

SENATE BILL NO. 388—SENATOR PORTER

MARCH 19, 2001

Referred to Committee on Finance

SUMMARY—Requires establishment of program to distribute donated books to certain pupils enrolled in preschool programs and elementary schools. (BDR 34-1100)

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 department of education to establish a program for the distribution of donated books to certain pupils enrolled in preschool programs and elementary schools in this state; making an appropriation; 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.** Chapter 388 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a
2 new section to read as follows:
3 1. *The department shall establish a program for the donation and*
4 *distribution of new and used books to qualified pupils enrolled in public*
5 *schools and charter schools in this state.*
6 2. *The program must:*
7 (a) *Provide for the solicitation and collection of new and used books*
8 *to be donated by members of the general public, businesses, nonprofit*
9 *organizations, public and private schools and such other sources as the*
10 *department deems appropriate;*
11 (b) *Include requirements for reviewing the books that are collected to*
12 *ensure that they are in satisfactory condition and appropriate for pupils*
13 *enrolled in preschool programs, kindergarten and grades 1, 2 and 3;*
14 (c) *Provide for the distribution of the donated books to school districts*
15 *that have:*
16 (1) *Demonstrated a need to improve the reading skills of the pupils*
17 *enrolled in those districts based on the results of the examination in*
18 *reading administered pursuant to NRS 389.015 to pupils before the*
19 *completion of grade 4; or*
20 (2) *A high percentage of qualified pupils enrolled in those districts;*



- 1 (d) *Provide for the transportation of the donated books to public*
2 *schools and charter schools for distribution to qualified pupils;*
3 (e) *Include a procedure for the selection of the qualified pupils who*
4 *will receive the donated books;*
5 (f) *Include measures that encourage parental involvement in*
6 *improving the reading skills of their children; and*
7 (g) *Include measures to promote the program and increase public*
8 *awareness of the program.*
9 3. *As used in this section, "qualified pupil" means a pupil who:*
10 (a) *Is enrolled in a preschool program or in kindergarten or grade 1, 2*
11 *or 3 in a public school or charter school in this state; and*
12 (b) *Qualifies for free or reduced price lunches under the National*
13 *School Lunch Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 1751 et seq.*
14 **Sec. 2.** 1. There is hereby appropriated from the state general fund
15 to the Department of Education to carry out the provisions of section 1 of
16 this act:
17 For the fiscal year 2001-2002..... \$20,000
18 For the fiscal year 2002-2003..... \$20,000
19 2. Any balance of the sums appropriated by subsection 1 remaining at
20 the end of the respective fiscal years must not be committed for
21 expenditure after June 30 of the respective fiscal years and reverts to the
22 state general fund as soon as all payments of money committed have been
23 made.
24 **Sec. 3.** 1. This section and section 2 of this act become effective
25 upon passage and approval.
26 2. Section 1 of this act becomes effective on July 1, 2001.

