

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 484—COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

MARCH 20, 2007

Referred to Committee on Elections, Procedures,
Ethics, and Constitutional Amendments

SUMMARY—Makes various changes relating to legislative
committees and studies. (BDR S-1372)

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

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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 the Legislature; requiring the Legislative
Committee on Education and the Legislative Committee
on Health Care to consider studying certain issues during
the 2007-2009 interim; transferring certain unspent
money from a legislative study to Opportunity Village;
and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

1 The Legislative Committee on Education is a permanent statutory committee of
2 Legislators that meets during the interim between legislative sessions to study
3 various issues relating to education. (NRS 218.5351-218.5355) The Legislative
4 Committee on Health Care is a permanent statutory committee of Legislators that
5 meets during the interim to study various issues related to health care. (NRS
6 439B.200-439B.240) **Sections 1 and 2** of this bill require the Committees, during
7 the 2007-2009 interim, to consider studying certain specified issues.
8 **Section 3** of this bill transfers unspent money from an appropriation for a
9 legislative study to the disbursement account in the State General Fund for the use
10 of Opportunity Village.

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

1 **Section 1.** 1. The Legislative Committee on Education shall,
2 during the 2007-2009 interim, consider studying:
3 (a) The quantity and quality of tests that are administered in the
4 public schools in this State. The study must include, without
5 limitation:



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1 (1) A review of the tests that are required by state law,
2 including, without limitation, those tests which are required to
3 comply with federal law;

4 (2) A review, by school district, of the tests and assessments
5 that are administered district-wide; and

6 (3) A determination whether any of the tests and assessments
7 may be consolidated in an efficient manner to allow for increased
8 instructional time in the classroom.

9 (b) Issues relating to truancy including, without limitation, a
10 review of:

11 (1) Issues relating to pupils who are truant from school,
12 including, without limitation, measures of prevention, intervention
13 and diversion and the imposition of appropriate discipline.

14 (2) The effectiveness of existing programs designed to
15 reduce the number of pupils who are truant from school and identify
16 programs throughout the State or in other states that are effective.

17 (3) Recommendations for a plan to reduce the number of
18 pupils who are truant from school.

19 (c) Issues relating to the use of long-term substitute teachers,
20 including, without limitation:

21 (1) The effect of the use of long-term substitutes who are not
22 licensed teachers on the performance of pupils and the effect of the
23 use of student teachers as substitutes pursuant to section 1 of
24 Assembly Bill No. 512 of this session on the performance of pupils;

25 (2) The number of long-term substitutes employed in this
26 State and the number employed by each school district, including,
27 without limitation, the number who are not licensed teachers;

28 (3) The number of student teachers employed as substitutes
29 pursuant to section 1 of Assembly Bill No. 512 of this session and
30 the number employed by each school district;

31 (4) The average time for which a long-term substitute is
32 assigned to a single class;

33 (5) Methods to reduce the use of long-term substitutes,
34 including, without limitation, methods to reduce the number of
35 long-term substitutes who are not licensed teachers or not student
36 teachers employed pursuant to section 1 of Assembly Bill No. 512
37 of this session; and

38 (6) Any other issues relating to long-term substitutes.

39 (d) The governance of the public schools in this State, including,
40 without limitation, a review of the system of public education for
41 kindergarten through grade 12 to ensure that the structure of
42 governance is organized in a manner which provides for efficient
43 operation and which meets the educational needs of the residents of
44 this State.



2. At the discretion of the Chairman of the Legislative Committee on Education and within limits of legislative appropriations:

(a) A subcommittee of members of the Legislature may be appointed to conduct any of the studies authorized by this section.

(b) The Committee or subcommittee may contract with such experts, researchers and consultants as may be necessary for the Committee or subcommittee to carry out any such study.

3. The Legislative Committee on Education shall submit a report of the results of any study conducted pursuant to subsection 1 and any recommendations for legislation to the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for transmission to the 75th Session of the Nevada Legislature.

Sec. 2. 1. The Legislative Committee on Health Care shall, during the 2007-2009 interim, consider studying:

(a) The regulation of providers of health care in Nevada, including, without limitation:

(1) A review of the laws of this State relating to the scope of practice authorized for providers of health care; and

(2) A study concerning the operation of the professional licensing boards for providers of health care with respect to barriers to licensing.

(b) The regulation of the use of lasers and intense pulsed light therapy in the performance of medical procedures on patients and the use of injections of cosmetic substances in the performance of procedures on patients. The Committee shall consider conducting a review of the laws and regulations of this State relating to the issues described in this paragraph and a study concerning those issues. In carrying out the provisions of this paragraph, the Committee may consult with a representative of:

(1) The practice of ophthalmology in this State;

(2) The practice of dermatology in this State;

(3) The practice of cosmetic or plastic surgery in this State; and

(4) The medical spa industry in this State.

2. At the discretion of the Chairman of the Legislative Committee on Health Care, and within limits of legislative appropriations:

(a) A subcommittee of members of the Legislature may be appointed to conduct any of the studies authorized by this section.

(b) The Committee or subcommittee may contract with such experts, researchers and consultants as may be necessary for the Committee or subcommittee to carry out any such study.

