

SENATE BILL NO. 143—COMMITTEE ON  
HUMAN RESOURCES AND EDUCATION

(ON BEHALF OF THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION)

FEBRUARY 22, 2007

Referred to Committee on Human Resources and Education

SUMMARY—Revises provisions governing pupils and parents.  
(BDR 34-415)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: May have Fiscal Impact.  
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 education; requiring certain schools to provide reports to parents and legal guardians of pupils regarding the involvement of the parents and legal guardians in the education of their children; requiring support teams established for certain schools to review certain information; establishing an interim Advisory Council on Parental Involvement; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**Legislative Counsel's Digest:**

The statewide system of accountability for public schools requires that public schools be designated each year based upon adequate yearly progress. (NRS 385.3623) A support team must be established for each public school that is designated as demonstrating need for improvement for 3 consecutive years or more. (NRS 385.3721) Each support team is required to review certain information pertaining to the school and revise the school's plan to improve accordingly. (NRS 385.3741) **Section 1** of this bill requires the support team to review information provided to the support team concerning educational involvement accords and reports of parental involvement.

**Section 2** of this bill requires each elementary school that is designated as demonstrating need for improvement for 3 consecutive years or more to provide to each parent and legal guardian of a pupil enrolled in the school, on a form prescribed by the Department of Education, a report on the involvement of the parent or legal guardian in the education of the pupil. Aggregate information



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concerning the completed reports must be provided to the support team established for the school.

Under existing law, each public school is required to provide to each parent or legal guardian of a pupil an educational involvement accord. The accord provides information concerning the responsibilities of the parent or legal guardian, the pupil and the school in the education of the pupil. (NRS 392.4575) **Section 3** of this bill requires principals of schools designated as demonstrating need for improvement for 3 consecutive years or more to provide aggregate information concerning the accords to the support team established for the school.

Under existing law, each classroom teacher is required to provide the code of honor relating to cheating to the parent or legal guardian of each pupil enrolled in his class as part of the educational involvement accord. (NRS 392.4575) **Section 4** of this bill requires provision of the code of honor relating to cheating to the pupil as well as his parent or legal guardian for their signature on that document. (NRS 392.461)

**Sections 5 and 6** of this bill establish an interim Advisory Council on Parental Involvement to study issues relating to parental involvement in education.

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

**Section 1.** NRS 385.3741 is hereby amended to read as follows:

385.3741 1. Each support team established for a public school pursuant to NRS 385.3721 shall:

(a) Review and analyze the operation of the school, including, without limitation, the design and operation of the instructional program of the school.

(b) Review and analyze the data pertaining to the school upon which the report required pursuant to subsection 2 of NRS 385.347 is based and review and analyze any data that is more recent than the data upon which the report is based.

(c) Review the most recent plan to improve the achievement of the school's pupils.

(d) *Review the information concerning the educational involvement accords provided to the support team pursuant to NRS 392.4575 and the information concerning the reports of parental involvement provided to the support team pursuant to section 2 of this act.*

(e) Identify and investigate the problems and factors at the school that contributed to the designation of the school as demonstrating need for improvement.

~~(e)~~ (f) Assist the school in developing recommendations for improving the performance of pupils who are enrolled in the school.

~~(f)~~ (g) Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph, make recommendations to the board of trustees of the school district, the State Board and the Department concerning additional assistance for



1 the school in carrying out the plan for improvement of the school.  
2 For a charter school sponsored by the State Board, the support team  
3 shall make the recommendations to the State Board and the  
4 Department.

5 ~~[(g)]~~ (h) In accordance with its findings pursuant to this section  
6 and NRS 385.3742, submit, on or before November 1, written  
7 revisions to the most recent plan to improve the achievement of the  
8 school's pupils for approval pursuant to NRS 385.357. The written  
9 revisions must:

10 (1) Comply with NRS 385.357;

11 (2) If the school is a Title I school, be developed in  
12 consultation with parents and guardians of pupils enrolled in the  
13 school and, to the extent deemed appropriate by the entity that  
14 created the support team, outside experts;

15 (3) Include the data and findings of the support team that  
16 provide support for the revisions;

17 (4) Set forth goals, objectives, tasks and measures for the  
18 school that are:

19 (I) Designed to improve the achievement of the school's  
20 pupils;

21 (II) Specific;

22 (III) Measurable; and

23 (IV) Conducive to reliable evaluation;

24 (5) Set forth a timeline to carry out the revisions;

25 (6) Set forth priorities for the school in carrying out the  
26 revisions; and

27 (7) Set forth the ~~[(names)]~~ name and duties of each person  
28 who is responsible for carrying out the revisions.

