On or before December 1, 2001, the board of trustees of a school
- 6 district may submit an application to the Department of Education. The
- 7 application must include, without limitation, a plan that sets forth the
- 8 manner in which the school district will use the money to:
- 9 (a) Eliminate the use of shared classroom book sets in the public
- 10 schools within the school district which must remain in the classroom; and
- 11 (b) Provide each pupil enrolled in a public school of the school district
- 12 with a textbook for each class in which a textbook is used and an



1 accompanying workbook, if applicable, that the pupil may use at home for  
2 educational purposes.

3 The plan must include a detailed description of the grade levels and subject  
4 areas for which the textbooks and workbooks will be purchased for use in  
5 the school years 2002-2003, 2003-2004, 2004-2005 and 2005-2006.

6 3. Upon receipt of an application pursuant to subsection 2, the  
7 Department of Education shall review the application and make  
8 recommendations jointly with the Budget Division of the Department of  
9 Administration and the Legislative Bureau of Educational Accountability  
10 and Program Evaluation. The joint recommendation of the amount of the  
11 allocation must be transmitted to the Superintendent of Public Instruction  
12 for his consideration before making his determinations pursuant to  
13 subsection 4. The Superintendent of Public Instruction is not bound to  
14 follow the joint recommendation.

15 4. The Superintendent of Public Instruction shall determine the total  
16 amount of the allocation that a school district will receive for the purchase  
17 of textbooks and workbooks for use in the school years 2002-2003, 2003-  
18 2004, 2004-2005 and 2005-2006. After the Superintendent of Public  
19 Instruction determines the total amount of the allocation for a school  
20 district, the Department of Education shall:

21 (a) On or before April 1, 2002, apportion the first allocation to the  
22 school district for the purchase of textbooks and workbooks for use in the  
23 school year 2002-2003.

24 (b) On or before January 1, 2003, apportion the second allocation to the  
25 school district for the purchase of textbooks and workbooks for use in the  
26 school year 2003-2004.

27 (c) On or before January 1, 2004, apportion the third allocation to the  
28 school district for the purchase of textbooks and workbooks for use in the  
29 school year 2004-2005.

30 (d) On or before January 1, 2005, apportion the fourth allocation to the  
31 school district for the purchase of textbooks and workbooks for use in the  
32 school year 2005-2006.

33 5. A school district that receives an allocation of money pursuant to  
34 this section shall use the money for each school year that the school district  
35 receives an allocation to:

36 (a) Purchase a sufficient number of textbooks and accompanying  
37 workbooks, if applicable, to eliminate the use of classroom book sets and  
38 to provide each pupil enrolled in a public school of the school district with  
39 a textbook for each class in which a textbook is used and an accompanying  
40 workbook that the pupil may take home for educational purposes.

41 (b) Supplement and not replace the amount of money that the school  
42 district would otherwise expend for the purchase of textbooks and  
43 workbooks.

44 Notwithstanding the provisions of NRS 387.207 to the contrary, a school  
45 district that receives an allocation of money pursuant to this section shall  
46 expend for the purchase of textbooks and workbooks for each school year  
47 that it receives an allocation an amount of money that is at least equal to  
48 the average amount of money that was expended per pupil by the school  
49 district in the school year immediately preceding the school year for which



1 the allocation is made for the purchase of textbooks and workbooks, not  
2 including the amount of money received from a previous allocation  
3 pursuant to this section.

4 6. The Department of Education shall submit a written report setting  
5 forth the uses of the money by school districts that received allocations and  
6 evaluating the effectiveness of those uses in eliminating the use of  
7 classroom book sets in schools. The written report must be submitted to the  
8 Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau:

9 (a) On or before February 1, 2003, and February 1, 2005, for  
10 transmission to the Nevada Legislature; and

11 (b) On or before February 1, 2004, for transmission to the Legislative  
12 Committee on Education created pursuant to NRS 218.5352.

13 7. Before a school district amends a plan for expenditure of an  
14 allocation of money received pursuant to this section, the school district  
15 must submit the proposed amendment to the Department of Education to  
16 receive:

17 (a) Joint approval from the Department of Education, the Budget  
18 Division of the Department of Administration and the Legislative Bureau  
19 of Educational Accountability and Program Evaluation; or

20 (b) Approval from the Superintendent of Public Instruction.

21 8. If the Superintendent of Public Instruction determines that the  
22 combined total amount of the allocations to the school districts in this state  
23 pursuant to this section to eliminate the use of classroom book sets and to  
24 provide each pupil with a textbook and workbook is less than \$12,000,000,  
25 he shall notify each school district that money remains available from the  
26 appropriation made by subsection 1. Upon receipt of such notice, a school  
27 district may submit an additional application to the Department of  
28 Education. Such an application must be reviewed in accordance with  
29 subsection 3. The Superintendent of Public Instruction shall determine the  
30 total amount of the additional allocation that a school district receives. A  
31 school district that receives an additional allocation pursuant to this  
32 subsection shall use the money:

33 (a) To purchase textbooks and workbooks, including, without  
34 limitation, electronic textbooks, library books and other instructional  
35 materials.

