
SENATE BILL NO. 2—SENATOR SCHNEIDER

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Referred to Committee on Finance

SUMMARY—Makes appropriation to State Distributive School Account to ensure that amount of money expended per pupil meets or exceeds national average. (BDR S-60)

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 public education; making an appropriation to the State Distributive School Account to ensure that the amount of money expended per pupil in this State for the 2005-2007 biennium meets or exceeds the national average; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

1 This bill appropriates money to the State Distributive School Account for
2 kindergarten through grade 12 to ensure that the money expended per pupil in this
3 State meets or exceeds the most current national average expended per pupil in
4 kindergarten through grade 12 by state and local governments combined. This
5 money is in addition to money that is otherwise allocated to school districts from
6 the State Distributive School Account during the 2005-2007 biennium.

1 WHEREAS, An effective public school system relies significantly
2 upon the financial support of both state and local governments; and

3 WHEREAS, The Nevada Plan seeks to ensure that each Nevada
4 child has a reasonably equal educational opportunity by providing
5 for the establishment of school district basic support guarantees for
6 each fiscal year and requiring that the difference between the school
7 district basic support guarantee and the local funds available for



public schools be provided to the school districts by periodic apportionments from the State Distributive School Account; and

WHEREAS, The costs incurred by the school districts in this State to provide educational services and programs to pupils enrolled in public schools continue to rise, and meeting those substantial costs requires a strong partnership between both state and local governments that includes a significant financial contribution by both; and

WHEREAS, Current estimates indicate that the statewide average amount of money expended by this State and its local governments combined is approximately \$1,500 per pupil below the most current national average for the total amount of money expended per pupil in kindergarten through grade 12 by state and local governments combined; and

WHEREAS, Current estimates indicate that there will be approximately 404,439 pupils enrolled in public schools in this State in Fiscal Year 2005-2006 and approximately 421,139 pupils in Fiscal Year 2006-2007; now, therefore,

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

Section 1. 1. There is hereby appropriated from the State General Fund to the State Distributive School Account:

For the Fiscal Year 2005-2006..... \$626,880,450

For the Fiscal Year 2006-2007..... \$715,936,300

2. The money appropriated by subsection 1 must be added to the money that is otherwise allocated to school districts from the State Distributive School Account in the 2005-2007 biennium to ensure that the total amount of money expended per pupil in each fiscal year of the 2005-2007 biennium is equal to or exceeds the most current national average for the total amount of money expended per pupil in kindergarten through grade 12 by state and local governments combined.

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

