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SENATE BILL NO. 127—SENATOR WASHINGTON

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Referred to Committee on Human Resources and Facilities

SUMMARY—Authorizes certain school districts to carry out demonstration projects in lieu of complying with class-size reduction program. (BDR S-172)

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.

AN ACT relating to education; authorizing school districts to submit written proposals for approval to carry out demonstration projects in lieu of complying with the class-size reduction program; authorizing a certain school district to continue its demonstration project; 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. Except as otherwise authorized by section 2 of this act
2 and notwithstanding the provisions of NRS 388.700, 388.710 and 388.720
3 to the contrary:
4 (a) A school district that receives money for the 2001-2003 biennium to
5 comply with the pupil-teacher ratios set forth in NRS 388.700, may submit
6 a written proposal to the State Board of Education before the
7 commencement of the 2001-2002 school year to carry out a demonstration
8 project in which pupil-teacher ratios of 22 to 1 are established in
9 kindergarten and grades 1 to 5, inclusive, in school years 2001-2002 and
10 2002-2003 to eliminate team teaching.
11 (b) A school district that receives money for the 2002-2003 school year
12 to comply with the pupil-teacher ratios set forth in NRS 388.700, may
13 submit a written proposal to the State Board of Education before the
14 commencement of the 2002-2003 school year to carry out a demonstration
15 project in which pupil-teacher ratios of 22 to 1 are established in
16 kindergarten and grades 1 to 5, inclusive, in the 2002-2003 school year to
17 eliminate team teaching.
18 The written proposal must include, without limitation, the plan, if any, of
19 the school district to provide additional facilities as are necessary to carry
20 out the demonstration project.
21 2. The State Board of Education shall:



1 (a) Not later than 10 days after it receives a proposal pursuant to
2 subsection 1, transmit a copy of the proposal to the Legislative Bureau of
3 Educational Accountability and Program Evaluation.

4 (b) Review each proposal that it receives and determine whether to
5 approve the proposal, including, without limitation, the proposal of the
6 school district to use the money that it receives for class-size reduction to
7 carry out the demonstration project regardless of the provisions of NRS
8 388.700.

9 (c) If the State Board of Education approves such a proposal, transmit
10 the proposal to the State Board of Examiners.

11 3. The State Board of Examiners shall review each proposal
12 transmitted pursuant to subsection 2 and determine whether to approve the
13 proposal, including, without limitation, the proposal of the school district
14 to use the money that it receives for class-size reduction to carry out the
15 demonstration project regardless of the provisions of NRS 388.700. If the
16 State Board of Examiners approves such a proposal, it shall transmit the
17 proposal to the Interim Finance Committee.

18 4. The Interim Finance Committee shall review each proposal
19 transmitted pursuant to subsection 3 to determine whether to approve the
20 proposal, including, without limitation, the proposal of the school district
21 to use the money that it receives for class-size reduction to carry out a
22 demonstration project regardless of the provisions of NRS 388.700. The
23 Interim Finance Committee is not bound by the findings or
24 recommendations of the State Board of Education or the State Board of
25 Examiners. If the Interim Finance Committee approves a proposal before
26 the commencement of the applicable school year, the school district may
27 carry out a demonstration project.

28 5. If a school district carries out a demonstration project that has been
29 approved pursuant to this section, the school district shall:

30 (a) Be deemed in compliance with the pupil-teacher ratios set forth in
31 NRS 388.700 for the 2001-2003 biennium or the 2002-2003 school year, or
32 both, as applicable;

33 (b) Evaluate the effectiveness of the demonstration project in improving
34 pupil achievement; and

35 (c) If the proposal for the demonstration project was submitted pursuant
36 to:

37 (1) Paragraph (a) of subsection 1, report its findings in an interim
38 report to the Legislative Committee on Education on or before February
39 15, 2002, and a final report to the Director of the Legislative Counsel
40 Bureau for transmittal to the Nevada Legislature on or before February 15,
41 2003; or

42 (2) Paragraph (b) of subsection 1, report its findings in a final report
43 to the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for transmittal to the
44 Nevada Legislature on or before February 15, 2003.

45 **Sec. 2.** 1. The Elko County School District is hereby authorized to
46 use the money that it receives for the 2001-2003 biennium to comply with
47 the pupil-teacher ratios set forth in NRS 388.700 to continue in school
48 years 2001-2002 and 2002-2003, the demonstration project carried out by
49 the school district pursuant to section 9 of chapter 543, Statutes of Nevada



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1 1999, at page 2841. The Elko County School District may expand the
2 demonstration project to include grade 6.

3 2. If the Elko County School District continues the demonstration
4 project, the school district shall:

5 (a) Be deemed in compliance with the pupil-teacher ratios set forth in
6 NRS 388.700 for the 2001-2003 biennium;

7 (b) Evaluate the effectiveness of the demonstration project in improving
8 pupil achievement; and

9 (c) Report its findings in an interim report to the Legislative Committee
10 on Education on or before February 15, 2002, and a final report to the
11 Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for transmittal to the Nevada
12 Legislature on or before February 15, 2003.

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

