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ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 395—ASSEMBLYMEN DENIS, SMITH, BOBZIEN,
GERHARDT, GOICOECHEA, HARDY, KIHUEN, MUNFORD,
OHRENSCHALL, PARNELL, PIERCE, SEGERBLOM AND
STEWART

MARCH 16, 2007

JOINT SPONSORS: SENATORS CARLTON AND TITUS

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

SUMMARY—Makes an appropriation to the Department of
Education for a pilot program for teaching children
with limited proficiency in English. (BDR S-1028)

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 making an appropriation to the Department of Education
for a pilot program for teaching children with limited
proficiency in English; 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 Department of Education the sum of \$175,000
- 3 for distribution to school districts that establish pilot programs in
- 4 accordance with section 2 of this act.
- 5 2. Any remaining balance of the appropriation made by
- 6 subsection 1 must not be committed for expenditure after June 30,
- 7 2009, by the entity to which the appropriation is made or any entity
- 8 to which money from the appropriation is granted or otherwise
- 9 transferred in any manner, and any portion of the appropriated
- 10 money remaining must not be spent for any purpose after
- 11 September 18, 2009, by either the entity to which the money was



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1 appropriated or the entity to which the money was subsequently
2 granted or transferred, and must be reverted to the State General
3 Fund on or before September 18, 2009.

4 **Sec. 2.** 1. The Department of Education shall:

5 (a) Prescribe the form for an application to establish a pilot
6 program to teach the English language to children who have limited
7 proficiency in the English language during the summer before they
8 attend kindergarten;

9 (b) Prescribe the criteria for the selection of school districts to
10 establish a pilot program; and

11 (c) Develop a uniform method for evaluation of the pilot
12 programs that provides a longitudinal analysis of statistical data.

13 2. A school district that wishes to establish a pilot program to
14 teach the English language to children who have limited proficiency
15 in the English language during the summer before they attend
16 kindergarten shall:

17 (a) On or before October 1, 2007, submit to the Department of
18 Education an application on the form provided by the Department
19 pursuant to subsection 1;

20 (b) Submit proof to the Department that the school district has
21 obtained matching money from a private source to combine with the
22 money provided by the Department; and

23 (c) Agree to participate in the longitudinal evaluation of the pilot
24 programs developed by the Department pursuant to subsection 1.

25 3. An application submitted pursuant to subsection 2 must
26 contain a plan for a pilot program. Such a plan must:

27 (a) Contain an estimate of the number of children who will be
28 enrolled in the program.

29 (b) Set forth the manner in which the children will be screened
30 for participation in the pilot program. For each student that will
31 participate in the pilot program, all prekindergarten children who are
32 determined to have limited proficiency in the English language, who
33 speak a common language and who will be enrolled in kindergarten
34 at the school in the fall of 2008, must be enrolled in the same class
35 for the pilot program, unless fewer than 10 such children speak a
36 common language.

37 (c) Ensure that each class taught in the pilot program includes at
38 least one teacher and one paraprofessional, at least one of whom
39 must speak, read and write both the English language and the
40 primary language of the children enrolled in the class.

41 4. The Department of Education shall not approve an
42 application submitted pursuant to subsection 2 if the applicant has
43 not received matching money from a private source.



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1 5. On or before December 1, 2007, the Department of
2 Education shall make grants of money from the appropriation made
3 by subsection 1 of section 1 of this act as follows:

4 (a) If the Department approves an application submitted by the
5 Clark County School District, \$100,000 to the School District to
6 carry out the pilot program before the beginning of the 2008-2009
7 school year.

8 (b) If the Department approves an application submitted by the
9 Washoe County School District, \$50,000 to the School District to
10 carry out the pilot program before the beginning of the 2008-2009
11 school year.

12 (c) If the Department approves applications submitted by school
13 districts other than the Clark County School District and the Washoe
14 County School District, the Department shall distribute the amount
15 of money remaining from the appropriation made by subsection 1 of
16 section 1 of this act to those school districts. The grants of money
17 made to each school district pursuant to this paragraph must be
18 distributed proportionately among the school districts based upon
19 the number of children who are estimated to participate in the pilot
20 program in each school district. A school district that receives a
21 grant of money pursuant to this paragraph shall use the money to
22 carry out the approved pilot program before the beginning of the
23 2008-2009 school year.

24 6. For each school district whose application is approved, the
25 school district shall distribute \$1,000 to each school that will
26 participate in the pilot program to promote parental involvement
27 with the parents and legal guardians of children enrolled in the
28 program. The money may be used by a school, without limitation,
29 for the purchase of translating materials for the parents and
30 guardians and providing training to the staff and parents and
31 guardians on effective methods to communicate with school
32 personnel and other methods designed to promote effective
33 involvement by parents and guardians in the education of their
34 children.

35 7. A school district that establishes a pilot program:

36 (a) Is responsible for all costs associated with the building,
37 maintenance, utilities, administration and supplies for the pilot
38 program offered at a school within the district.

39 (b) Shall submit an evaluation of the pilot program on or before
40 November 1, 2008, to the Department of Education in a format
41 required by the Department.

42 8. On or before February 2, 2009, the Department of Education
43 shall submit a report to the Director of the Legislative Counsel
44 Bureau for transmission to the 75th Session of the Nevada
45 Legislature. The report must include, without limitation:



- 1 (a) The name of each school district that received a grant of
- 2 money pursuant to subsection 5 and the amount of each grant;
- 3 (b) A compilation of the evaluations submitted by each school
- 4 district that established a pilot program;
- 5 (c) An evaluation of the pilot programs, including, without
- 6 limitation, the effect of the programs on the achievement and
- 7 proficiency in the English language of the children enrolled in the
- 8 program; and
- 9 (d) Any recommendations for legislation relating to the pilot
- 10 programs.
- 11 **Sec. 3.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2007.

