

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 257—COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

(ON BEHALF OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION)

MARCH 6, 2003

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

SUMMARY—Makes appropriations to restore balance in Contingency Fund and to assist school districts in paying for health insurance for employees. (BDR S-1235)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: Contains Appropriation included in Executive Budget.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

AN ACT making appropriations to restore the balance in the Contingency Fund and to assist school districts in paying for health insurance for their employees; 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.** 1. There is hereby appropriated from the State
2 General Fund to the Contingency Fund created by NRS 353.266 the
3 sum of \$8,092,456 to restore and increase the balance in the
4 Contingency Fund attributable to the State General Fund to
5 \$12,000,000.
6 2. There is hereby appropriated from the State Highway Fund
7 to the Contingency Fund created by NRS 353.266 the sum of
8 \$1,889,536 to restore the balance in the Contingency Fund
9 attributable to the State Highway Fund to \$2,000,000. The money
10 appropriated in this subsection must be accounted for separately and
11 may only be used for expenditures that may be properly made from
12 the State Highway Fund.



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1 **Sec. 2.** 1. There is hereby appropriated from the State General
2 Fund to the Interim Finance Committee the sum of \$5,800,000 to
3 provide allocations to school districts that incur unexpected
4 expenses related to providing health insurance for their employees
5 during the 2003-2005 biennium. No additional appropriation will be
6 made for this purpose. The money appropriated pursuant to this
7 subsection must not be used to negotiate the salaries of educational
8 personnel.

9 2. The State Board of Examiners shall adopt policies,
10 procedures and criteria for the review of requests for allocations
11 pursuant to subsection 3. Upon the adoption of such policies,
12 procedures and criteria, the State Board of Examiners shall transmit
13 a copy of the policies, procedures and criteria to the Interim Finance
14 Committee for approval. Upon approval of the policies, procedures
15 and criteria, the Interim Finance Committee shall transmit a copy of
16 the policies, procedures and criteria to the Department of Education.
17 The policies, procedures and criteria adopted by the State Board of
18 Examiners may not be used until they are approved by the Interim
19 Finance Committee.

20 3. If a school district finds that it has unexpected expenses
21 related to providing health insurance to its employees during the
22 2003-2005 biennium, the school district may submit a request to the
23 Department of Education for an allocation from the appropriation in
24 subsection 1.

25 4. The Department of Education, the Budget Division of the
26 Department of Administration and the Fiscal Analysis Division of
27 the Legislative Counsel Bureau shall jointly review a request
28 submitted pursuant to subsection 3, using the policies, procedures
29 and criteria approved by the Interim Finance Committee pursuant to
30 subsection 2. Upon completion of the review, a recommendation for
31 or against an allocation to the requesting school district must be
32 submitted by the Department of Education to the State Board of
33 Examiners.

34 5. The State Board of Examiners shall consider each request and
35 recommend the amount of the allocation, if any, to the Interim
36 Finance Committee.

37 6. The Interim Finance Committee is not required to approve the
38 entire amount of an allocation recommended pursuant to
39 subsection 5 or to allocate the entire amount appropriated by
40 subsection 1.

41 7. Any remaining balance of the sum appropriated by
42 subsection 1 must not be allocated by the Interim Finance
43 Committee after June 30, 2005, and reverts to the State General
44 Fund as soon as all payments of money committed have been made.



1 **Sec. 3.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2003.

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