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To: Senate Human Resources Committee

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Proposed Amendment to SB 253

Statement of Intent

- a) The school board sets the minimum number of days of attendance for credit or promotion purposes (which defines the maximum number of absences);
- b) Prearranged absences up to 10 in a year are credited to the required number of days if course-work is completed;
- c) When a pupil exceeds the maximum number of non-prearranged absences, the school/district may deny credit or promotion to the next higher grade;
- d) The pupil and parent/guardian may request a review of the absences;
- e) The principal reviews the causes of the absences, and those for which there is confirmed evidence or written affirmation by the parent that the pupil was physically or mentally unable to attend school are credited toward the required days of attendance if course-work is completed;
- f) The pupil and parent/guardian may appeal a denial of credit or promotion based on this section to the board of school trustees.

Proposed Amendment

Amend by replacing the bill as a whole with the following:

Section 1. NRS 392.122 is hereby amended to read as follows:

392.122 1. The board of trustees of each school district shall prescribe a minimum number of days that a pupil who is enrolled in a school in the district must be in attendance for the pupil to **obtain credit or** be promoted to the next higher grade. For the purposes of this subsection, the days on which a pupil is not in attendance because the pupil is ~~for~~

~~— (a) Physically or mentally unable to attend school; or~~
~~— (b) Absent]~~ **absent** for up to 10 days within 1 school year with the approval of the teacher or principal of the school pursuant to NRS 392.130~~[- and only if he has completed course-work requirements;]~~ must be credited towards the required days of attendance~~[-]~~ **if the pupil completes course-work requirements.**

2. The pupil and his parent or guardian may request a review of a denial of credit or promotion to the next higher grade pursuant to this section. Upon such a request, the principal of the school shall initiate a review of the pupil's absences. Upon review of the causes of the absences, those for which there is confirmed evidence or a written affirmation by the parent or guardian that the pupil was physically or mentally unable to attend school will be credited towards the required days of attendance if the pupil has completed course-work requirements.

3. The pupil and his parent or guardian have the right to appeal a decision denying credit or promotion to the next higher grade pursuant to this section to the board of school trustees.

4. A school shall inform the parents or legal guardian of each pupil who is enrolled in the school that the parents or legal guardian and the pupil are required to comply with the provisions governing the attendance and truancy of pupils set forth in NRS 392.040 to 392.160, inclusive, and any other rules concerning attendance and truancy adopted by the board of trustees of the school district.

Sec. 2. This act becomes effective on July 1, 2003.