

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

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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.

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 makes the preliminary report confidential until
15 the final report has been submitted.



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 Within 30 days after receipt of the preliminary report, the
27 superintendent ~~{shall, in consultation with the board of trustees of~~
28 ~~the school district,}~~ **or the superintendent's designee shall** prepare a
29 written response to the preliminary report that includes a statement
30 of explanation or rebuttal of any findings contained in the
31 preliminary report. The consultant shall include the written response
32 of the school district in his final written report submitted pursuant to
33 subsection 1.

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

39 4. If the consultant determines that a school district is
40 successfully carrying out the management principles for each of the
41 areas set forth in subsection 2 of NRS 387.622, the school district is
42 exempt from its next 6-year review unless the Legislature



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1 subsequently determines that the conditions or circumstances
2 occurring within the school district warrant another review pursuant
3 to NRS 387.602 to 387.644, inclusive. If a school district is exempt
4 pursuant to this subsection, the exemption is valid for only one
5 review and the school district must undergo a review at least once
6 every 12 years.

7 5. The preliminary report *is confidential until the final report*
8 *is submitted. After the final written report is submitted, the*
9 *preliminary report* and the final report must be made available to
10 the general public.

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