29 ~~[(h)]~~ (i) Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph, work  
30 cooperatively with the board of trustees of the school district in  
31 which the school is located, the employees of the school, and the  
32 parents and guardians of pupils enrolled in the school to carry out  
33 and monitor the plan for improvement of the school. If a charter  
34 school is sponsored by the State Board, the Department shall assist  
35 the school with carrying out and monitoring the plan for  
36 improvement of the school.

37 ~~[(i)]~~ (j) Prepare a monthly progress report in the format  
38 prescribed by the Department and:

39 (1) Submit the progress report to the Department.

40 (2) Distribute copies of the progress report to each employee  
41 of the school for review.

42 ~~[(j)]~~ (k) In addition to the requirements of this section, if the  
43 support team is established for a Title I school, carry out the  
44 requirements of 20 U.S.C. § 6317(a)(5).



2. A school support team may require the school for which the support team was established to submit plans, strategies, tasks and measures that, in the determination of the support team, will assist the school in improving the achievement and proficiency of pupils enrolled in the school.

3. The Department shall prescribe a concise monthly progress report for use by each support team in accordance with paragraph ~~(i)~~ (j) of subsection 1.

**Sec. 2.** Chapter 392 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

*1. If an elementary school, including, without limitation, a charter school that operates as an elementary school, is designated as demonstrating need for improvement pursuant to NRS 385.3623 for 3 consecutive years or more, the school is required to provide to the parent or legal guardian of each pupil enrolled in the school a report on the involvement of the parent or legal guardian in the education of the pupil. The school shall use the form prescribed by the Department pursuant to subsection 2 or an expanded form prescribed pursuant to subsection 4, if applicable, to provide the reports.*

*2. The Department shall:*

*(a) Prescribe a form for use by the schools required by subsection 1 to provide reports to parents and legal guardians of pupils on the involvement of the parents and legal guardians in the education of their children;*

*(b) Work in consultation with the Legislative Bureau of Educational Accountability and Program Evaluation, the Nevada Association of School Boards, the Nevada State Education Association and the Nevada Parent Teacher Association in the development of the form of parental involvement; and*

*(c) Make the form of parental involvement available in electronic format for use by school districts and charter schools and, upon request, in any other manner deemed reasonable by the Department.*

*3. The form of parental involvement must include, without limitation:*

*(a) A notice to parents and legal guardians that:*

*(1) Parental involvement is a factor in ensuring the success of the plan to improve the achievement of pupils prepared for each school pursuant to NRS 385.357; and*

*(2) Each elementary school which is designated as demonstrating need for improvement pursuant to NRS 385.3623 for 3 consecutive years or more is required to provide to each parent and legal guardian of a pupil enrolled in the school a*



1 *report on the involvement of the parent or legal guardian in the*  
2 *education of the pupil;*

3 *(b) A report of whether the parent or legal guardian ensures*  
4 *the attendance and punctuality of the pupil, including, without*  
5 *limitation, whether the pupil:*

6 *(1) Completes his homework assignments in a timely*  
7 *manner; and*

8 *(2) Is present in the classroom when school begins each*  
9 *day and is present for the entire school day unless his absence is*  
10 *approved in accordance with NRS 392.130;*

11 *(c) A report of whether the parent or legal guardian ensures*  
12 *the health and safety of the pupil, including, without limitation,*  
13 *whether:*

14 *(1) Current information is on file with the school that*  
15 *designates each person whom the school should contact if an*  
16 *emergency involving the pupil occurs;*

17 *(2) Current information is on file with the school regarding*  
18 *the health of the pupil, such as immunization records, if*  
19 *applicable, and any special medical needs of the pupil;*

20 *(3) The parent or legal guardian and the pupil abide by any*  
21 *applicable rules and policies of the school and the school district;*  
22 *and*

23 *(4) The pupil is dressed appropriately for public school;*  
24 *and*

25 *(d) A report of the participation of the parent or legal*  
26 *guardian, including, without limitation, whether the parent or*  
27 *legal guardian:*

28 *(1) Completes forms and other documents that are required*  
29 *by the school or school district in a timely manner;*

