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EXEMPT

S.B. 417

SENATE BILL NO. 417—SENATOR SCHNEIDER

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Referred to Committee on Human Resources and Facilities

SUMMARY—Makes appropriation to state distributive school account to ensure that amount of money expended per pupil meets or exceeds national average. (BDR S-968)

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

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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; making an appropriation to the state distributive school account to ensure that the amount of money expended per pupil meets or exceeds the national average; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

1 WHEREAS, An effective public school system relies significantly upon  
2 the financial support of both state and local governments; and

3 WHEREAS, The Nevada Plan seeks to ensure that each Nevada child has  
4 a reasonably equal educational opportunity by setting for the state's  
5 financial obligation for education as the difference between the school  
6 district basic support guarantee and the local funds available for public  
7 schools; and

8 WHEREAS, The costs incurred by the school districts in this state to  
9 provide educational services and programs to pupils enrolled in public  
10 schools continue to rise, and meeting those substantial costs requires a  
11 strong partnership between both state and local governments that includes  
12 significant financial contribution by both; and

13 WHEREAS, Current estimates indicate that the statewide average amount  
14 of money expended per pupil, by state and local governments combined, is  
15 approximately \$900 below the most current national average for the total  
16 amount of money expended, by state and local governments combined, per  
17 pupil in kindergarten through grade 12; and

18 WHEREAS, Current estimates indicate that approximately 340,000 pupils  
19 are enrolled in public schools in this state; now, therefore,

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21 THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN  
22 SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:  
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24 **Section 1.** 1. There is hereby appropriated from the state general  
25 fund to the state distributive school account:



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1       For the fiscal year 2001-2002..... \$306,000,000  
2       For the fiscal year 2002-2003..... \$306,000,000  
3       2. The money appropriated by subsection 1 must be added to the  
4 money that is otherwise allocated to school districts from the state  
5 distributive school account in the 2001-2003 biennium to ensure that the  
6 total amount of money expended per pupil in each fiscal year of the 2001-  
7 2003 biennium is equal to or exceeds the most current national average for  
8 the total amount of money expended, by state and local governments  
9 combined, per pupil in kindergarten through grade 12.  
10      **Sec. 2.** This act becomes effective upon passage and approval.

