

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 451—ASSEMBLYMAN MUNFORD

MARCH 25, 2005

Referred to Committee on Education

SUMMARY—Requires Department of Education to prescribe code of honor relating to cheating by pupils. (BDR 34-1013)

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

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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 prescribe a policy establishing a code of honor relating to cheating by pupils; requiring the policy to include appropriate punishments and consequences for violations, including ineligibility for receipt of a millennium scholarship for certain violations; 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. Chapter 392 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

1. The Department shall prescribe by regulation a written policy that establishes a code of honor for pupils relating to cheating on examinations and course work. The policy must be developed in consultation with the boards of trustees of school districts, the governing bodies of charter schools, educational personnel employed by school districts and charter schools, and local associations and organizations of parents whose children are enrolled in public schools throughout this State.

2. The policy must include, without limitation:

(a) A definition of cheating that clearly and concisely informs pupils which acts constitute cheating for purposes of the code of honor.



(b) *Appropriate punishments and consequences for violations of the code of honor, including, without limitation, ineligibility for receipt of a millennium scholarship, as that term is defined in NRS 396.918, for specified violations.*

3. *The Department shall:*

(a) *On or before July 1 of each year, provide a copy of the code of honor to the board of trustees of each school district and the governing body of each charter school.*

(b) *Make available information concerning the code of honor to parents and legal guardians of pupils, teachers and other educational personnel and members of the general public.*

4. *The board of trustees of each school district and the governing body of each charter school are responsible for enforcement of the code of honor with regard to the pupils enrolled in the school district or charter school, as applicable. The board of trustees of each school district and the governing body of each charter school shall ensure that a copy of the code of honor is distributed to each pupil at the beginning of each school year and to each new pupil who enters school during the school year. Copies must also be made available for inspection at each public school located within a school district, including, without limitation, each charter school, in an area on the grounds of the school that is open to the public.*

5. *The Department shall, at least once each year, review and amend the code of honor as necessary.*

Sec. 2. NRS 396.930 is hereby amended to read as follows:

396.930 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsections 2 , 3 and ~~3.1~~ 4, a student may apply to the Board of Regents for a millennium scholarship if he:

(a) Has been a resident of this State for at least 2 years before he applies for the scholarship;

(b) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (c), graduated from a public or private high school in this State:

(1) After May 1, 2000, but not later than May 1, 2003; or

(2) After May 1, 2003, and, except as otherwise provided in paragraph (c) of subsection 2, not more than 6 years before he applies for the scholarship;

(c) Does not satisfy the requirements of paragraph (b) and:

(1) Was enrolled as a pupil in a public or private high school in this State with a class of pupils who were regularly scheduled to graduate after May 1, 2000;

(2) Received his high school diploma within 4 years after he was regularly scheduled to graduate; and

(3) Applies for the scholarship not more than 6 years after he was regularly scheduled to graduate from high school;



(d) Maintained in high school in the courses designated by the Board of Regents pursuant to paragraph (b) of subsection 2, at least:

(1) A 3.0 grade point average on a 4.0 grading scale, if he was a member of the graduating class of 2003 or 2004;

(2) A 3.1 grade point average on a 4.0 grading scale, if he was a member of the graduating class of 2005 or 2006; or

(3) A 3.25 grade point average on a 4.0 grading scale, if he was a member of the graduating class of 2007 or a later graduating class; and

(e) Is enrolled in at least:

(1) Six semester credit hours in a community college within the System; or

(2) Twelve semester credit hours in another eligible institution.

2. The Board of Regents:

(a) Shall define the core curriculum that a student must complete in high school to be eligible for a millennium scholarship.

(b) Shall designate the courses in which a student must earn the minimum grade point averages set forth in paragraph (d) of subsection 1.

(c) May establish criteria with respect to students who have been on active duty serving in the Armed Forces of the United States to exempt such student from the 6-year limitation on applications that is set forth in subparagraph (2) of paragraph (b) of subsection 1.

3. Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (c) of subsection 1, for students who did not graduate from a public or private high school in this State and who have been residents of this State for at least 2 years, the Board of Regents shall establish:

(a) The minimum score on a standardized test that such students must receive; or

(b) Other criteria that students must meet, to be eligible for millennium scholarships.

4. *A student is not eligible for receipt of a millennium scholarship if:*

(a) The board of trustees of a school district in which the student is enrolled or the governing body of a charter school in which the student is enrolled finds that the student violated the code of honor relating to cheating prescribed pursuant to section 1 of this act; and

(b) The code of honor prescribes that a consequence for that particular violation is ineligibility for receipt of a millennium scholarship.

5. In awarding scholarships, the Board of Regents shall enhance its outreach to students who:

(a) Are pursuing a career in education or health care;



(b) Come from families who lack sufficient financial resources to pay for the costs of sending their children to an eligible institution; or

(c) Substantially participated in an antismoking, antidrug or antialcohol program during high school.

Sec. 3. On or before March 1, 2006, the Department of Education shall prescribe a written policy that establishes a code of honor for pupils relating to cheating pursuant to section 1 of this act. The policy must be effective commencing with the 2006-2007 school year.

Sec. 4. 1. This section and section 3 of this act become effective on July 1, 2005.

2. Section 1 of this act becomes effective on July 1, 2005, for the purpose of prescribing a written policy that establishes a code of honor and on July 1, 2006, for all other purposes.

3. Section 2 of this act becomes effective on July 1, 2006.