30 *(2) Assists in carrying out a plan to improve the pupil's*  
31 *academic achievement, if applicable;*

32 *(3) Attends conferences between the teacher and the parent*  
33 *or legal guardian, if applicable; and*

34 *(4) Attends school activities.*

35 *4. The board of trustees of a school district or the governing*  
36 *body of a charter school may prescribe an expanded form that*  
37 *contains additions to the form prescribed by the Department*  
38 *pursuant to subsection 2 if the expanded form is set forth in an*  
39 *identical format as the form prescribed by the Department and*  
40 *contains the information set forth in subsection 3.*

41 *5. A report of parental involvement provided to a parent or*  
42 *legal guardian pursuant to this section must not be used in a*  
43 *manner that:*

44 *(a) Interferes unreasonably with the personal privacy of the*  
45 *parent or legal guardian or the pupil;*



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(b) *Reprimands the parent or legal guardian; or*  
(c) *Affects the grade or report of progress given to a pupil based upon the information contained in the report of parental involvement.*

6. *If an elementary school is required to provide reports of parental involvement to parents and legal guardians of pupils enrolled in the school, the principal of the school shall ensure that each report is completed twice each school year at the same time at which the teacher prepares a report on the progress of the pupil. A report of parental involvement that is completed by a teacher pursuant to this section must be delivered to the parent or legal guardian of a pupil in the same manner as the report of the progress of the pupil is delivered to the parent or legal guardian. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, one report on parental involvement must be completed for each household of a pupil. If the parents of a pupil do not reside in the same household, the principal of the school in which the pupil is enrolled shall determine whether one report on parental involvement must be completed or whether a report for each parent must be completed.*

7. *If a pupil has more than one teacher who provides classroom instruction to the pupil, the principal of the elementary school shall designate one of the pupil's teachers to complete the report of parental involvement. The teacher who is so designated by the principal shall consult with the other teachers who provide classroom instruction to the pupil to ensure that the teacher has all the information necessary to complete the report.*

8. *The principal of each elementary school that is required to provide reports of parental involvement pursuant to this section shall provide to:*

(a) *Each teacher who is required to complete a report of parental involvement all the information necessary to ensure completion of the report if the teacher does not have such information in his possession.*

(b) *The support team established for the school pursuant to NRS 385.3721 the information contained in the completed reports of parental involvement for consideration by the support team. The information must be provided in an aggregated format and must not disclose the identity of an individual parent, legal guardian or pupil.*

**Sec. 3.** NRS 392.4575 is hereby amended to read as follows:

392.4575 1. The Department shall prescribe a form for educational involvement accords to be used by all public schools in this State. The educational involvement accord must comply with the parental involvement policy:



(a) Required by the federal No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, as set forth in 20 U.S.C. § 6318.

(b) Adopted by the State Board pursuant to NRS 392.457.

2. Each educational involvement accord must include, without limitation:

(a) A description of how the parent or legal guardian will be involved in the education of the pupil, including, without limitation:

(1) Reading to the pupil, as applicable for the grade or reading level of the pupil;

(2) Reviewing and checking the pupil's homework; and

(3) Contributing 5 hours of time each school year, including, without limitation, by attending school-related activities, parent-teacher association meetings, parent-teacher conferences, volunteering at the school and chaperoning school-sponsored activities.

(b) The responsibilities of a pupil in a public school, including, without limitation:

(1) Reading each day before or after school, as applicable for the grade or reading level of the pupil;

(2) Using all school equipment and property appropriately and safely;

(3) Following the directions of any adult member of the staff of the school;

(4) Completing and submitting homework in a timely manner; and

(5) Respecting himself, others and all property.

(c) The responsibilities of a public school and the administrators, teachers and other personnel employed at a school, including, without limitation:

(1) Ensuring that each pupil is provided proper instruction, supervision and interaction;

(2) Maximizing the educational and social experience of each pupil;

(3) Carrying out the professional responsibility of educators to seek the best interest of each pupil; and

(4) Making staff available to the parents and legal guardians of pupils to discuss the concerns of parents and legal guardians regarding the pupils.

