

Senate Bill No. 196–Senator Mathews

CHAPTER.....

AN ACT relating to school districts; authorizing the department of education to waive certain eligibility requirements for grants of money previously appropriated for the purchase of library books and extending the reversion date of the appropriation; 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 4 of chapter 544, Statutes of Nevada 1999, at page 2842, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 4. 1. There is hereby appropriated from the state general fund to the Department of Education for distribution to school districts to purchase library books:

For the fiscal year 1999-2000..... \$374,000

For the fiscal year 2000-2001..... \$374,000

2. ~~Except as otherwise provided in subsection 7, the~~ **The** board of trustees of a school district may submit an application to the Department of Education for a grant of money from the appropriation made by subsection 1 on a form provided by the Department of Education. Such an application must include a description of the:

(a) Amount of money expended by the school district, excluding gifts and grants, in the immediately preceding year for the purchase of library books for use in the media centers of school libraries within the school district; and

(b) Financial needs of the school district to maintain an adequate supply of library books in the media centers of school libraries within the school district.

3. Upon receipt of such an application, the Department of Education shall review the application to determine whether it is complete. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 7, the Department of Education shall approve an application if it is complete.

4. The Department of Education shall apportion the money available for each fiscal year among the school districts whose applications have been approved. Each school district is entitled to receive, within the limits of money available, an amount equal to not more than 50 percent of the money that the school district expended, excluding gifts and grants, on the purchase of library books for use in the media centers of school libraries in the immediately preceding year.

5. The board of trustees of a school district that receives a grant of money pursuant to subsection 4 shall use the money to purchase library books for use in the media centers of school libraries.

6. The board of trustees of a school district that receives a grant of money pursuant to subsection 4 shall not use the money to:

(a) Supplant or cause to be reduced any other source of funding for the media centers of school libraries within the school district.

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

(c) Adjust the schedules of salaries and benefits of the employees of the school district.

7. ~~HH~~ *Except as otherwise provided in subsection 8, if* the board of trustees of a school district receives a grant of money pursuant to subsection 4 for the fiscal year 1999-2000 and the board of trustees does not expend at least the amount of money, excluding gifts and grants, that the board of trustees expended in the immediately preceding year on the purchase of library books for media centers of school libraries, the board of trustees is not eligible to ~~apply for~~ *receive* a grant of money for the fiscal year 2000-2001. If the Department of Education receives an application from a school district and, upon review of the information contained in the application described in paragraph (a) of subsection 2, the Department determines that the board of trustees did not expend at least the amount of money that the board of trustees expended in the immediately preceding year on the purchase of library books for media centers of school libraries, the Department shall deny the application ~~HH~~, *unless a waiver is granted pursuant to subsection 8.*

8. *The Department of Education may waive the requirement provided in subsection 7 for good cause shown.*

9. As used in this section, "media center of a school library" means a centralized collection of educational resources located in a school library that is designed to:

- (a) Integrate the curriculum of a school;
- (b) Teach pupils skills in methods to acquire information; and
- (c) Ensure that teachers and pupils use the resources of information offered in a school library.

~~9.1~~ 10. Any remaining balance of the appropriation made by subsection 1 for:

(a) The fiscal year 1999-2000 must be transferred and added to the money appropriated for the fiscal year 2000-2001.

(b) The fiscal year 2000-2001, including any money added thereto pursuant to paragraph (a), must not be committed for expenditure after June 30, ~~2001~~, 2002, and reverts to the state general fund as soon as all payments of money committed have been made.

**Sec. 2.** This act becomes effective upon passage and approval.