

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 279—ASSEMBLYMEN GIUNCHIGLIANI,
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OHRENSCHALL

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Referred to Committee on Education

SUMMARY—Revises provisions governing education.
(BDR 34-864)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: May have Fiscal Impact.
Effect on the State: Contains Appropriation not 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 relating to education; revising provisions governing dual-credit courses and community service projects; authorizing teachers to participate in informal evaluations of administrators; revising provisions governing the credits required of and the award of credits to pupils; requiring the board of trustees of each school district to determine the feasibility of scheduling start times for public schools in a certain manner; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Existing law authorizes high school pupils to earn credit toward graduation from high school for courses taken at a community college or university within the University and Community College System of Nevada. (NRS 389.160)

This bill authorizes the Board of Regents of the University of Nevada to allow high school teachers to provide instruction for the dual-credit courses offered in which a pupil earns high school credit and college credit for the same course.

Existing law authorizes pupils to earn credit for the completion of community service projects. (NRS 389.165)

This bill revises provisions governing the award of credit for those projects and specifies that the credit must be applied toward the credits, if any, required for a scholarship.

Existing law requires each school district to develop an objective policy for the evaluation of administrators employed by the school district. (NRS 391.3127)

This bill amends existing law to require the board of trustees of each school district to adopt a policy to allow teachers employed at the school where an



16 administrator is employed to participate in an informal evaluation process of the
17 administrator to provide input in a confidential manner.

18 Existing law requires pupils to complete certain prescribed courses of study to
19 be promoted to high school. (NRS 392.033)

20 This bill amends existing law to require the State Board of Education to
21 prescribe the units of credit required for promotion to high school.

22 Existing law requires each school district to schedule 180 days of free school
23 per school year. (NRS 388.090)

24 This bill requires a school district to make a determination regarding the
25 feasibility of scheduling the school day so that all elementary schools begin the
26 school day before all middle schools and high schools and all middle schools begin
27 the school day before all high schools, and scheduling a school day at a high school
28 to begin not earlier than 8 a.m.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 **Secs. 1-24.** (Deleted by amendment.)

2 **Sec. 25.** NRS 389.160 is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 389.160 1. A pupil enrolled in high school, including,
4 without limitation, a pupil enrolled in grade 9, 10, 11 or 12 in a
5 charter school, who successfully completes a course of education
6 offered by a community college or university in this State which has
7 been approved pursuant to subsection 2, must be allowed to apply
8 the credit received for the course so completed to the total number
9 of credits required for graduation from high school or the charter
10 school in which the pupil is enrolled.

11 2. With the approval of the State Board, the board of trustees of
12 each county school district and the governing body of each charter
13 school shall prescribe the courses for which credits may be received
14 pursuant to subsection 1, including ~~occupational~~ *career and*
15 *technical* courses for academic credit, and the amount of credit
16 allowed for the completion of those courses.

17 *3. The State Board and the Board of Regents of the*
18 *University of Nevada shall develop a mechanism to improve access*
19 *to dual-credit courses by pupils enrolled in high schools in this*
20 *State. The Board of Regents may authorize a high school teacher*
21 *to teach a course that is approved pursuant to subsection 2 on the*
22 *campus of a high school in this State.*

23 **Sec. 26.** NRS 389.165 is hereby amended to read as follows:

24 389.165 1. A pupil enrolled in high school who successfully
25 completes a community service project which has been approved
26 pursuant to this section must be allowed to apply ~~not more than~~
27 ~~one~~ credit received for the completion of the project toward the
28 total number of credits required for graduation from high school.
29 ~~The~~ *All* credit *received* must be applied toward the pupil's elective



1 course credits and not toward a course that is required for graduation
2 from high school. A pupil may not receive credit for the completion
3 of a community service project if the project duplicates a course of
4 study in which the pupil has received instruction.

5 2. With the approval of the State Board, the board of trustees of
6 each school district shall prescribe for the district the:

7 (a) Community service projects for which credit will be
8 ~~granted;~~ **granted.**

9 (b) Amount of credit which will be granted upon completion of
10 each project . ~~It~~ **The number of hours required to receive credit**
11 **pursuant to this section must be determined in accordance with**
12 **regulations adopted by the State Board.**

13 (c) Rules regarding how a pupil may apply for such credit upon
14 completion of a community service project . ~~It and~~

15 (d) Procedures for obtaining the consent of a parent or legal
16 guardian of a pupil before the pupil may participate in a community
17 service project for which credit will be granted.