3. Each educational involvement accord must be accompanied by, without limitation:

(a) Information describing how the parent or legal guardian may contact the pupil's teacher and the principal of the school in which the pupil is enrolled;

(b) The curriculum of the course or standards for the grade in which the pupil is enrolled, as applicable, including, without



1 limitation, a calendar that indicates the dates of major examinations  
2 and the due dates of significant projects, if those dates are known by  
3 the teacher at the time that the information is distributed;

4 (c) The homework and grading policies of the pupil's teacher or  
5 school;

6 (d) Directions for finding resource materials for the course or  
7 grade in which the pupil is enrolled, as applicable;

8 (e) Suggestions for parents and legal guardians to assist pupils in  
9 their schoolwork at home;

10 (f) The dates of scheduled conferences between teachers or  
11 administrators and the parents or legal guardians of the pupil;

12 (g) The manner in which reports of the pupil's progress will be  
13 delivered to the parent or legal guardian and how a parent or legal  
14 guardian may request a report of progress;

15 (h) The classroom rules and policies;

16 (i) The dress code of the school, if any;

17 (j) The availability of assistance to parents who have limited  
18 proficiency in the English language;

19 (k) Information describing the availability of free and reduced-  
20 price meals, including, without limitation, information regarding  
21 school breakfast, school lunch and summer meal programs;

22 (l) Opportunities for parents and legal guardians to become  
23 involved in the education of their children and to volunteer for the  
24 school or class; and

25 (m) The code of honor relating to cheating prescribed pursuant  
26 to NRS 392.461.

27 4. The board of trustees of each school district shall adopt a  
28 policy providing for the development and distribution of the  
29 educational involvement accord. The policy adopted by a board of  
30 trustees must require each classroom teacher to:

31 (a) Distribute the educational involvement accord to the parent  
32 or legal guardian of each pupil in his class at the beginning of each  
33 school year or upon a pupil's enrollment in the class, as applicable;  
34 and

35 (b) Provide the parent or legal guardian with a reasonable  
36 opportunity to sign the educational involvement accord.

37 5. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the board of  
38 trustees of each school district shall ensure that the form prescribed  
39 by the Department is used for the educational involvement accord of  
40 each public school in the school district. The board of trustees of a  
41 school district may authorize the use of an expanded form that  
42 contains additions to the form prescribed by the Department if the  
43 basic information contained in the expanded form complies with the  
44 form prescribed by the Department.





6. The Department and the board of trustees of each school district shall, at least once each year, review and amend their respective educational involvement accords.

*7. If an elementary school is designated as demonstrating need for improvement pursuant to NRS 385.3623 for 3 consecutive years or more, the principal of the school shall provide to the support team established for the school pursuant to NRS 385.3721 information concerning the distribution of the educational involvement accord and the number of accords which were signed and returned by parents and legal guardians. The information must be provided in an aggregated format and must not disclose the identity of an individual parent, legal guardian or pupil.*

**Sec. 4.** NRS 392.461 is hereby amended to read as follows:

392.461 1. The Department shall prescribe by regulation a written policy that establishes a code of honor for pupils relating to cheating on examinations and course work. The policy must be developed in consultation with the boards of trustees of school districts, the governing bodies of charter schools, educational personnel employed by school districts and charter schools, and local associations and organizations of parents whose children are enrolled in public schools throughout this State.

2. The policy must include, without limitation, a definition of cheating that clearly and concisely informs pupils which acts constitute cheating for purposes of the code of honor.

3. On or before July 1 of each year, the Department shall:

(a) Provide a copy of the code of honor to the board of trustees of each school district and the governing body of each charter school.

(b) Review and amend the code of honor as necessary.

4. Copies of the code of honor must be made available for inspection at each public school located within a school district, including, without limitation, each charter school, in an area on the grounds of the school that is open to the public.

**5. Each classroom teacher shall:**

*(a) Distribute the code of honor to each pupil enrolled in his class and to the parent or legal guardian of each pupil enrolled in his class at the beginning of each school year or upon a pupil's enrollment in his class, as applicable;*

*(b) Provide the pupil and the parent or legal guardian of the pupil with a reasonable opportunity to sign the code of honor; and*

*(c) If the code of honor is returned with the signatures, retain a copy of the signed code of honor in the pupil's file.*

**Sec. 5.** 1. The Superintendent of Public Instruction shall establish an Advisory Council on Parental Involvement. All



1 appointments to the Advisory Council must be made on or before  
2 September 1, 2007.

