

SENATE BILL NO. 286—SENATORS HORSFORD AND WIENER

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Referred to Committee on Human Resources and Education

SUMMARY—Encourages Clark County School District to construct career and technical high school within certain area of Clark County. (BDR S-1228)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: May have Fiscal Impact.
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; encouraging the Clark County School District to construct a career and technical high school within a certain area of Clark County; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

1 WHEREAS, Profound economic and technological changes in our
2 society are reflected in the structure and nature of our workforce,
3 thereby placing new and additional responsibilities on Nevada's
4 system of education to prepare the students who reside in this State
5 with the necessary basic tools and skills to be successful and
6 productive members of society; and

7 WHEREAS, The system of career and technical education in this
8 State, through the oversight and direction of the State Board for
9 Occupational Education, offers students in this State opportunities to
10 learn new skills which provide them with career choices and
11 personal satisfaction as they become leaders in their communities;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, The ever-increasing cooperative efforts of career and
14 technical educators and business and industry produces a strong,
15 well-educated workforce and stimulates the growth and vitality of
16 our local economy; and

17 WHEREAS, The Southern Nevada Vocational Technical Center
18 was established in the Clark County School District to provide



1 vocational and academic instruction that imparts entry-level job
2 skills and enables students to meet college entrance requirements;
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4 WHEREAS, The Southern Nevada Vocational Technical Center
5 has proven vastly successful in its mission and today serves 1,750
6 students; and

7 WHEREAS, The Southern Nevada Vocational Technical Center,
8 as well as other career and technical education programs offered
9 within the Clark County School District, have waiting lists for
10 enrollment; and

11 WHEREAS, Clark County continues to experience extraordinarily
12 rapid population growth, and the Clark County School District is
13 currently the fifth largest school district in the country; and

14 WHEREAS, Because Nevada ranks among the lowest in the
15 country of the percentage of students who graduate and enter into
16 postsecondary education, the further development and expansion of
17 career and technical high schools may help to reduce the number of
18 students who drop out of high school and thereby increase the
19 number of students who successfully graduate from high school and
20 enter into career fields that are predicted to experience the largest
21 and fastest growth; and

22 WHEREAS, On December 21, 1994, President Clinton designated
23 nine census tracts in the urban core of the Las Vegas Valley as an
24 "Enterprise Community" and accompanying that designation was
25 the award of grants for projects in that area; and

26 WHEREAS, The Southern Nevada Enterprise Community was
27 designed to increase employment opportunities for residents in the
28 Enterprise Community as well as to increase the self-esteem and
29 economic independence of those residents; and

30 WHEREAS, The funds expended for the Southern Nevada
31 Enterprise Community have included programs for at-risk youth,
32 including summer internship programs, exposure to the college
33 environment and encouragement of the pursuit of higher education,
34 now, therefore,

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36 THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
37 SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:
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39 **Section 1.** The Legislature hereby finds that the establishment
40 of a career and technical high school within the Southern Nevada
41 Enterprise Community would support the continued efforts and
42 success of that Community. Therefore, the Legislature hereby
43 encourages the Clark County School District to construct a career
44 and technical high school within the Southern Nevada Enterprise



- 1 Community and, to the extent feasible, to complete the career and
- 2 technical high school by August 2008.
- 3 **Sec. 2.** This act becomes effective upon passage and approval.



