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ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION



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Sponsor: Assemblyman Perkins et al.

Assembly Bill 203 proposes to establish the Committee to Evaluate Higher Education Programs. The committee would consist of 12 voting members as specified and 4 nonvoting members to be appointed by the Governor. The Committee shall:

- Examine and evaluate existing and planned programs at the University and Community College System of Nevada (UCCSN) to determine the level of current need;
- Identify areas of high priority where needs are not currently being met;
- Determine the feasibility of reallocating existing resources to meet critical needs; and
- Determine whether appropriations and student fee revenues are efficiently distributed internally at each campus.

An appropriation of \$250,000 is included in the bill. The Committee shall submit a report and recommendations for legislation to the 73rd Session of the Legislature.

Proponents:

The sponsor stated that this bill represents the future of Nevada. Nevada's adult population has not completed college education at the same rate as the national average or as its neighboring states. This will put Nevada at a disadvantage in competing in an information-driven economy. The Committee would look at each academic program and determine if it is still appropriate. It will determine if there are programs that should be taught and are not, or if some programs need to be given higher priority. It will consider the distribution of revenues.

This proposal represents an opportunity for the UCCSN to collaborate with the Legislature and the Governor to clearly define a vision for the future. One issue is the constitutional authority of the Board of Regents.

Opponents: None

Fiscal Impact: Contains an appropriation of \$250,000 not included in the Executive Budget

Proposed Amendments:

1. The Chancellor of the UCCSN proposed an amendment. A copy is attached.
2. The sponsor also proposed an amendment. A copy is attached.
3. A member of the Assembly Committee on Education suggested that the proposed committee established by this bill would also submit its report to the Legislative Committee on Education.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO ASSEMBLY BILL 203
Creates Committee to Evaluate Higher Education Programs (BDR S-809)

PRESENTED TO
THE ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION
BY

ASSEMBLYMAN RICHARD D. PERKINS,
SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY

MARCH 12, 2003

1. Amend Section 1, subsection 3, page 2, to read as follows:

(a) One person who is employed in the Budget Division of the Department of Administration; ~~and~~

(b) ~~Three~~ Two persons who are employed by the University and Community College System of Nevada; ~~and~~

(c) One student currently enrolled in an institution within the University and Community College System of Nevada.

2. Amend Section 2, page 2, to read as follows:

Sec. 2. The Committee shall:

1. Examine and evaluate ~~existing and planned programs at the University and Community College System of Nevada and determine the level of current need for those programs the State of Nevada's need for existing and potential higher education programs, both for economic progress and for the education of its citizenry;~~

2. Identify areas of high priority where needs are not currently being met, including, without limitation, the areas of educational programs for students who desire to become nurses or teachers;

3. Determine whether it is feasible to reallocate existing resources within institutions to meet the critical needs of the State of Nevada that are not currently being met; ~~and~~

4. Determine whether appropriations from the State of Nevada and student fee revenues are being efficiently distributed internally at each campus of the University and Community College System of Nevada; ~~and~~

5. Recommend to the Board of Regents such action as may be needed for the efficient and effective operation of higher education in Nevada if the state is to progress forward economically and socially.

3. Amend Section 7, page 3, to read as follows:

Sec. 7. The Committee shall submit to the Board of Regents, Legislative Committee on Education, and Legislative Commission a report of its findings and any recommendations for legislation before the commencement of the 73rd Session of the Legislature.

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PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO ASSEMBLY BILL 203

1. Amend Section 1, subsection 1, line 1, by deleting "Programs" from "Committee to Evaluate Higher Education Programs.
2. Delete current Section 2 and insert a new Section 2 with the following language:

Building on the Study conducted by the Rand Council for Aid to Education in March 2001, the Committee for the Evaluation of Higher Education shall:

1. ***Examine and evaluate the State of Nevada's need for existing and potential higher education programs, both for economic progress and for education of its citizenry,***
2. ***Identify areas of high priority where needs are not currently being met, including without limitation such areas as nursing and teaching,***
3. ***Determine whether existing resources are sufficient to meet these state needs if allocated strategically to the areas of highest needs;***
4. ***Examine the role of student fee revenues in support of higher education and determine whether their use is appropriate and efficient, and***
5. ***Recommend to the Board of Regents such action as may be needed for the efficient and effective ~~of~~ operation of higher education in Nevada if the state is to progress economically and socially.***

3. Amend Section 7 of the bill to read as follows:

The Committee shall submit to the Legislative Commission and to the Board of Regents a report of its findings and any recommendations for legislation before the commencement of the 73rd Session of the Legislature. This Act does not alter the Board's current jurisdiction over academic programs as set forth in the constitution.

Prepared by

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