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ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 553—COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS
(ON BEHALF OF THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION)

MARCH 26, 2007

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

SUMMARY—Makes appropriations relating to education.
(BDR S-427)

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 appropriations relating to education; and
providing other matters properly relating thereto.

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

Section 1. 1. There is hereby appropriated from the State
General Fund to the Department of Education:

For the Fiscal Year 2007-2008..... \$650,000

For the Fiscal Year 2008-2009..... \$650,000

2. The Department shall use the money appropriated by
subsection 1 to assist the school districts and charter schools in the
provision of programs and assessments that are designed to assist
pupils enrolled in grades 8 and 10 with career and academic
planning and advising.

3. To receive an allocation from the appropriation made by
subsection 1, a school district or charter school shall submit a plan
to the Department identifying which programs and assessments will
be provided to pupils in grades 8 and 10 and the number of pupils
that will participate, including, without limitation:

(a) The College Board's CollegeEd Program and PSAT; and

(b) The ACT's Explore Assessment and Plan Assessment.

4. The Department shall distribute the appropriation made by
subsection 1 in a fair and equitable manner to the school districts



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1 and charter schools which submit a plan based upon the number of
2 pupils participating in each school district or charter school.

3 5. The sums appropriated by subsection 1 are available for
4 either fiscal year. Any remaining balance of those sums must not be
5 committed for expenditure after June 30, 2009, by the entity to
6 which the appropriation is made or any entity to which money from
7 the appropriation is granted or otherwise transferred in any manner,
8 and any portion of the appropriated money remaining must not be
9 spent for any purpose after September 18, 2009, by either the entity
10 to which the money was appropriated or the entity to which the
11 money was subsequently granted or transferred, and must be
12 reverted to the State General Fund on or before September 18, 2009.

13 **Sec. 2.** 1. There is hereby appropriated from the State
14 General Fund to the Department of Education the sum of
15 \$1,718,000 for the provision of personal digital assistant
16 assessments.

17 2. The Department shall use the money appropriated by
18 subsection 1 to enter into a contract with a qualified, independent
19 consultant to provide a monitoring system using personal digital
20 assistant assessment technology in early literacy and mathematics
21 for pupils enrolled in kindergarten and grades 1 and 2.

22 3. To determine which public schools will participate in the
23 monitoring system provided by the consultant, the Department shall
24 use the list of the priorities of schools provided to the Commission
25 on Educational Excellence pursuant to NRS 385.3785. A school
26 must not be required to participate in the monitoring system.

27 4. Any remaining balance of the appropriation made by
28 subsection 1 must not be committed for expenditure after June 30,
29 2009, by the entity to which the appropriation is made or any entity
30 to which money from the appropriation is granted or otherwise
31 transferred in any manner, and any portion of the appropriated
32 money remaining must not be spent for any purpose after
33 September 18, 2009, by either the entity to which the money was
34 appropriated or the entity to which the money was subsequently
35 granted or transferred, and must be reverted to the State General
36 Fund on or before September 18, 2009.

37 **Sec. 3.** 1. There is hereby appropriated from the State
38 General Fund to the Department of Education:

39 For the Fiscal Year 2007-2008..... \$2,200,000
40 For the Fiscal Year 2008-2009..... \$3,300,000

41 2. The Department shall distribute the money appropriated by
42 subsection 1 based upon the percentage of pupils enrolled in each
43 school district who are limited English proficient. A school district
44 that receives an allocation shall use the money to provide a program



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whereby bilingual aides are placed in kindergarten classrooms to assist pupils in the classroom who are limited English proficient.

3. A school district that receives an allocation of money shall submit, on or before December 1, 2008, a written evaluation of the program to the Department in a format required by the Department.

4. On or before February 1, 2009, the Department shall submit a written report to the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for transmission to the 75th Session of the Nevada Legislature. The report must include, without limitation:

(a) The name of each school district that received a grant of money pursuant to this section and the amount of each grant;

(b) A compilation of the evaluations submitted by each school district pursuant to subsection 3;

(c) An evaluation of the programs on the achievement and proficiency of the pupils enrolled in the program, including, without limitation, achievement and proficiency in the English language; and

(d) Any recommendations for legislation relating to assisting pupils who are limited English proficient.

5. The sums appropriated by subsection 1 are available for either fiscal year. Any remaining balance of those sums must not be committed for expenditure after June 30, 2009, by the entity to which the appropriation is made or any entity to which money from the appropriation is granted or otherwise transferred in any manner, and any portion of the appropriated money remaining must not be spent for any purpose after September 18, 2009, by either the entity to which the money was appropriated or the entity to which the money was subsequently granted or transferred, and must be reverted to the State General Fund on or before September 18, 2009.

Sec. 4. 1. There is hereby appropriated from the State General Fund to the Interim Finance Committee:

For the Fiscal Year 2007-2008..... \$705,000

For the Fiscal Year 2008-2009..... \$550,000

2. The Interim Finance Committee shall use the money appropriated by subsection 1 to enter into a contract with a qualified, independent consultant to provide personalized study guides to assist pupils with the transition from middle school or junior high school to high school.

3. The sums appropriated by subsection 1 are available for either fiscal year. Any remaining balance of those sums must not be committed for expenditure after June 30, 2009, by the entity to which the appropriation is made or any entity to which money from the appropriation is granted or otherwise transferred in any manner, and any portion of the appropriated money remaining must not be spent for any purpose after September 18, 2009, by either the entity



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

4 **Sec. 5.** 1. There is hereby appropriated from the State
5 General Fund to the Interim Finance Committee:

6 For the Fiscal Year 2007-2008..... \$795,000

7 For the Fiscal Year 2008-2009..... \$750,000

8 2. The Interim Finance Committee shall use the money
9 appropriated by subsection 1 to enter into a contract with a
10 qualified, independent consultant to provide personalized study
11 guides to assist pupils who are enrolled in grades 11 and 12 with
12 passage of the high school proficiency examination.

