

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 403—ASSEMBLYMAN PERKINS

MARCH 24, 2005

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

SUMMARY—Provides for public release of certain portions of high school proficiency examination and makes appropriation for replacement of released exam. (BDR S-1022)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.

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; requiring the Department of Education to release and provide for the public dissemination of certain portions of the high school proficiency examination; making an appropriation for the development of examinations to replace the examinations that are released; 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. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection 6
2 of NRS 389.015 to the contrary, the Department of Education shall:
3 (a) On or before September 1, 2005, release one form of the
4 mathematics portion of the high school proficiency examination;
5 and
6 (b) On or before May 1, 2006, release one form of the reading
7 portion of the high school proficiency examination.
8 ↪ Each form that is released must be obtained from a current
9 version of the high school proficiency examination that was
10 administered to pupils enrolled in public schools who are scheduled
11 to graduate in the spring semester of 2006.



2. The Department of Education shall provide for the public dissemination of the examinations that are released pursuant to subsection 1 by:

(a) Posting a copy of the released examinations on the Internet website maintained by the Department;

(b) Providing copies of the released examinations to the board of trustees of each school district and the governing body of each charter school;

(c) Providing notice of the availability of the released examinations to at least one newspaper in each county of this State that is of general circulation in that county; and

(d) Providing copies of the released examinations upon request.

3. The board of trustees of each school district and the governing body of each charter school shall ensure that pupils enrolled in the school district or charter school, the parents and guardians of those pupils and the educational personnel employed by the school district or charter school have sufficient notice concerning the availability of the released examinations. Upon the request of a pupil, parent, legal guardian, employee or member of the general public, the school district or charter school, as applicable, shall provide a copy of the released examinations.

Sec. 2. The following sums are hereby appropriated from the State General Fund to the Department of Education for the development of examinations to replace the examinations that are released pursuant to section 1 of this act:

1. For the mathematics portion, \$161,500.

2. For the reading portion, \$185,000.

Sec. 3. Any remaining balance of the appropriation made by section 2 of this act must not be committed for expenditure after June 30, 2007, and must be reverted to the State General Fund on or before September 21, 2007.

Sec. 4. This act becomes effective on July 1, 2005.

