

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 564—COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

(ON BEHALF OF THE NEVADA SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION)

MARCH 26, 2007

Referred to Concurrent Committees on  
Education and Ways and Means

SUMMARY—Creates and funds new scholarship programs for  
higher education. (BDR 34-277)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.

Effect on the State: Contains Appropriation 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 relating to education; creating the Nevada Science,  
Technology, Engineering and Math Scholarship Program;  
creating the Nevada Scholars Scholarship Program;  
creating the Nevada Nursing Scholarship  
Program; creating the Nevada Teaching Scholarship  
Program; making appropriations; and providing other  
matters properly relating thereto.

**Legislative Counsel's Digest:**

**Section 2** of this bill creates the Nevada Science, Technology, Engineering and  
Math Scholarship Program to award scholarships to students majoring in physical  
science, life science, computer science, technology or mathematics who satisfy the  
other criteria established for the scholarship. Each scholarship must not exceed  
\$4,000 per year, except that if the program of study of a student requires more than  
4 years, the student may receive a scholarship not to exceed \$8,000 for an  
additional year of study. The Scholarship Program may award a grant of up to  
\$4,000 to any recipient of such a scholarship who completes 2 years of employment  
as a teacher in an elementary or secondary school in this State in the field of  
physical science, life science, computer science, technology or mathematics.

**Section 6** of this bill appropriates \$700,000 for the Scholarship Program.

**Section 3** of this bill creates the Nevada Scholars Scholarship Program to  
award scholarships to students who have a cumulative grade point average of at  
least 3.8, are recipients of the Governor Guinn Millennium Scholarship, are  
nominated for the scholarship by the President of a university, state college or  
community college within the Nevada System of Higher Education and satisfy the  
other criteria established for the scholarship. **Section 3** also authorizes the provision



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of educationally beneficial activities to recipients of the scholarship. **Section 7** of this bill appropriates \$170,000 for the Scholarship Program.

**Section 4** of this bill creates the Nevada Nursing Scholarship Program to provide scholarships to students who are enrolled in a nursing program at a university, state college or community college within the System, have a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0, demonstrate sufficient financial need for the scholarship and satisfy the other criteria established for the scholarship. Each scholarship must not exceed \$4,000 per year. Each recipient of the scholarship is required to begin full-time employment as a licensed practical nurse or registered nurse in this State within 6 months after graduating and remain employed in such a capacity for a period equal to the period of education covered by the scholarship. Any recipient who fails to comply with the requirement must repay the Scholarship Program the full amount of the money received from the scholarship, plus interest. **Section 8** of this bill appropriates \$2,700,000 for the Scholarship Program.

**Section 5** of this bill creates the Nevada Teaching Scholarship Program to provide scholarships to students who are enrolled in a teaching program at a university, state college or community college within the System, have a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0, demonstrate sufficient financial need for the scholarship and satisfy the other criteria established for the scholarship. Each scholarship must not exceed \$4,000 per year. Each recipient of the scholarship is required to begin full-time employment as a teacher in an elementary or secondary school in this State within 6 months after graduating and remain employed in such a capacity for a period equal to the period of education covered by the scholarship. Any recipient who fails to comply with the requirement must repay the Scholarship Program the full amount of the money received from the scholarship, plus interest. **Section 9** of this bill appropriates \$2,500,000 for the Scholarship Program.

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

**Section 1.** Chapter 396 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto the provisions set forth as sections 2 to 5, inclusive, of this act.

**Sec. 2. 1. *The Nevada Science, Technology, Engineering and Math Scholarship Program is hereby created.***

**2. *A student is eligible to receive a scholarship pursuant to this section if the student:***

**(a) *Is enrolled full-time at a university, state college or community college within the System;***

**(b) *Is majoring in physical science, life science, computer science, technology or mathematics;***

**(c) *Has a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0 in course work required for the major;***

**(d) *Is in his third or fourth year of undergraduate study;***

**(e) *Has received a National Science and Mathematics Access to Retain Talent Grant for the year of study covered by the scholarship; and***



*(f) Complies with all policies and procedures adopted by the Board of Regents pursuant to subsection 7.*

*3. The amount of a scholarship awarded pursuant to subsection 2 must not exceed \$4,000 per year.*

*4. If a student who receives a scholarship awarded pursuant to subsection 2 is enrolled in an undergraduate program that requires more than 4 years of study, the student may receive an additional scholarship from the program that must not exceed \$8,000 for an additional year of study if the student satisfies the requirements of paragraphs (a), (b), (c) and (f) of subsection 2.*