18 **3. Community service projects offered pursuant to this**
19 **section must be included with all other elective courses offered by**
20 **a high school.**

21 **4. If community service credit is required for receipt of a**
22 **scholarship for postsecondary education, any credit awarded**
23 **pursuant to this section must be applied toward those required**
24 **credits.**

25 **Sec. 27.** NRS 391.3127 is hereby amended to read as follows:

26 391.3127 1. Each board, following consultation with and
27 involvement of elected representatives of administrative personnel
28 or their designated representatives, shall develop an objective policy
29 for the objective evaluation of administrators in narrative form. The
30 policy must set forth a means according to which an administrator's
31 overall performance may be determined to be satisfactory or
32 unsatisfactory. The policy ~~may~~ :

33 **(a) Must include an informal process for teachers who are**
34 **employed at a school where the administrator is employed to**
35 **provide their input concerning the administrator in a confidential**
36 **manner, including, without limitation, through the use of**
37 **confidential surveys.**

38 **(b) May** include an evaluation by the administrator,
39 superintendent, pupils or other administrators , or any combination
40 thereof.

41 ➔ A copy of the policy adopted by the board must be filed with the
42 Department and made available to the Commission.

43 2. Each administrator must be evaluated in writing at least once
44 a year.



1 3. Before a superintendent transfers or assigns an administrator
2 to another administrative position as part of an administrative
3 reorganization, if the transfer or reassignment is to a position of
4 lower rank, responsibility or pay, he shall give written notice of the
5 proposed transfer or assignment to the administrator at least 30 days
6 before the date on which it is to be effective. The administrator may
7 appeal the decision of the superintendent to the board by requesting
8 a hearing in writing to the president of the board within 5 days after
9 receiving the notice from the superintendent. The board shall hear
10 the matter within 10 days after the president receives the request,
11 and shall render its decision within 5 days after the hearing. The
12 decision of the board is final.

13 **Sec. 28.** NRS 392.033 is hereby amended to read as follows:

14 392.033 1. *A pupil who is enrolled in a junior high school*
15 *or middle school must complete the units of credit prescribed by*
16 *the State Board by regulation to be promoted to high school.* The
17 State Board shall adopt regulations which prescribe the courses of
18 study required for promotion to high school, which ~~may~~ *must*
19 include the credits ~~to be earned.~~ *required for each course of study.*

20 2. The board of trustees of a school district shall not promote a
21 pupil to high school if the pupil does not complete the course of
22 study ~~for~~ *and* credits required for promotion. The board of trustees
23 of the school district in which the pupil is enrolled may provide *an*
24 *opportunity for the pupil to attend summer school or other special*
25 programs to complete the courses of study *and credits* required for
26 promotion to high school.

27 3. The board of trustees of each school district shall adopt a
28 procedure for evaluating the course of study or credits completed by
29 a pupil who transfers to a junior high or middle school from a junior
30 high or middle school in this State or from a school outside of this
31 State.

32 **Secs. 29-42.** (Deleted by amendment.)

33 **Sec. 43.** 1. The board of trustees of each school district shall
34 determine the feasibility of establishing a schedule for public
35 schools, excluding charter schools, as follows:

36 (a) Beginning the school day of all elementary schools before all
37 middle schools, junior high schools and high schools.

38 (b) Beginning the school day of all middle schools and junior
39 high schools before all high schools.

40 (c) Beginning the school day of all high schools not earlier than
41 8 a.m.

42 2. If the board of trustees of a school district determines that
43 the schedule set forth in subsection 1 is feasible, the board may
44 implement such a schedule.



1 3. On or before January 1, 2007, the board of trustees of each
2 school district shall submit to the Department of Education a written
3 summary of the determination made pursuant to subsection 1.

4 4. On or before February 1, 2007, the Department of Education
5 shall submit a written report of the summaries and any
6 recommendations for legislation to the Director of the Legislative
7 Counsel Bureau for transmission to the 74th Session of the Nevada
8 Legislature.

9 **Sec. 44.** 1. This section and sections 1 to 27, inclusive, and
10 sections 29 to 43, inclusive, of this act become effective on July 1,
11 2005.

12 2. Section 28 of this act becomes effective on October 1, 2005,
13 for the purpose of adopting regulations and on July 1, 2008 for all
14 other purposes.