3 2. The Superintendent of Public Instruction shall appoint the  
4 following members to the Advisory Council:

5 (a) Two parents or legal guardians of pupils enrolled in public  
6 schools;

7 (b) Two teachers in public schools;

8 (c) One administrator of a public school;

9 (d) One representative of a private business or industry;

10 (e) One member of the board of trustees of a school district in a  
11 county whose population is 100,000 or more; and

12 (f) One member of the board of trustees of a school district in a  
13 county whose population is less than 100,000.

14 ➔ The Superintendent of Public Instruction shall, to the extent  
15 practicable, ensure that the members he appoints to the Advisory  
16 Council reflect the ethnic, economic and geographic diversity of this  
17 State.

18 3. The Speaker of the Assembly shall appoint one  
19 Assemblyman to the Advisory Council.

20 4. The Majority Leader of the Senate shall appoint one Senator  
21 to the Advisory Council.

22 5. The Advisory Council shall elect a Chairman and a Vice  
23 Chairman from among its members.

24 6. The Department of Education shall provide:

25 (a) Administrative support to the Advisory Council; and

26 (b) All information that is necessary for the Advisory Council to  
27 carry out its duties.

28 7. For each day or portion of a day during which a member of  
29 the Advisory Council who is a Legislator attends a meeting of the  
30 Advisory Council or is otherwise engaged in the business of  
31 the Advisory Council, except during a regular or special session of  
32 the Legislature, he is entitled to receive the:

33 (a) Compensation provided for a majority of the members of the  
34 Legislature during the first 60 days of the preceding regular session;

35 (b) Per diem allowance provided for state officers and  
36 employees generally; and

37 (c) Travel expenses provided pursuant to NRS 218.2207.

38 ➔ The compensation, per diem allowances and travel expenses of  
39 the legislative members of the Advisory Council must be paid from  
40 the Legislative Fund.

41 8. A member of the Advisory Council who is not a Legislator  
42 is entitled to receive the per diem allowance and travel expenses  
43 provided for state officers and employees generally for each day or  
44 portion of a day during which he attends a meeting of the Advisory  
45 Council or is otherwise engaged in the business of the Advisory



1 Council. The per diem allowance and travel expenses for the  
2 nonlegislative members of the Advisory Council must be paid by  
3 the Department of Education.

4 **Sec. 6.** The Advisory Council on Parental Involvement  
5 established pursuant to section 5 of this act shall:

6 1. Review the policy of parental involvement adopted by the  
7 State Board of Education and the policy of parental involvement  
8 adopted by the board of trustees of each school district pursuant to  
9 NRS 392.457;

10 2. Review the information relating to communication with and  
11 participation of parents that is included in the annual report of  
12 accountability for each school district pursuant to paragraph (j) of  
13 subsection 2 of NRS 385.347;

14 3. Review any effective practices carried out in individual  
15 school districts in this State to increase parental involvement and  
16 determine the feasibility of carrying out those practices on a  
17 statewide basis;

18 4. Review any effective practices carried out in other states to  
19 increase parental involvement and determine the feasibility of  
20 carrying out those practices in this State;

21 5. Identify methods to effectively communicate and provide  
22 outreach to parents and legal guardians of pupils who have limited  
23 time to become involved in the education of their children for  
24 various reasons, including, without limitation, work schedules,  
25 single-parent homes and other family obligations;

26 6. Identify the manner in which the level of parental  
27 involvement affects the performance, attendance and discipline of  
28 pupils;

29 7. Identify methods to effectively communicate with and  
30 provide outreach to parents and legal guardians of pupils who are  
31 limited English proficient, as defined in NRS 385.007;

32 8. Determine the necessity for the appointment of a statewide  
33 parental involvement coordinator or a parental involvement  
34 coordinator in each school district, or both;

35 9. On or before August 1, 2008, submit a preliminary written  
36 report to the Legislative Committee on Education; and

37 10. On or before February 1, 2009, submit a final written report  
38 of its findings and any recommendations for legislation to the  
39 Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for transmission to the  
40 next regular session of the Legislature.

41 **Sec. 7.** On or before September 1, 2007, the Department of  
42 Education shall prescribe a form in accordance with section 2 of this  
43 act for use commencing with the 2007-2008 school year by  
44 elementary schools that have been designated as demonstrating need



1 for improvement pursuant to NRS 385.3623 for 3 consecutive years  
2 or more.

3 **Sec. 8.** 1. This act becomes effective on July 1, 2007.

4 2. Sections 5 and 6 of this act expire by limitation on June 30,  
5 2009.

