

ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 33—
COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

MAY 25, 2007

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

SUMMARY—Directs the Legislative Commission to conduct an
interim study concerning funding for public
education in Nevada. (BDR R-1508)

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EXPLANATION – Matter in ***bolded italics*** is new; matter between brackets **[omitted-material]** is material to be omitted.

ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION—Directing the
Legislative Commission to conduct an interim study
concerning funding for public education in Nevada.

1 WHEREAS, The number of pupils enrolled in K-12 public
2 education in this State has increased approximately 52 percent in the
3 last 10 years, however, the percentage of the total State General
4 Fund appropriations for K-12 public education has remained
5 relatively stable during that period at approximately 33 percent; and

6 WHEREAS, Current estimates indicate that the statewide average
7 amount of money expended per pupil by this State and its local
8 school districts combined is approximately \$1,769 below the most
9 current national average; and

10 WHEREAS, During the 2005-2007 interim, the ACR 10 interim
11 committee studied the adequacy of the system of school finance in
12 Nevada and the report and recommendations produced by that study
13 should be further reviewed and examined; now, therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE
15 SENATE CONCURRING, That the Legislative Commission is hereby
16 directed to appoint a committee composed of three members of the
17 Assembly and three members of the Senate, one of whom must be
18 appointed as chairman of the committee, to conduct an interim study
19 concerning funding for public education and public school financing
20 in Nevada; and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That the study must include, without limitation:



1 1. Additional review of the ACR 10 report, including, without
2 limitation, a method to implement a weighted pupil enrollment
3 formula for special education pupils and English language learner
4 pupils as well as funding for school transportation;

5 2. A review of spending priorities as they relate to pupil
6 achievement, an identification of cost efficiencies and possible
7 methods to consolidate services to ensure cost efficiency;

8 3. A review of the expenditures for K-12 public education that
9 are necessary to meet or exceed the standards for pupil achievement;

10 4. A review of the teacher shortage by school district,
11 including, without limitation, efforts to recruit and retain teachers, a
12 comparison of teacher salaries and benefits with other states, the use
13 of substitute teachers and the use of teachers who are not highly
14 qualified, and the impact of these items on pupil achievement; and

15 5. A study of revenue sources as well as the effect of the tax
16 abatements that have an impact on the revenue to and distributions
17 from the State Distributive School Account; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That any recommended legislation proposed by the
19 committee must be approved by a majority of the members of the
20 Assembly and a majority of the members of the Senate appointed to
21 the committee; and be it further

22 RESOLVED, That the Legislative Commission shall submit a
23 report of the results of the study and any recommendations for
24 legislation to the 75th Session of the Nevada Legislature.