*5. The Scholarship Program may award a grant that must not exceed \$4,000 to any recipient of a scholarship pursuant to this section who completes 2 years of employment as a teacher in an elementary or secondary school in this State in the field of physical science, life science, computer science, technology or mathematics.*

*6. The Board of Regents may accept any gift, grant, bequest or donation specifically designated for the Scholarship Program by the donor.*

*7. The Board of Regents shall:*

*(a) Receive, invest, disburse and account separately for all money received for the Scholarship Program; and*

*(b) Adopt appropriate policies and procedures to carry out the Scholarship Program.*

*Sec. 3. 1. The Nevada Scholars Scholarship Program is hereby created.*

*2. A student is eligible to receive a scholarship pursuant to this section if the student:*

*(a) Is a Nevada resident;*

*(b) Is a recipient of the Governor Guinn Millennium Scholarship;*

*(c) Is enrolled full-time at a university, state college or community college within the System;*

*(d) Has completed at least 30 credits at a university, state college or community college within the System;*

*(e) Has a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.8; and*

*(f) Complies with all policies and procedures adopted by the Board of Regents pursuant to subsection 9.*

*3. A student who wishes to apply for a scholarship pursuant to this section must:*

*(a) Be nominated for the scholarship by the President of a university, state college or community college within the System; and*

*(b) Submit with his application:*



1       (1) Two or more references from faculty members at a  
2 university, state college or community college within the System;  
3 and

4       (2) One or more samples of outstanding work produced by  
5 the student at a university, state college or community college  
6 within the System.

7       4. If the number of qualified applicants for a scholarship  
8 pursuant to this section exceeds the number of available  
9 scholarships, preference must be given to any applicant who is  
10 entering his senior year.

11       5. The Scholarship Program shall provide each recipient of a  
12 scholarship pursuant to this section with a faculty mentor from the  
13 institution at which the recipient is enrolled and may, without  
14 limitation, provide such a recipient with opportunities to travel,  
15 attend special symposia and experience activities designed to  
16 extend education beyond the classroom.

17       6. Each recipient of a scholarship pursuant to this section  
18 and his faculty mentor shall jointly develop a plan designed to  
19 enhance the educational experience of the recipient and  
20 recommend educationally beneficial activities for recipients of the  
21 scholarship.

22       7. The Board of Regents shall establish a Nevada Scholars  
23 Committee to study issues relating to the reputation for excellence  
24 of the institutions within the System and to support the  
25 Scholarship Program. The Chairman of the Board of Regents  
26 shall appoint the members of the Committee. The members of the  
27 Committee serve without compensation.

28       8. The Board of Regents may accept any gift, grant, bequest  
29 or donation specifically designated for the Scholarship Program  
30 by the donor.

31       9. The Board of Regents shall:

32       (a) Receive, invest, disburse and account separately for all  
33 money received for the Scholarship Program; and

34       (b) Adopt appropriate policies and procedures to carry out the  
35 Scholarship Program.

36       Sec. 4. 1. The Nevada Nursing Scholarship Program is  
37 hereby created.

38       2. A student is eligible to receive a scholarship pursuant to  
39 this section if the student:

40       (a) Is enrolled in a nursing program at a university, state  
41 college or community college within the System;

42       (b) Has a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0;

43       (c) Demonstrates sufficient financial need for the scholarship;  
44 and



(d) *Complies with all policies and procedures adopted by the Board of Regents pursuant to subsection 8.*

3. *If the number of qualified applicants for a scholarship pursuant to this section exceeds the number of available scholarships, preference must be given to any applicant who is entering his senior year.*

4. *The amount of a scholarship awarded pursuant to subsection 2 must not exceed \$4,000 per year.*

5. *If a student who receives a scholarship awarded pursuant to subsection 2 is enrolled in a nursing program that requires more than 4 years of study, the student may receive an additional scholarship from the Scholarship Program that must not exceed \$4,000 for an additional year of study if the student satisfies the requirements of subsection 2.*

6. *Each recipient of a scholarship pursuant to this section must begin full-time employment as a licensed practical nurse or registered nurse in this State within 6 months after graduating and remain employed in such a capacity for a period equal to the period of education covered by the scholarship. Any recipient of a scholarship pursuant to this section who fails to comply with the requirements of this subsection is liable for repayment to the Scholarship Program of the full amount of the money received from the scholarship, plus interest at the rate of 7 percent per year computed from the date of receipt of the money.*

7. *The Board of Regents may accept any gift, grant, bequest or donation specifically designated for the Scholarship Program by the donor.*

8. *The Board of Regents shall:*

(a) *Receive, invest, disburse and account separately for all money received for the Scholarship Program; and*

