

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 229—COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

MARCH 1, 2007

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

SUMMARY—Requires the development and implementation of a pilot program for mentor teachers. (BDR S-423)

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; requiring the Department of Education to develop a pilot program for mentor teachers; making an appropriation; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

- 1 This bill requires the Department of Education to develop a pilot program for
- 2 mentor teachers for implementation in the 2008-2009 school year. This bill also
- 3 makes an appropriation to the Department of Education for distribution to school
- 4 districts that participate in the pilot program for the 2008-2009 school year.

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 Department of Education for the 2008-2009
- 3 Fiscal Year the sum of \$1,000,000 for distribution to school districts
- 4 that are selected to participate in the pilot program for mentor
- 5 teachers developed pursuant to section 2 of this act.
- 6 2. Any remaining balance of the appropriation made by
- 7 subsection 1 must not be committed for expenditure after June 30,
- 8 2009, and must be reverted to the State General Fund on or before
- 9 September 18, 2009.
- 10 **Sec. 2.** 1. The Department of Education shall:



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(a) Develop a pilot program for mentor teachers for implementation in the 2008-2009 school year; and

(b) Prescribe a form for the application by school districts that wish to participate in the pilot program.

2. The pilot program for mentor teachers must:

(a) Prescribe the criteria for the selection of school districts to participate in the pilot program;

(b) Require the establishment of a steering committee in each school district that participates in the pilot program to oversee the implementation of the program in that school district;

(c) Prescribe the criteria for a program of induction for teachers who participate in the pilot program and receive mentoring;

(d) Prescribe the criteria for the selection of teachers to serve as mentors and the training the mentors must receive;

(e) Include an estimate of the costs to carry out the pilot program, including, without limitation, an estimate of how many mentor teachers will participate in the program and how many teachers will receive mentoring; and

(f) Set forth the guidelines for the evaluation of the pilot program, including, without limitation, the method by which the retention of teachers and the achievement of pupils will be evaluated and tracked after the initial phase of the program.

3. On or before April 1, 2008, the Department of Education shall submit the proposed pilot program to the Legislative Committee on Education for its review and comment.

Sec. 3. 1. A school district may submit an application to the Department of Education for participation in the pilot program for mentor teachers developed pursuant to section 2 of this act for the 2008-2009 school year.

2. If a school district is selected to participate in the pilot program, the Department of Education shall distribute a grant of money to the school district from the appropriation made by section 1 of this act to assist the school district with carrying out the program. The amount of the grant must be based upon the number of teachers in the school district who will participate in the pilot program and the number of school districts selected to participate in the pilot program.

3. If a school district is selected to participate in the pilot program, the school district shall submit an evaluation of the status of the pilot program for the first semester of the 2008-2009 school year, including, without limitation, and to the extent the information is available, the effect of the program on the:

(a) Satisfaction and retention of teachers;

(b) Effectiveness of teachers; and

(c) Achievement and proficiency of pupils.



1 ↪ The school district shall submit the written evaluation to the
2 Department of Education on or before January 1, 2009.

3 **Sec. 4.** On or before February 1, 2009, the Department of
4 Education shall submit a written summary to the Director of the
5 Legislative Counsel Bureau for transmission to the 75th Session of
6 the Nevada Legislature. The written summary must include, without
7 limitation:

8 1. The name of each school district that received a grant of
9 money from the appropriation made by section 1 of this act and the
10 amount of each grant;

11 2. A compilation of the evaluations submitted by each school
12 district that participated in the pilot program for mentor teachers;

13 3. An evaluation of the status of the pilot program for mentor
14 teachers for the first semester of the 2008-2009 school year,
15 including, without limitation, and to the extent such information is
16 available, the effect of the program on the:

17 (a) Satisfaction and retention of teachers;

18 (b) Effectiveness of teachers; and

19 (c) Achievement and proficiency of pupils;

20 4. An estimate of the costs to continue the pilot program for the
21 2009-2011 biennium, including, without limitation, the cost to
22 contract with a person or entity to collect and analyze data relating
23 to the pilot program; and

24 5. Any recommendations for legislation relating to the pilot
25 program.

26 **Sec. 5.** This act becomes effective upon passage and approval.