3. The Legislative Committee on Health Care shall submit a report of the results of any study conducted pursuant to subsection 1



1 and any recommendations for legislation to the Director of the
2 Legislative Counsel Bureau for transmission to the 75th Session of
3 the Legislature.

4 **Sec. 3.** Section 39 of chapter 7, Statutes of Nevada 2005, 22nd
5 Special Session, at page 122, is hereby amended to read as follows:

6 Sec. 39. 1. There is hereby appropriated from the
7 State General Fund to the disbursement account created
8 pursuant to section 1 of Senate Bill No. 443 of this session
9 the sum of \$250,000 for the use of Opportunity Village for
10 vocational training, employment and social recreation
11 services for persons with intellectual disabilities in southern
12 Nevada. The appropriation is subject to the same terms and
13 conditions as the appropriation made for the use of
14 Opportunity Village pursuant to section 8 of Senate Bill No.
15 443 of the 74th Session of the Nevada Legislature.

16 2. Any remaining balance of the appropriation made by
17 subsection 1 must not be committed for expenditure after
18 June 30, 2009, by the entity to which the appropriation is
19 made or any entity to which the money from the
20 appropriation is granted or otherwise transferred in any
21 manner, and any portion of the appropriated money
22 remaining must not be spent for any purpose after
23 September 18, 2009, by either the entity to which the money
24 was appropriated or the entity to which the money was
25 subsequently granted or transferred, and must be reverted to
26 the State General Fund on or before September 18, 2009.

27 **Sec. 4.** Section 11 of Assembly Bill No. 485, section 3 of
28 Assembly Bill No. 512 and section 54 of Senate Bill No. 310 of this
29 session are hereby repealed.

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

TEXT OF REPEALED SECTIONS

Section 11 of Assembly Bill No. 485 of this session

Sec. 11. 1. The Legislative Committee on Education
shall study issues relating to truancy during the 2007-2009
interim.

2. The study must include, without limitation, a review
of:

(a) Issues relating to pupils who are truant from school,
including, without limitation, measures of prevention,



intervention and diversion and the imposition of appropriate discipline.

(b) The effectiveness of existing programs designed to reduce the number of pupils who are truant from school and identify programs throughout the State or in other states that are effective.

(c) Recommendations for a plan to reduce the number of pupils who are truant from school.

3. On or before February 1, 2009, the Legislative Committee on Education shall submit the report of its findings and any recommendations to the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for transmission to the 75th Session of the Nevada Legislature.

Section 3 of Assembly Bill No. 512 of this session

Sec. 3. 1. The Legislative Committee on Education shall, during the 2007-2009 interim, study issues relating to the use of long-term substitute teachers, including, without limitation:

(a) The effect of the use of long-term substitutes who are not licensed teachers on the performance of pupils and the effect of the use of student teachers as substitutes pursuant to section 1 of this act on the performance of pupils;

(b) The number of long-term substitutes employed in this State and the number employed by each school district, including, without limitation, the number who are not licensed teachers;

(c) The number of student teachers employed as substitutes pursuant to section 1 of this act in this State and the number employed by each school district;

(d) The average time for which a long-term substitute is assigned to a single class;

(e) Methods to reduce the use of long-term substitutes, including, without limitation, methods to reduce the number of long-term substitutes who are not licensed teachers or not student teachers employed pursuant to section 1 of this act; and

(f) Any other issues relating to the use of long-term substitutes.

2. The Legislative Committee on Education may appoint a subcommittee to conduct the study required pursuant to subsection 1 or may request that an appropriate entity which is responsible for studying the coordination of elementary, secondary and postsecondary education in this State conduct the study and report to the Committee.



3. On or before February 1, 2009, the Legislative Committee on Education shall submit a report of the results of the study conducted pursuant to this section and any recommendations for legislation to the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for transmission to the 75th Session of the Nevada Legislature.

Section 54 of Senate Bill No. 310 of this session

Sec. 54. 1. The Legislative Committee on Health Care shall appoint a subcommittee to review the regulation of providers of health care in Nevada. The subcommittee must consist of:

(a) Two members of the Legislative Committee on Health Care appointed by the Chairman of that Committee;

(b) The Chairman of the Senate Standing Committee on Human Resources and Education;

(c) A member of the Senate Standing Committee on Commerce and Labor who served during the 74th Session of the Nevada Legislature appointed by the Chairman of that Committee;

(d) The Chairman of the Assembly Standing Committee on Health and Human Services; and

(e) A member of the Assembly Standing Committee on Commerce and Labor during the 74th Session of the Nevada Legislature appointed by the Chairman of that Committee.

2. The Chairman of the Legislative Committee on Health Care shall designate a member of the subcommittee to serve as chairman.

3. The subcommittee shall:

(a) Conduct:

(1) A review of the laws of this State relating to the scope of practice authorized for providers of health care.

(2) A study concerning the operation of the professional licensing boards for providers of health care with respect to barriers to licensing.

(b) Not later than June 30, 2008, submit a report of the results of its review and study and any recommendations for legislation to the Legislative Committee on Health Care.

4. The subcommittee may contract with such experts, researchers and consultants as may be necessary for the subcommittee to carry out its duties.

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