

SENATE BILL NO. 417—SENATOR SCHNEIDER

MARCH 19, 2001

Referred to Committee on Human Resources and Facilities

SUMMARY—Requires combined expenditure per pupil for public schools to equal or exceed national average. (BDR 32-968)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: Yes.
Effect on the State: Yes.

CONTAINS UNFUNDED MANDATE (§ 2)
(NOT REQUESTED BY AFFECTED LOCAL GOVERNMENT)

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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 public education; requiring the expenditure of state and local money per pupil in kindergarten through 12th grade in public schools to equal or exceed the national average; 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 360 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a
2 new section to read as follows:
3 1. *On or before March 15 of each even-numbered year, the executive*
4 *director shall determine the national average for the total amount of*
5 *money expended, by state and local governments combined, per pupil in*
6 *kindergarten through the 12th grade of public schools for the*
7 *immediately preceding calendar year.*
8 2. *On or before April 15 of each even-numbered year, the Nevada tax*
9 *commission shall certify the accuracy of the national average determined*
10 *by the executive director pursuant to subsection 1.*
11 3. *As soon as practicable after the certification required by*
12 *subsection 2, the executive director shall notify each school district of the*
13 *national average so certified.*
14 **Sec. 2.** Chapter 387 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a
15 new section to read as follows:
16 1. *Each school district shall include in its tentative and final budgets*
17 *an amount of money to be expended per pupil which, when added to the*
18 *basic support guarantee per pupil established by law for the school year*
19 *immediately preceding the year in which the budget is prepared, will*
20 *ensure that the total amount of money expended per pupil in the year for*



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1 *which the budget is being prepared is equal to or exceeds the most*
2 *current national average for the total amount of money expended, by*
3 *state and local governments combined, per pupil in kindergarten through*
4 *the 12th grade of public schools as certified by the Nevada tax*
5 *commission pursuant to section 1 of this act.*

6 *2. The money required to be included in the tentative and final*
7 *budgets of a school district by subsection 1 must be in addition to and not*
8 *included in the local funds available for public schools determined*
9 *pursuant to NRS 387.1235.*

10 **Sec. 3.** NRS 387.1211 is hereby amended to read as follows:

11 387.1211 As used in NRS 387.121 to 387.126, inclusive ~~†~~ , and
12 *section 2 of this act:*

13 1. "Average daily attendance" means the total number of pupils
14 attending a particular school each day during a period of reporting divided
15 by the number of days school is in session during that period.

16 2. "Enrollment" means the count of pupils enrolled in and scheduled to
17 attend programs of instruction of a school district or a charter school at a
18 specified time during the school year.

19 3. "Special education program unit" means an organized unit of
20 special education and related services which includes full-time services of
21 persons licensed by the superintendent of public instruction or other
22 appropriate licensing body, providing a program of instruction in
23 accordance with minimum standards prescribed by the state board.

24 **Sec. 4.** This act becomes effective upon passage and approval.

