
ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 4—COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

(ON BEHALF OF THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION)

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Referred to Concurrent Committees on Education
and Ways and Means

SUMMARY—Transfers money to Department of Education from State Distributive School Account to pay for full-day kindergarten in certain schools. (BDR S-480)

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; authorizing the Department of Education to transfer money from the State Distributive School Account to pay for full-day kindergarten in certain schools; requiring the Department of Education to prescribe forms for applications for allocations of money to pay for full-day kindergarten and, in consultation with certain other state entities, to review applications and select school districts to receive allocations; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

1 Under existing law, apportionments are made from the State Distributive
2 School Account to the school districts and charter schools based upon the number
3 of pupils enrolled. (NRS 387.1233) The existing state apportionments provide
4 funding for part-time kindergarten.

5 This bill allocates money for the 2005-2007 biennium to pay the cost for
6 providing full-day kindergarten for schools approved by the Department of
7 Education. School districts will apply to the Department to obtain such funds for
8 schools within the district.

9 This bill further requires the Department of Education, the Budget Division of
10 the Department of Administration and the Fiscal Analysis Division of the
11 Legislative Counsel Bureau to jointly review such applications. The determination
12 of whether to grant money to a school is based upon criteria in the application,



13 which must include the test scores of pupils on certain exams, and need. In
14 addition, each school district must receive a proportionate share of the total
15 allocation amount.

16 This bill provides that a school district that receives money during the first
17 fiscal year must receive an allocation for the second fiscal year. Such a school may
18 also submit an application for additional schools within the district during the
19 second fiscal year. Each school district that receives an allocation must submit a
20 report on the effectiveness of providing full-day kindergarten to the Department of
21 Education. The Department must then compile a summary of those reports for
22 submission to the Legislature.

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

1 **Section 1.** 1. The Department of Education is hereby
2 authorized to transfer from the State Distributive School Account
3 the sum of \$9,330,000 for allocation to school districts to provide
4 full-day kindergarten during the 2005-2007 biennium. The money
5 allocated must be used to provide full-day kindergarten in schools
6 approved by the Department of Education pursuant to subsection 3.

7 2. A school district may submit an application to the
8 Department of Education on or before July 1 of each fiscal year of
9 the 2005-2007 biennium for an allocation from the amount
10 authorized by subsection 1. Each application must designate those
11 schools within the school district that satisfy the criteria established
12 by the Department pursuant to subsection 3.

13 3. The Department of Education shall:

14 (a) Develop a form for applications submitted pursuant to
15 subsection 2.

16 (b) Establish criteria for allocating money to a school district
17 from the amount authorized by subsection 1. The criteria must
18 include, without limitation:

19 (1) The aggregate scores on standardized tests of pupils in
20 the elementary schools in the school district, including, without
21 limitation, criterion-referenced tests administered in grade 3; and

22 (2) The results of assessments administered in compliance
23 with a Reading First grant received by a school district pursuant to
24 the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, 20 U.S.C. §§ 6301 et seq.

25 4. Upon receipt of an application submitted pursuant to
26 subsection 2, the Department of Education shall review the
27 application jointly with the Budget Division of the Department of
28 Administration and the Fiscal Analysis Division of the Legislative
29 Counsel Bureau. In determining whether to allocate money to a
30 school district, the Department of Education, the Budget Division
31 and the Fiscal Analysis Division shall use the criteria established



1 pursuant to paragraph (b) of subsection 3. Any allocation made
2 pursuant to this section must be based upon need, and each school
3 district must receive its proportionate share of the allocation
4 authorized by subsection 1.

5 5. A school district that receives an allocation of money
6 pursuant to this section shall use the money to:

7 (a) Pay the costs incurred by the school district to provide
8 full-day kindergarten in those schools approved by the Department
9 of Education as satisfying the criteria established pursuant to
10 subsection 3.

11 (b) Supplement and not replace the money the school district
12 would otherwise expend for full-day kindergarten.

13 6. A school district that receives an allocation pursuant to this
14 section during Fiscal Year 2005-2006 must receive an allocation for
15 Fiscal Year 2006-2007 for those schools that were funded for the
16 2005-2006 school year. Such a school district may submit an
17 application to fund additional schools for the 2006-2007 school
18 year.

19 7. On or before December 1, 2006, each school district that
20 receives an allocation to provide full-day kindergarten in certain
21 schools shall submit to the Department of Education a written
22 summary evaluating the effectiveness of providing full-day
23 kindergarten in those schools. The Department shall:

24 (a) Compile the evaluations; and

25 (b) On or before February 1, 2007, submit to the Director of the
26 Legislative Counsel Bureau for transmission to the 74th Session of
27 the Nevada Legislature a written summary that includes, without
28 limitation:

29 (1) The name of each school district that received an
30 allocation of money to provide full-day kindergarten and the amount
31 of each grant;

32 (2) A compilation of the evaluations submitted by each
33 school district; and

34 (3) An evaluation of the effectiveness of full-day
35 kindergarten, including, without limitation, the effect on the
36 achievement and proficiency of pupils.

37 8. The sum authorized for expenditure in subsection 1 is
38 available for either fiscal year. Any remaining balance of that sum
39 must not be committed for expenditure after June 30, 2007, and
40 must be reverted to the State Distributive School Account on or
41 before September 21, 2007.

42 **Sec. 2.** This act becomes effective upon passage and approval.

