

SENATE BILL NO. 286—SENATORS HORSFORD AND WIENER

MARCH 23, 2005

Referred to Committee on Human Resources and Education

SUMMARY—Makes various changes regarding career and technical high schools. (BDR S-1228)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: May have Fiscal Impact.
Effect on the State: Yes.

CONTAINS UNFUNDED MANDATE (§ 2)
(NOT REQUESTED BY AFFECTED LOCAL GOVERNMENT)

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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; directing the Legislative Commission to conduct an interim study regarding career and technical high schools; requiring the Clark County School District to construct a career and technical high school within a certain area of Clark County; requiring the Department of Education to conduct a public awareness campaign regarding career and technical high schools; 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. The Legislative Commission is hereby directed
2 to appoint an interim committee composed of three members of the
3 Assembly and three members of the Senate, one of whom must be
4 appointed as Chairman of the committee, to conduct a study to
5 determine the effectiveness of career and technical high schools in
6 this State.
7 2. The committee appointed pursuant to subsection 1 shall:
8 (a) Determine the number of school districts in this State that
9 include at least one high school designated as a career and technical
10 high school that provides a program of career and technical
11 education for pupils enrolled in grades 9 to 12, inclusive.



(b) Determine the number of pupils enrolled in each career and technical high school, identified by school district.

(c) Determine the success of each career and technical high school in this State, including, without limitation, a determination of whether each career and technical high school operated by a school district increases within the school district:

(1) The graduation rate from high school; and

(2) Retention rates in high schools.

(d) Identify effective practices carried out by school districts regarding the development, enrollment and operation of career and technical high schools and the feasibility of carrying out those practices statewide.

(e) Identify the need, if any, for expanding the availability of career and technical high schools in this State.

3. Any recommendations proposed by the committee must be approved by a majority of the members of the Assembly and a majority of the members of the Senate appointed to the committee.

4. The Legislative Commission shall submit the results of the study, including any recommendations for legislation, to the 74th Session of the Nevada Legislature.

Sec. 2. The Clark County School District shall construct one high school designated as a career and technical high school within the boundaries of the Southern Nevada Enterprise Community. The school must:

1. Offer a program of career and technical education to pupils enrolled in grades 9 to 12, inclusive.

2. Be completed and open for enrollment not later than August 1, 2007.

Sec. 3. The Department of Education shall develop and carry out a public awareness campaign that is designed to increase the public's awareness and knowledge of the availability and success of career and technical high schools within this State.

Sec. 4. The provisions of NRS 354.599 do not apply to any additional expenses of a local government that are related to the provisions of this act.

Sec. 5. This act becomes effective on July 1, 2005.

