

SENATE BILL NO. 147—COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

(ON BEHALF OF WASHOE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT)

FEBRUARY 15, 2001

Referred to Committee on Finance

SUMMARY—Makes appropriation to Washoe County School District for pilot program to increase educational opportunities for pupils enrolled in junior high schools, middle schools and high schools. (BDR S-457)

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; requiring the Washoe County School District to create a pilot program to increase the educational opportunities available to pupils who are enrolled in junior high schools, middle schools and high schools; authorizing the Washoe County School District to employ teachers, instructors and professors from the University and Community College System of Nevada to teach in junior high schools, middle schools and high schools within the school district; making an appropriation to the Washoe County School District for the support of the pilot program; 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. The Washoe County School District shall create a pilot
2 program to increase the educational opportunities available to pupils who
3 are enrolled in junior high schools, middle schools and high schools within
4 the Washoe County School District.
5 2. As part of the pilot program, the Washoe County School District
6 may enter into contracts with teachers, professors and instructors who are
7 currently employed at a university or community college within the
8 University and Community College System of Nevada to provide
9 instruction at a junior high school, middle school or high school within the
10 Washoe County School District. A person with whom the Washoe County
11 School District contracts pursuant to this subsection:
12 (a) Must provide instruction at the junior high school, middle school or
13 high school in the subject area for which he is currently employed at a



1 university or community college within the University and Community
2 College System of Nevada.

3 (b) Is exempt from the requirement that a teacher must possess a license
4 to teach issued by the Superintendent of Public Instruction pursuant to
5 chapter 391 of NRS.

6 **Sec. 2.** 1. There is hereby appropriated from the state general fund
7 to the Washoe County School District the sum of \$339,222 for the support
8 of the pilot program to increase the educational opportunities that are
9 available to pupils who are enrolled in junior high schools, middle schools
10 and high schools within the Washoe County School District created
11 pursuant to section 1 of this act.

12 2. The Washoe County School District shall use the money
13 appropriated by subsection 1 to:

14 (a) Provide the technology-based interactive curriculum NovaNet at the
15 Regional Technical Institute in Washoe County.

16 (b) Administer the "PLAN" assessment published by the American
17 College Testing Program to all pupils who are enrolled in the 10th grade in
18 the Washoe County School District to assist those pupils in exploring
19 career options, measuring their academic development and preparing for
20 the remaining years of high school.

21 (c) Provide financial assistance to pupils enrolled in the Washoe County
22 School District for payment of the fees required to take the preliminary
23 scholastic assessment test. Within the limits of money available from the
24 appropriation made by subsection 1, the Washoe County School District
25 shall provide full payment of the fee for each pupil who takes the
26 preliminary scholastic assessment test.

27 (d) Provide financial assistance to pupils enrolled in the Washoe County
28 School District for the payment of fees required to take the advanced
29 placement examinations and the international baccalaureate examinations.
30 Within the limits of money available from the appropriation made by
31 subsection 1, the Washoe County School District shall provide \$35 per
32 exam for each pupil who takes:

33 (1) More than one advanced placement examination;

34 (2) More than one international baccalaureate examination; or

35 (3) At least one advanced placement examination and at least one
36 international baccalaureate examination.

37 A pupil is not eligible for payment of fees pursuant to this paragraph if he
38 takes only one such examination.

39 3. The money appropriated by subsection 1 must not be used to:

40 (a) Settle or arbitrate disputes or negotiate settlements between an
41 organization that represents licensed employees of the school district and
42 the school district.

43 (b) Adjust the schedules of salaries and benefits of employees of the
44 school district.

45 4. The money appropriated by subsection 1 must not be committed for
46 expenditure after June 30, 2003, and reverts to the state general fund as
47 soon as all payments of money committed have been made.



- 1 **Sec. 3.** 1. This act becomes effective upon passage and approval.
2 2. Section 1 of this act expires by limitation on June 30, 2007.

