

SENATE BILL NO. 336—SENATOR CEGAVSKE (BY REQUEST)

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Referred to Committee on Finance

SUMMARY—Makes appropriation for creation of certificate program and payment of stipends to certain teachers. (BDR S-304)

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; making an appropriation to the Clark County School District for the creation of a certificate program by the Southern Nevada Regional Professional Development Program and to provide stipends to certain teachers who participate in the program; 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. There is hereby appropriated from the State
2 General Fund to the Clark County School District the sum of
3 \$750,000 for the creation of a certificate program by the Southern
4 Nevada Regional Professional Development Program created by
5 that School District pursuant to NRS 391.512 and to provide
6 stipends to certain middle school and junior high school teachers
7 who participate in the certificate program.
8 2. The Governing Body of the Southern Nevada Regional
9 Professional Development Program shall create a certificate
10 program through the Regional Professional Development Program
11 for certain middle school and junior high school teachers to receive



1 training in the subject areas of reading, mathematics and science.
2 The certificate program must include, without limitation, training in
3 the standards of content and performance for reading, mathematics
4 and science established by the Council to Establish Academic
5 Standards for Public Schools pursuant to NRS 389.520 and ongoing
6 training in those subject areas.

7 3. The money appropriated by subsection 1 must be used to:

8 (a) Pay the salaries and travel expenses of two instructors of
9 reading, three instructors of mathematics and two instructors of
10 science to provide instruction through the certificate program
11 created pursuant to subsection 2;

12 (b) Pay stipends to teachers who participate in the certificate
13 program in accordance with subsection 4; and

14 (c) Pay for the materials, supplies and administrative expenses
15 related to the operation of the certificate program.

16 4. A middle school or junior high school teacher who desires to
17 participate in the certificate program created pursuant to subsection
18 2 may submit an application for a stipend to the Governing Body of
19 the Southern Nevada Regional Professional Development Program
20 if the teacher does not possess an endorsement in reading,
21 mathematics or science. Within the limits of money available from
22 the appropriation made by subsection 1, the Clark County School
23 District shall pay to each teacher who successfully completes 1 year
24 in the certificate program a stipend of \$2,000. The teachers selected
25 for participation in the certificate program for Fiscal Year 2005-
26 2006 who continue with the certificate program for Fiscal Year
27 2006-2007 must receive another stipend of \$2,000 for Fiscal
28 Year 2006-2007.

29 5. Before receiving a stipend pursuant to subsection 4, a
30 teacher must sign an agreement with the Southern Nevada Regional
31 Professional Development Program pursuant to which the teacher
32 agrees to:

33 (a) Take a test before the teacher begins the certificate program
34 and a test after the teacher completes the certificate program to
35 determine the knowledge acquired by the teacher as a result of his
36 participation in the program;

37 (b) Carry out the training received by the teacher through the
38 certificate program;

39 (c) Participate in ongoing training;

40 (d) Authorize the Regional Professional Development Program
41 to observe the teacher in the classroom and participate in
42 postobservation meetings to discuss the teacher's instructional
43 strategies and methods to improve pupil achievement; and

44 (e) Authorize the Regional Professional Development Program
45 to review the results on examinations of the pupils who receive



1 instruction by the teacher to the extent that such review does not
2 violate the confidentiality of an individual pupil.

3 6. The Governing Body of the Southern Nevada Regional
4 Professional Development Program shall prepare a written report of
5 the certificate program created pursuant to subsection 2. The written
6 report must include, without limitation:

7 (a) The amount of money that was expended to create and
8 maintain the certificate program;

9 (b) The number of teachers who participated in the certificate
10 program;

11 (c) The number of stipends that were paid pursuant to subsection
12 4 and the total amount of money paid for the stipends;

13 (d) The type of training offered through the certificate program;
14 and

15 (e) An evaluation of the success of the certificate program,
16 including, without limitation, an evaluation of whether the
17 certificate program improved the academic achievement of pupils.

18 7. The Governing Body of the Southern Nevada Regional
19 Professional Development Program shall submit:

20 (a) On or before February 1, 2006, an interim report to the
21 Legislative Committee on Education created pursuant to NRS
22 218.5352; and

23 (b) On or before February 1, 2007, a final written report to the
24 Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for transmission to the
25 74th Session of the Nevada Legislature.

26 **Sec. 2.** Any remaining balance of the appropriation made by
27 section 1 of this act must not be committed for expenditure after
28 June 30, 2007, and must be reverted to the State General Fund on or
29 before September 21, 2007.

30 **Sec. 3.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2005.



