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SENATE BILL NO. 311—SENATORS SCHNEIDER, NEAL AND SHAFFER

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JOINT SPONSORS: ASSEMBLYMEN BUCKLEY, PARKS, BACHE, PRICE, BEERS,  
ARBERRY, BERMAN, BROWN, CHOWNING, CLABORN,  
GIUNCHIGLIANI, LEE, MANENDO, MCCLAIN, MORTENSON AND  
TIFFANY

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Referred to Committee on Human Resources and Facilities

SUMMARY—Requires Clark County School District to establish special planning committee  
to plan for construction of smaller schools. (BDR S-969)

FISCAL NOTE:   Effect on Local Government: Yes.  
                      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.

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AN ACT relating to public schools; requiring the Board of Trustees of the Clark County  
School District to establish a special planning committee to plan for the  
construction of smaller schools; requiring the board to report to the Legislative  
Committee on Education concerning the activities of the special planning  
committee; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

- 1       WHEREAS, The education of the children of the State of Nevada is of  
2       fundamental importance; and  
3       WHEREAS, Extraordinarily rapid population growth in certain counties  
4       has compelled some local governments to establish programs for school  
5       construction that require all new schools to be built to accommodate large  
6       numbers of pupils; and  
7       WHEREAS, Studies suggest that pupils who attend schools with  
8       relatively smaller pupil populations tend to perform better on academic  
9       tests, suffer from fewer social and behavioral problems and enjoy greater  
10      opportunities for participation in extracurricular activities, and that the  
11      parents of such pupils are more likely to become actively involved in such  
12      schools; and  
13      WHEREAS, It would be beneficial to the residents of this state if some of  
14      the new schools to be built in counties experiencing rapid population  
15      growth accommodated a comparatively smaller number of pupils so that  
16      the relative merits of smaller schools might be the more readily  
17      demonstrated; and



1 WHEREAS, The explosive growth in population that is responsible for  
2 the exclusive reliance on schools intended to accommodate large numbers  
3 of pupils does not affect all parts of the state equally and, therefore, a  
4 general law to redress this problem cannot be made applicable; now,  
5 therefore,

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7 THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN  
8 SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:  
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10 **Section 1.** 1. The Board of Trustees of the Clark County School  
11 District shall establish a special planning committee to plan for the  
12 construction of smaller schools within the district.

13 2. The committee established pursuant to subsection 1 shall:

14 (a) Review research concerning the ideal size of different types of  
15 schools and the benefits of smaller schools; and

16 (b) Make recommendations to the board concerning the construction of  
17 smaller schools, including the construction of elementary schools, middle  
18 schools, junior high schools and high schools.

19 3. The Board of Trustees of the Clark County School District shall  
20 report to the Legislative Committee on Education on or before  
21 November 1, 2002, and November 1, 2004, and at such other times as the  
22 board deems appropriate, concerning the activities of the committee  
23 established pursuant to subsection 1.

24 **Sec. 2.** This act expires by limitation on October 1, 2005.

