

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 244—ASSEMBLYMEN CONKLIN,  
PARNELL, SMITH AND KIRKPATRICK

MARCH 5, 2007

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Referred to Committee on Education

SUMMARY—Revises provisions governing the review of school districts based upon financial management principles. (BDR 34-283)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.  
Effect on the State: No.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in ***bolded italics*** is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

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AN ACT relating to education; revising provisions governing the review of school districts based upon certain financial management principles; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**Legislative Counsel's Digest:**

1 Existing law provides that to the extent money is made available by the  
2 Legislature, each school district in this State must undergo a review every 6 years  
3 to determine whether the school district is successfully carrying out certain  
4 financial management principles. (NRS 387.602-387.644) A school district may,  
5 under certain circumstances, be exempt from the 6-year review and undergo the  
6 review every 12 years. (NRS 387.631, 387.639) Upon completion of the review of  
7 a school district, the consultant who conducted the review must submit a  
8 preliminary report of the review to the superintendent of schools of the school  
9 district for the superintendent to prepare a written response. The preliminary report  
10 and the final report must be made available to the general public. (NRS 387.631)  
11 This bill revises provisions governing the preliminary report of the review and  
12 requires the consultant to submit the preliminary report to the superintendent of the  
13 school district or the superintendent's designee for preparation of a written response  
14 of the school district. This bill also requires the consultant to submit a summary of  
15 the preliminary report to the Legislative Committee on Education for its review.

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

1       **Section 1.** NRS 387.631 is hereby amended to read as follows:

2       387.631 1. The consultant shall complete the review of a  
3 school district within 6 months after the date on which the review is  
4 commenced. The consultant shall prepare a final written report of  
5 the review that:

6       (a) Is documented by sufficient, competent and relevant  
7 evidence to provide a reasonable basis for the findings and  
8 conclusions of the consultant.

9       (b) If the consultant determines that the school district is not  
10 successfully carrying out the management principles in one or more  
11 of the areas set forth in subsection 2 of NRS 387.622, includes a  
12 plan for corrective action for the school district to carry out  
13 successfully the management principles in each area within 2 years.  
14 The plan must:

15       (1) Be logically connected to and substantiated by the results  
16 of the review;

17       (2) Be specific and detailed; and

18       (3) Identify methods for the school district to reduce its costs  
19 and expenses.

20       (c) Includes the written response of the school district prepared  
21 pursuant to subsection 2.

22       2. The consultant shall furnish a copy of the preliminary report  
23 of the review to the superintendent of schools of the school district  
24 *or the superintendent's designee* and discuss the report with the  
25 ~~superintendent.~~ *superintendent or the superintendent's designee.*  
26 *The consultant shall submit a summary of the preliminary report*  
27 *to the Legislative Committee on Education for its review.* Within  
28 30 days after receipt of the preliminary report, the superintendent  
29 ~~shall, in consultation with the board of trustees of the school~~  
30 ~~district,~~ *or the superintendent's designee shall* prepare a written  
31 response to the preliminary report that includes a statement of  
32 explanation or rebuttal of any findings contained in the preliminary  
33 report. The consultant shall include the written response of the  
34 school district in his final written report submitted pursuant to  
35 subsection 1.

36       3. The final written report of the consultant must be submitted  
37 to the board of trustees of the school district, the State Board, the  
38 Legislative Auditor and the Director of the Legislative Counsel  
39 Bureau for transmission to the Legislature within 60 days after the  
40 review is complete.

41       4. If the consultant determines that a school district is  
42 successfully carrying out the management principles for each of the



1 areas set forth in subsection 2 of NRS 387.622, the school district is  
2 exempt from its next 6-year review unless the Legislature  
3 subsequently determines that the conditions or circumstances  
4 occurring within the school district warrant another review pursuant  
5 to NRS 387.602 to 387.644, inclusive. If a school district is exempt  
6 pursuant to this subsection, the exemption is valid for only one  
7 review and the school district must undergo a review at least once  
8 every 12 years.

9 5. The ~~preliminary report and the~~ final report must be made  
10 available to the general public.

11 **Sec. 2.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2007.

