

SENATE BILL NO. 390—SENATOR CEGAVSKE

MARCH 17, 2003

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Referred to Committee on Human Resources and Facilities

SUMMARY—Revises provisions governing membership of Commission on Professional Standards in Education. (BDR 34-892)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.  
Effect on the State: No.

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

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AN ACT relating to education; requiring at least one person who serves on the Commission on Professional Standards in Education as a teacher to hold certification issued by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards; requiring the Department of Education to submit certain reports to the Legislature concerning the number of teachers who are certified by the National Board and the percentage of teachers on the Commission who are certified; 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.** NRS 391.011 is hereby amended to read as follows:  
2     391.011 1. The Commission on Professional Standards in  
3 Education, consisting of nine members appointed by the Governor,  
4 is hereby created.  
5     2. Four members of the Commission must be teachers who  
6 teach in the classroom as follows:  
7     (a) One who teaches in a secondary school.  
8     (b) One who teaches in a middle school or junior high school.  
9     (c) One who teaches in an elementary school.  
10    (d) One who teaches special education.



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1 *At least one member appointed pursuant to this subsection must*  
2 *hold certification issued by the National Board for Professional*  
3 *Teaching Standards, to the extent that persons who hold such*  
4 *certification are available and willing to serve.*

5 3. The remaining members of the Commission must include:

6 (a) One counselor or psychologist employed by a school district.

7 (b) Two administrators of schools, at least one of whom must be  
8 a principal of a school.

9 (c) The dean of the College of Education at one of the  
10 universities in the University and Community College System of  
11 Nevada, or a representative of one of the Colleges of Education  
12 nominated by such a dean for appointment by the Governor.

13 (d) One member who is a representative of the general public.

14 4. The appointments of a counselor, the administrators and  
15 three of the four teachers must be made from a list of names of at  
16 least three persons for each position that is submitted to the  
17 Governor:

18 (a) For the counselor and teachers, by an employee organization  
19 representing the majority of counselors and the majority of teachers  
20 in the State of Nevada who teach in the educational level from  
21 which the appointment is being made; or

22 (b) For administrators, by an organization of administrators for  
23 schools in which the majority of administrators of schools in this  
24 state have membership.

25 5. One member of the Commission who is a teacher,  
26 administrator, counselor or psychologist must be employed by a  
27 private school licensed pursuant to chapter 394 of NRS.

28 **Sec. 2.** NRS 391.011 is hereby amended to read as follows:

29 391.011 1. The Commission on Professional Standards in  
30 Education, consisting of nine members appointed by the Governor,  
31 is hereby created.

32 2. Four members of the Commission must be teachers who  
33 teach in the classroom as follows:

34 (a) One who teaches in a secondary school.

35 (b) One who teaches in a middle school or junior high school.

36 (c) One who teaches in an elementary school.

37 (d) One who teaches special education.

38 At least one member appointed pursuant to this subsection must  
39 hold certification issued by the National Board for Professional  
40 Teaching Standards . ~~[- to the extent that persons who hold such~~  
41 ~~certification are available and willing to serve.]~~

42 3. The remaining members of the Commission must include:

43 (a) One counselor or psychologist employed by a school district.

44 (b) Two administrators of schools, at least one of whom must be  
45 a principal of a school.



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1 (c) The dean of the College of Education at one of the  
2 universities in the University and Community College System of  
3 Nevada, or a representative of one of the Colleges of Education  
4 nominated by such a dean for appointment by the Governor.

5 (d) One member who is a representative of the general public.

6 4. The appointments of a counselor, the administrators and  
7 three of the four teachers must be made from a list of names of at  
8 least three persons for each position that is submitted to the  
9 Governor:

10 (a) For the counselor and teachers, by an employee organization  
11 representing the majority of counselors and the majority of teachers  
12 in the State of Nevada who teach in the educational level from  
13 which the appointment is being made; or

14 (b) For administrators, by an organization of administrators for  
15 schools in which the majority of administrators of schools in this  
16 state have membership.

17 5. One member of the Commission who is a teacher,  
18 administrator, counselor or psychologist must be employed by a  
19 private school licensed pursuant to chapter 394 of NRS.

20 **Sec. 3.** 1. On or before February 1, 2005, the Department of  
21 Education shall submit a report to the Director of the Legislative  
22 Counsel Bureau for transmission to the 73rd Session of the Nevada  
23 Legislature that includes, for the current school year:

24 (a) The total number of teachers licensed pursuant to chapter  
25 391 of NRS who hold certification issued by the National Board for  
26 Professional Teaching Standards, reported separately for teachers  
27 who teach:

28 (1) In a secondary school.

29 (2) In a middle school or junior high school.

30 (3) In an elementary school.

31 (4) Special education.

32 (b) The percentage of members who serve as teachers on the  
33 Commission on Professional Standards in Education and are  
34 certified by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards.

35 2. On or before February 1, 2007, the Department of Education  
36 shall submit a report to the Director of the Legislative Counsel  
37 Bureau for transmission to the 74th Session of the Nevada  
38 Legislature that includes the information described in paragraphs (a)  
39 and (b) of subsection 1 for the current school year.

40 **Sec. 4.** 1. This section and sections 1 and 3 of this act  
41 become effective on July 1, 2003.

42 2. Section 2 of this act becomes effective on January 1, 2007.

