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AN ACT relating to education; revising provisions governing the regional training programs for the professional development of teachers and administrators and the Statewide Council for the Coordination of the Regional Training Programs; 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. NRS 391.512 is hereby amended to read as follows:

391.512 1. The Clark County School District, Douglas County School District, Elko County School District and Washoe County School District shall each establish and operate a ~~{regional}~~:

(a) *Regional* training program for the professional development of teachers and administrators.

(b) *Nevada Early Literacy Intervention Program through the regional training program established pursuant to paragraph (a).*

2. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 6, the regional training program established by the Clark County School District must primarily provide services to teachers and administrators who are employed by school districts in:

- (a) Clark County;
- (b) Esmeralda County;
- (c) Lincoln County; and
- (d) Nye County.

3. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 6, the regional training program established by the Douglas County School District must primarily provide services to teachers and administrators who are employed by school districts in:

- (a) Carson City;
- (b) Churchill County;
- (c) Douglas County;
- (d) Lyon County; and
- (e) Mineral County.

4. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 6, the regional training program established by the Elko County School District must primarily provide services to teachers and administrators who are employed by school districts in:

- (a) Elko County;
- (b) Eureka County;
- (c) Lander County;
- (d) Humboldt County; and
- (e) White Pine County.

5. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 6, the regional training program established by the Washoe County School District must primarily provide services to teachers and administrators who are employed by school districts in:

- (a) Pershing County;
- (b) Storey County; and
- (c) Washoe County.

6. Each regional training program shall, when practicable, make reasonable accommodations for the attendance of teachers and administrators who are employed by school districts outside the primary jurisdiction of the regional training program.

Sec. 2. NRS 391.516 is hereby amended to read as follows:

391.516 1. The Statewide Council for the Coordination of the Regional Training Programs, consisting of ~~eight~~ *nine* members, is hereby created. The membership of the Council consists of:

(a) Each coordinator appointed by the governing body of each regional training program pursuant to NRS 391.532. ~~[- and]~~

(b) One member of the governing body of each regional training program, appointed by the governing body. The member appointed pursuant to this paragraph may appoint a designee to serve in his place.

(c) One representative of the Nevada State Education Association, appointed by the President of that Association.

2. Each coordinator who serves on the Statewide Council is a member of the Statewide Council only for the period of his service as coordinator of the regional training program pursuant to NRS 391.532.

3. Each member appointed by the governing body pursuant to paragraph (b) of subsection 1 ~~[serves]~~ *and the member appointed pursuant to paragraph (c) of subsection 1 serve* a term of 2 years.

4. Members of the Statewide Council serve without salary ~~for compensation for their travel or per diem expenses.]~~ *, but are entitled to receive the per diem allowance and travel expenses provided for state officers and employees generally for each day or portion of a day during which a member attends a meeting of the Statewide Council or is otherwise engaged in the work of the Statewide Council. For the members of the Statewide Council who are appointed pursuant to paragraphs (a) and (b) of subsection 1, the governing body of the regional training program represented by those members shall pay the per diem allowance and travel expenses. For the member of the Statewide Council who is appointed pursuant to paragraph (c) of subsection 1, the Nevada State Education Association shall pay the per diem allowance and travel expenses.*

5. The governing bodies of the regional training programs may mutually agree to expend a portion of their respective budgets to pay for the administrative support of the Statewide Council.

Sec. 3. NRS 391.520 is hereby amended to read as follows:

391.520 1. The Statewide Council shall meet not less than four times per year.

2. The Statewide Council shall:

(a) Adopt uniform standards for use by the governing body of each regional training program in the review and approval by the governing body of the training to be provided by the regional training program pursuant to NRS 391.540 and 391.544. The standards must ensure that the training provided by the regional training programs is of high quality and is effective in addressing the training programs specified in subsection 1 of NRS 391.544.

(b) Coordinate the dissemination of information to school districts, administrators and teachers concerning the training, programs and services provided by the regional training programs.

(c) Disseminate information to the regional training programs concerning innovative and effective methods to provide professional development.

(d) Conduct long-range planning concerning the professional development needs of teachers and administrators employed in this state.

(e) Adopt uniform procedures for use by the governing body of each regional training program to report the evaluation conducted pursuant to NRS 391.552.

3. *The Statewide Council may:*

(a) Accept gifts and grants from any source on behalf of one or more regional training programs to assist with the training provided pursuant to NRS 391.544.

(b) Comply with applicable federal laws and regulations governing the provision of federal grants to assist with the training provided pursuant to NRS 391.544, including, without limitation, providing money from the budget of the Statewide Council to match the money received from a federal grant.

