

SENATE BILL NO. 73—COMMITTEE ON HUMAN
RESOURCES AND FACILITIES

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Referred to Committee on Human Resources and Facilities

SUMMARY—Requires state board of education to prescribe form for reports of parental involvement in education of children. (BDR 34-315)

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 education; requiring the state board of education to prescribe a form for use by public schools to provide reports to parents and legal guardians regarding the involvement of the parents and legal guardians in the education of their children; requiring the use of the form in public schools; 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. Chapter 392 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

1. The state board shall prescribe a form for use by public schools to provide reports to parents and legal guardians of pupils regarding the involvement of the parents and legal guardians in the education of their children. The state board shall work in consultation with the department, the legislative bureau of educational accountability and program evaluation, the Nevada Association of School Boards, the Nevada State Education Association and the Nevada Parent Teacher Association in the development of the form. The form must include, without limitation:

(a) A report of whether the parent or legal guardian ensures the attendance and punctuality of the pupil, including, without limitation, whether the pupil:

(1) Completes his homework assignments in a timely manner;

(2) Is present in the classroom when school begins each day unless his absence is approved in accordance with NRS 392.130; and

(3) Is present in the classroom for the entire school day unless his absence is approved in accordance with NRS 392.130;

(b) A report of whether the parent or legal guardian ensures the health and safety of the pupil, including, without limitation, whether:

(1) Current information is on file with the school that designates each person whom the school should contact if an emergency involving the pupil occurs;

(2) Current information is on file with the school regarding the health of the pupil, such as immunization records, if applicable, and any special medical needs of the pupil;

(3) The parent and child abide by any applicable rules and policies of the school and the school district; and

(4) The pupil is dressed appropriately for public school; and

(c) A report of the participation of the parent or legal guardian, including, without limitation, whether the parent or legal guardian:

(1) Completes forms and other documents that are required by the school or school district in a timely manner;

(2) Assists in carrying out a plan to improve the pupil's academic achievement, if applicable;

(3) Attends conferences between the teacher and the parent or legal guardian, if applicable; and

(4) Attends school activities.

The board of trustees of a school district or the governing body of a charter school may prescribe an expanded form that contains additions to the form prescribed by the state board if the expanded form is set forth in an identical format as the form prescribed by the state board and contains the information set forth in paragraphs (a), (b) and (c).

2. Neither the form prescribed by the state board nor an expanded form prescribed by the board of trustees of a school district or the governing body of a charter school may be used in a manner that:

(a) Interferes unreasonably with the personal privacy of the parent and his child or the legal guardian and his ward; or

(b) Reprimands a parent or legal guardian.

3. If a public school, including, without limitation, a charter school, receives money from this state to provide remediation to pupils who are enrolled in the public school based upon the performance of the pupils on the achievement and proficiency examinations administered pursuant to NRS 389.015, the public school shall use the form prescribed by the state board or an expanded form, if applicable.

4. In addition to the public schools that are required to use the form pursuant to subsection 3, the:

(a) Board of trustees of a school district may require all public schools within the school district to use the form prescribed by the state board or an expanded form, if applicable, prescribed by the board of trustees.

(b) Governing body of a charter school may require the charter school to use the form prescribed by the state board or an expanded form, if applicable, prescribed by the governing body.

5. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, if a public school is required to use a form pursuant to subsection 3 or 4, one form must be completed for each household of a pupil who is enrolled in the school. If the parents of a pupil do not reside in the same household, the principal

1 *or the administrative head of the public school in which the pupil is*
2 *enrolled shall determine whether one form must be completed or whether*
3 *a form for each parent must be completed. If a pupil has more than one*
4 *teacher who provides classroom instruction to the pupil, the principal or*
5 *administrative head of the public school shall designate one of the*
6 *pupil's teachers to complete the form. The teacher who is designated by*
7 *the principal or administrative head shall consult with the other teachers*
8 *who provide classroom instruction to the pupil to ensure that the teacher*
9 *has all the information necessary to complete the form.*

10 *6. A form must be completed twice each school year when the*
11 *teacher prepares a report card or other report of progress for the pupil. A*
12 *form that is completed by a teacher must be delivered to the parent or*
13 *legal guardian in the same manner that the report card or other report of*
14 *progress is delivered to the parent or legal guardian.*

15 *7. The principal or administrative head of each public school that is*
16 *required to use a form pursuant to subsection 3 or 4 shall provide each*
17 *teacher who is required to complete a form with all the information*
18 *necessary to ensure completion of the form if the teacher does not have*
19 *such information in his possession.*

20 *8. The state board shall make the basic form available on computer*
21 *disk for use by school districts and charter schools and, upon request, in*
22 *any other manner deemed reasonable by the state board.*

23 **Sec. 2.** The state board of education shall prescribe a form in
24 accordance with section 1 of this act on or before September 1, 2001, for
25 use by school districts and charter schools commencing with the 2001-
26 2002 school year.

27 **Sec. 3.** This act becomes effective upon passage and approval.