(b) *Adopt appropriate policies and procedures to carry out the Scholarship Program.*

**Sec. 5. 1. The Nevada Teaching Scholarship Program is hereby created.**

2. *A student is eligible to receive a scholarship pursuant to this section if the student:*

(a) *Is enrolled in a teaching program at a university, state college or community college within the System;*

(b) *Has a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0;*

(c) *Demonstrates sufficient financial need for the scholarship; and*

(d) *Complies with all policies and procedures adopted by the Board of Regents pursuant to subsection 8.*

3. *If the number of qualified applicants for a scholarship pursuant to this section exceeds the number of available*



1 *scholarships, preference must be given to any applicant who is*  
2 *majoring in science education, mathematics education, special*  
3 *education or bilingual education.*

4 *4. The amount of a scholarship awarded pursuant to*  
5 *subsection 2 must not exceed \$4,000 per year.*

6 *5. If a student who receives a scholarship awarded pursuant*  
7 *to subsection 2 is enrolled in a teaching program that requires*  
8 *more than 4 years of study, the student may receive an additional*  
9 *scholarship from the Scholarship Program that must not exceed*  
10 *\$4,000 for an additional year of study if the student satisfies the*  
11 *requirements of subsection 2.*

12 *6. Each recipient of a scholarship pursuant to this section*  
13 *must begin full-time employment as a teacher in an elementary or*  
14 *secondary school in this State within 6 months after graduating*  
15 *and remain employed in such a capacity for a period equal to the*  
16 *period of education covered by the scholarship. Any recipient of a*  
17 *scholarship pursuant to this section who fails to comply with the*  
18 *requirements of this subsection is liable for repayment to the*  
19 *Scholarship Program of the full amount of the money received*  
20 *from the scholarship, plus interest at the rate of 7 percent per year*  
21 *computed from the date of receipt of the money.*

22 *7. The Board of Regents may accept any gift, grant, bequest*  
23 *or donation specifically designated for the Scholarship Program*  
24 *by the donor.*

25 *8. The Board of Regents shall:*

26 *(a) Receive, invest, disburse and account separately for all*  
27 *money received for the Scholarship Program; and*

28 *(b) Adopt appropriate policies and procedures to carry out the*  
29 *Scholarship Program.*

30 **Sec. 6.** 1. There is hereby appropriated from the State  
31 General Fund to the Board of Regents of the University of Nevada  
32 the sum of \$700,000 for providing scholarships pursuant to the  
33 Nevada Science, Technology, Engineering and Math Scholarship  
34 Program created by section 2 of this act.

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



1     **Sec. 7.** 1. There is hereby appropriated from the State  
2 General Fund to the Board of Regents of the University of Nevada:

3     (a) For providing scholarships pursuant to the Nevada Scholars  
4 Scholarship Program created by section 3 of this act, the sum of  
5 \$150,000.

6     (b) For providing educationally beneficial activities for  
7 recipients of such scholarships, the sum of \$20,000.

8     2. Any remaining balance of the appropriations made by  
9 subsection 1 must not be committed for expenditure after June 30,  
10 2009, by the entity to which the appropriation is made or any entity  
11 to which money from the appropriation is granted or otherwise  
12 transferred in any manner, and any portion of the appropriated  
13 money remaining must not be spent for any purpose after  
14 September 18, 2009, by either the entity to which the money was  
15 appropriated or the entity to which the money was subsequently  
16 granted or transferred, and must be reverted to the State General  
17 Fund on or before September 18, 2009.

18     **Sec. 8.** 1. There is hereby appropriated from the State  
19 General Fund to the Board of Regents of the University of Nevada  
20 the sum of \$2,700,000 for providing scholarships pursuant to the  
21 Nevada Nursing Scholarship Program created by section 4 of this  
22 act.

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

33     **Sec. 9.** 1. There is hereby appropriated from the State  
34 General Fund to the Board of Regents of the University of Nevada  
35 the sum of \$2,500,000 for providing scholarships pursuant to the  
36 Nevada Teaching Scholarship Program created by section 5 of this  
37 act.

38     2. Any remaining balance of the appropriation made by  
39 subsection 1 must not be committed for expenditure after June 30,  
40 2009, by the entity to which the appropriation is made or any entity  
41 to which money from the appropriation is granted or otherwise  
42 transferred in any manner, and any portion of the appropriated  
43 money remaining must not be spent for any purpose after  
44 September 18, 2009, by either the entity to which the money was  
45 appropriated or the entity to which the money was subsequently



- 1 granted or transferred, and must be reverted to the State General
- 2 Fund on or before September 18, 2009.
- 3 **Sec. 10.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2007.