36 (b) To provide for the professional development of teachers employed  
37 by the school district, including, without limitation, training to address the  
38 needs of teachers in incorporating educational technology in the classroom  
39 and training to enable teachers to instruct pupils in the use of educational  
40 technology. The professional development provided pursuant to this  
41 paragraph must be in addition to the professional development provided  
42 through the regional training programs for the professional development of  
43 teachers and administrators established pursuant to section 16 of chapter  
44 559, Statutes of Nevada 1999, at page 2930.

45 (c) For educational technology.

46 The money must be used by the school district to supplement and not  
47 replace the amount of money that the school district would otherwise  
48 expend for the purposes set forth in paragraphs (a), (b) and (c).



1 9. Any remaining balance of the appropriation made by subsection 1  
2 must not be committed for expenditure after June 30, 2005, and reverts to  
3 the state general fund as soon as all payments of money committed have  
4 been made.

5 **Sec. 2.** 1. There is hereby appropriated from the state general fund  
6 to the Department of Education the sum of \$8,000,000 for allocation by the  
7 Superintendent of Public Instruction to school districts to purchase  
8 textbooks and other instructional materials, provide for the professional  
9 development of teachers and for educational technology.

10 2. On or before December 1, 2001, the board of trustees of a school  
11 district may submit an application to the Department of Education. The  
12 application must include, without limitation, a plan that sets forth the  
13 manner in which the school district will use the money, including, without  
14 limitation, a detailed description of the manner in which the money will be  
15 used for the school years 2002-2003 and 2003-2004.

16 3. Upon receipt of an application pursuant to subsection 2, the  
17 Department of Education shall review the application and make  
18 recommendations jointly with the Budget Division of the Department of  
19 Administration and the Legislative Bureau of Educational Accountability  
20 and Program Evaluation. The joint recommendation of the amount of the  
21 allocation must be transmitted to the Superintendent of Public Instruction  
22 for his consideration before making his determinations pursuant to  
23 subsection 4. The Superintendent of Public Instruction is not bound to  
24 follow the joint recommendation.

25 4. The Superintendent of Public Instruction shall determine the total  
26 amount of the allocation that a school district will receive for use in the  
27 school years 2002-2003 and 2003-2004. After the Superintendent of Public  
28 Instruction determines the total amount of the allocation for a school  
29 district, the Department of Education shall:

30 (a) On or before April 1, 2002, apportion the first allocation to the  
31 school district for use in the school year 2002-2003.

32 (b) On or before January 1, 2003, apportion the second allocation to the  
33 school district for use in the school year 2003-2004.

34 5. A school district that receives an allocation of money pursuant to  
35 this section shall use the money:

36 (a) To purchase textbooks and workbooks, including, without  
37 limitation, electronic textbooks, library books and other instructional  
38 materials. The textbooks and workbooks purchased pursuant to this  
39 paragraph may be purchased to eliminate the use of classroom book sets in  
40 public schools within the school district.

41 (b) To provide for the professional development of teachers employed  
42 by the school district, including, without limitation, training to address the  
43 needs of teachers in incorporating educational technology in the classroom  
44 and training to enable teachers to instruct pupils in the use of educational  
45 technology. The professional development provided pursuant to this  
46 paragraph must be in addition to the professional development provided  
47 through the regional training programs for the professional development of  
48 teachers and administrators established pursuant to section 16 of chapter  
49 559, Statutes of Nevada 1999, at page 2930.



1 (c) For educational technology.  
2 The money must be used by the school district to supplement and not  
3 replace the amount of money that the school district would otherwise  
4 expend for the purposes set forth in paragraphs (a), (b) and (c).  
5 6. The Department of Education shall submit a written report setting  
6 forth the uses of the money by school districts that received an allocation.  
7 The written report must be submitted to the Director of the Legislative  
8 Counsel Bureau:  
9 (a) On or before February 1, 2003, for transmission to the Nevada  
10 Legislature; and  
11 (b) On or before February 1, 2004, for transmission to the Legislative  
12 Committee on Education created pursuant to NRS 218.5352.  
13 7. Before a school district amends a plan for expenditure of an  
14 allocation of money received pursuant to this section, the school district  
15 must submit the proposed amendment to the Department of Education to  
16 receive:  
17 (a) Joint approval from the Department of Education, the Budget  
18 Division of the Department of Administration and the Legislative Bureau  
19 of Educational Accountability and Program Evaluation; or  
20 (b) Approval from the Superintendent of Public Instruction.  
21 8. Any remaining balance of the appropriation made by subsection 1  
22 must not be committed for expenditure after June 30, 2003, and reverts to  
23 the state general fund as soon as all payments of money committed have  
24 been made.  
25 **Sec. 3.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2001.

