ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 499-ASSEMBLYMEN WILLIAMS, ARBERRY, CHOWNING AND MANENDO

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Referred to Committee on Education

SUMMARY—Authorizes use of certain proceeds of bonds for continuation of pilot program for replacement of schools in certain school district. (BDR S-861)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.

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Effect on the State: No.

EXPLANATION - Matter in bolded italics is new; matter between brackets [omitted material] is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to public schools; revising provisions governing the use of certain proceeds of bonds for a pilot program of a certain school district for the replacement of schools; requiring a certain school district to continue its pilot program for the replacement of schools; 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. Section 3 of chapter 562, Statutes of Nevada 1999, at page 2947, is hereby amended to read as follows:

- Sec. 3. 1. The legislature hereby finds and declares that:
 (a) The deterioration of school facilities has become a grave concern in this state;
- (b) The local governments in the various portions of the state are currently faced with unique financial problems resulting from a variety of situations because in some local governments the population is rapidly increasing whereas in others the population is
- generally declining;

 (c) Some local governments are still attempting to rehabilitate schools that were built around the turn of the last century and others cannot build new schools quickly enough to meet the needs of the children in the district; and
- (d) Because of the unique variety of problems facing the local governments of this state a general law cannot be made applicable to ensure that children in more densely populated urban areas are provided with a safe environment which encourages learning.
- 2. The board of trustees of the Clark County School District shall establish a pilot program to replace schools. The school district may



use an amount not to exceed [\$15] \$18 million from the proceeds of the bonds issued pursuant to subsection 3 or 4 of NRS 350.020 to:

- (a) Evaluate older schools within the district to determine the need for renovation or reconstruction of those schools in furtherance of section 2 of this act; and
- (b) Reconstruct one existing elementary school designated by the board of trustees from among the three schools analyzed in 1998 by the board of trustees in the study entitled "Rehab vs. Replacement Study/Phase Analysis." The board of trustees, upon designating the school to be reconstructed, shall with all deliberate speed commence the reconstruction of the designated school with a planned completion date [of July 1, 2001.] as soon as is practicable.
- 3. The purpose of this section is to provide authority to expend the proceeds of the bonds issued pursuant to subsection 3 or 4 of NRS 350.020 for reconstruction that is additional to and does not replace, repeal or limit any existing authority to so expend such proceeds.
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 4. On or before February 1, 2001, the Clark County School District shall submit to the director of the legislative counsel bureau for transmission to the 71st session of the Nevada legislature an interim report regarding the pilot program to replace schools. The report must include, without limitation, the progress of the effort to evaluate the older schools conducted pursuant to paragraph (a) of subsection 2 of this section and the progress of the reconstruction of the designated elementary school.
- **Sec. 2.** 1. The board of trustees of the Clark County School District shall continue the pilot program established pursuant to section 3 of chapter 562, Statutes of Nevada 1999, at page 2947.
- 2. The board of trustees of the Clark County School District may use an amount not to exceed \$90 million from the proceeds of the bonds issued pursuant to subsection 3 or 4 of NRS 350.020 to reconstruct five existing schools within the school district. The board of trustees shall select the schools designated for reconstruction in accordance with the policy adopted pursuant to NRS 393.100 concerning the renovation or reconstruction of older buildings for schools or related facilities and any priorities for reconstruction set forth in that policy. The board of trustees, upon designating the five schools to be reconstructed, shall with all deliberate speed commence the reconstruction of the designated schools with a planned completion date of July 1, 2005.
- 3. The purpose of this section is to provide authority to expend the proceeds of bonds issued pursuant to subsection 3 or 4 of NRS 350.020 for reconstruction that is additional to and does not replace, repeal or limit any existing authority to so expend such proceeds.
- 4. On or before February 1, 2003, the board of trustees of the Clark County School District shall submit to the director of the legislative counsel bureau for transmission to the 72nd session of the Nevada legislature an interim report regarding the pilot program to replace schools. The report must include, without limitation, the progress of the reconstruction of the five designated schools.



1 **Sec. 3.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2001.