13 3. The sums appropriated by subsection 1 are available for
14 either fiscal year. Any remaining balance of those sums must not be
15 committed for expenditure after June 30, 2009, by the entity to
16 which the appropriation is made or any entity to which money from
17 the appropriation is granted or otherwise transferred in any manner,
18 and any portion of the appropriated money remaining must not be
19 spent for any purpose after September 18, 2009, by either the entity
20 to which the money was appropriated or the entity to which the
21 money was subsequently granted or transferred, and must be
22 reverted to the State General Fund on or before September 18, 2009.

23 **Sec. 6.** 1. There is hereby appropriated from the State
24 General Fund to the Interim Finance Committee:

25 For the Fiscal Year 2007-2008..... \$1,400,000

26 For the Fiscal Year 2008-2009..... \$1,400,000

27 2. The Interim Finance Committee shall use the money
28 appropriated by subsection 1 to continue the contractual services of
29 a consultant to provide for the reporting of test scores of pupils, to
30 provide web-based data and instructional tools to address and
31 improve the performance of pupils on statewide examinations, and
32 to provide related services identified by the Interim Finance
33 Committee.

34 3. The sums appropriated by subsection 1 are available for
35 either fiscal year. Any remaining balance of those sums must not be
36 committed for expenditure after June 30, 2009, by the entity to
37 which the appropriation is made or any entity to which money from
38 the appropriation is granted or otherwise transferred in any manner,
39 and any portion of the appropriated money remaining must not be
40 spent for any purpose after September 18, 2009, by either the entity
41 to which the money was appropriated or the entity to which the
42 money was subsequently granted or transferred, and must be
43 reverted to the State General Fund on or before September 18, 2009.

44 **Sec. 7.** 1. The Department of Education shall transfer from
45 the State Distributive School Account to the school districts



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specified in this section the following sums for Fiscal Years 2007-2008 and 2008-2009:

<u>School District</u>	<u>2007-2008</u>	<u>2008-2009</u>
Clark County School District	\$7,496,422	\$7,642,159
Douglas County School District	\$1,698,676	\$1,734,164
Elko County School District	\$1,577,306	\$1,689,279
Washoe County School District	<u>\$2,658,372</u>	<u>\$2,791,285</u>
TOTAL:	\$13,430,776	\$13,856,887

2. A school district that receives an allocation pursuant to subsection 1 shall serve as fiscal agent for the respective regional training program for the professional development of teachers and administrators. As fiscal agent, each school district is responsible for payment, collection and holding of all money received from this State for the maintenance and support of the regional training program and Nevada Early Literacy Intervention Program established and operated by the applicable governing body.

3. The sums appropriated by subsection 1 are available for either fiscal year. Any remaining balance of those sums must not be committed for expenditure after June 30, 2009, by the entity to which the appropriation is made or any entity to which money from the appropriation is granted or otherwise transferred in any manner, and any portion of the appropriated money remaining must not be spent for any purpose after September 18, 2009, by either the entity to which the money was appropriated or the entity to which the money was subsequently granted or transferred, and must be reverted to the State General Fund on or before September 18, 2009.

Sec. 8. 1. The Legislative Bureau of Educational Accountability and Program Evaluation is hereby authorized to receive from the State Distributive School Account to spend for an evaluation of the regional training programs for the professional development of teachers and administrators created by NRS 391.512:

For the Fiscal Year 2007-2008.....	\$100,000
For the Fiscal Year 2008-2009.....	\$100,000

2. The sums appropriated by subsection 1 are available for either fiscal year. Any remaining balance of those sums must not be committed for expenditure after June 30, 2009, by the entity to which the appropriation is made or any entity to which money from the appropriation is granted or otherwise transferred in any manner, and any portion of the appropriated money remaining must not be spent for any purpose after September 18, 2009, by either the entity to which the money was appropriated or the entity to which the



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

3 **Sec. 9.** 1. The Department of Education shall transfer the
4 following sums from the State Distributive School Account to the
5 Statewide Council for the Coordination of the Regional Training
6 Programs created by NRS 391.516:

7 For the Fiscal Year 2007-2008..... \$120,000

8 For the Fiscal Year 2008-2009..... \$120,000

9 2. The Statewide Council shall use the money:

10 (a) To disseminate research-based knowledge related to
11 effective educational leadership behaviors and skills.

12 (b) To develop, support and maintain ongoing activities,
13 programs, training and networking opportunities.

14 (c) For purposes of providing additional training for educational
15 administrators, including, without limitation, to pay:

16 (1) Travel expenses of administrators who attend the training
17 program;

18 (2) Travel and per diem expenses for any consultants
19 contracted to provide additional training; and

20 (3) Any charges to obtain a conference room for the
21 provision of the additional training.

22 (d) To supplement and not replace the money that the school
23 district or the regional training program would otherwise expend for
24 the training of administrators as described in this section.

25 3. The sums appropriated by subsection 1 are available for
26 either fiscal year. Any remaining balance of those sums must not be
27 committed for expenditure after June 30, 2009, by the entity to
28 which the appropriation is made or any entity to which money from
29 the appropriation is granted or otherwise transferred in any manner,
30 and any portion of the appropriated money remaining must not be
31 spent for any purpose after September 18, 2009, by either the entity
32 to which the money was appropriated or the entity to which the
33 money was subsequently granted or transferred, and must be
34 reverted to the State General Fund on or before September 18, 2009.

35 **Sec. 10.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2007.