Sec. 4. NRS 391.536 is hereby amended to read as follows:

391.536 **1.** On an annual basis, the governing body of each regional training program shall review the budget for the program and submit a proposed budget to the Legislative Committee on Education. The proposed budget must include, without limitation, the amount of money requested by the governing body to pay for the services of the coordinator of the program appointed pursuant to NRS 391.532. In even-numbered years, the proposed budget must be submitted to the Legislative Committee on Education at least 4 months before the commencement of the next regular session of the Legislature.

2. The governing body of a regional training program may:

(a) Accept gifts and grants from any source to assist the governing body in providing the training required by NRS 391.544.

(b) Comply with applicable federal laws and regulations governing the provision of federal grants to assist with the training provided pursuant to NRS 391.544, including, without limitation, providing money from the budget of the governing body to match the money received from a federal grant.

Sec. 5. NRS 391.544 is hereby amended to read as follows:

391.544 1. Based upon the assessment of needs for training within the region and priorities of training adopted by the governing body pursuant to NRS 391.540, each regional training program must provide:

(a) Training for teachers in the standards established by the Council to Establish Academic Standards for Public Schools pursuant to NRS 389.520 . ~~[-and]~~

(b) Through the Nevada Early Literacy Intervention Program established for the regional training program, training for teachers who teach kindergarten and grades 1, 2 or 3 on methods to teach fundamental reading skills, including, without limitation:

- (1) Phonemic awareness;*
- (2) Phonics;*
- (3) Vocabulary;*
- (4) Fluency;*
- (5) Comprehension; and*
- (6) Motivation.*

(c) At least one of the following types of training:

(1) Training for teachers and school administrators in the assessment and measurement of pupil achievement and the effective methods to analyze the test results and scores of pupils to improve the achievement and proficiency of pupils.

(2) Training for teachers in specific content areas to enable the teachers to provide a higher level of instruction in their respective fields of teaching. Such training must include instruction in effective methods to teach in a content area provided by teachers who are considered masters in that content area.

(3) ~~[-Training]~~ *In addition to the training provided pursuant to paragraph (b) of subsection 1, training* for teachers in the methods to teach basic skills to pupils, such as providing instruction in reading with the use of phonics and providing instruction in basic skills of mathematics computation.

2. The training required pursuant to subsection 1 must:

(a) Include appropriate procedures to ensure follow-up training for teachers and administrators who have received training through the program.

(b) Incorporate training that addresses the educational needs of:
(1) Pupils with disabilities who participate in programs of special education; and

(2) Pupils whose primary language is not English.

3. The governing body of each regional training program shall prepare and maintain a list that identifies programs for the professional development of teachers and administrators that successfully incorporate ~~the~~ :

(a) *The* standards of content and performance established by the Council to Establish Academic Standards for Public Schools pursuant to NRS 389.520 ~~and other~~ ;

(b) *Fundamental reading skills; and*

(c) *Other* training listed in subsection 1.

The governing body shall provide a copy of the list on an annual basis to school districts for dissemination to teachers and administrators.

4. A regional training program may include model classrooms that demonstrate the use of educational technology for teaching and learning.

Sec. 6. NRS 391.552 is hereby amended to read as follows:

391.552 The governing body of each regional training program shall:

1. Establish a method for the evaluation of the success of the regional training program ~~1~~ , *including, without limitation, the Nevada Early Literacy Intervention Program*. The method must be consistent with the uniform procedures adopted by the Statewide Council pursuant to NRS 391.520.

2. On or before July 1 of each year, submit an annual report to the State Board, the Commission, the Legislative Committee on Education and the Legislative Bureau of Educational Accountability and Program Evaluation that includes:

(a) The priorities for training adopted by the governing body pursuant to NRS 391.540 . ~~1~~

(b) The type of training offered through the program in the immediately preceding year . ~~1~~

(c) The number of teachers and administrators who received training through the program in the immediately preceding year . ~~1~~

(d) An evaluation of the success of the program , *including, without limitation, the Nevada Early Literacy Intervention Program*, in accordance with the method established pursuant to subsection 1 . ~~1; and~~

(e) *A description of the gifts and grants, if any, received by the governing body in the immediately preceding year and the gifts and grants, if any, received by the Statewide Council during the immediately preceding year on behalf of the regional training*

program. The description must include the manner in which the gifts and grants were expended.

(f) The 5-year plan for the program prepared pursuant to NRS 391.540 and any revisions to the plan made by the governing body in the immediately preceding year.

Sec. 7. On or before September 1, 2003, the President of the Nevada State Education Association shall appoint one member to the Statewide Council for the Coordination of the Regional Training Programs pursuant to paragraph (c) of subsection 1 of NRS 391.516.

Sec. 8. This act becomes effective on July 1, 2003.