

SENATE BILL NO. 225—SENATOR CARE

MARCH 7, 2007

Referred to Committee on Finance

SUMMARY—Makes an appropriation to the Department of Education for the development of a program that provides electronic access to the records of pupils. (BDR S-463)

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 an appropriation to the Department of Education for the development of a program that provides electronic access to information relating to pupils; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

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

- 1 **Section 1.** 1. There is hereby appropriated from the State
2 General Fund to the Department of Education the sum of
3 \$1,500,000 for the development of a program which allows parents
4 and legal guardians of pupils enrolled in public schools to access
5 electronically certain information concerning their children and
6 which allows certain other persons to access that information
7 electronically.
8 2. Any remaining balance of the appropriation 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



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

3 **Sec. 2.** 1. The Department of Education shall use the money
4 appropriated by section 1 of this act to enter into a contract with a
5 qualified, independent consultant for the development of a program
6 which allows parents and legal guardians of pupils to access
7 electronically certain information concerning their children and
8 which allows certain other persons to access that information
9 electronically.

10 2. The request for proposals issued by the Department must
11 require the vendors who apply for the contract to identify whether
12 the vendor's program will:

13 (a) Provide access for parents and legal guardians by telephone
14 to receive the information;

15 (b) Allow school administrators to verify the grades of pupils
16 that are posted electronically;

17 (c) Provide electronic notification to groups, including, without
18 limitation, parents, pupils and specific grade levels, and allow the
19 attachment of documents or files to the electronic message;

20 (d) Acquire information from the automated system of
21 accountability information for Nevada;

22 (e) Allow for the update of information concerning a pupil on a
23 daily basis;

24 (f) Provide access to entries in grade books made by teachers;

25 (g) Link information for siblings of the same parent to a single
26 account and provide access to the information concerning each
27 sibling through that single account with a single password;

28 (h) Allow multiple authorized users to simultaneously run the
29 same report;

30 (i) Provide access to a pupil's attendance record on-line;

31 (j) Allow a parent to update his contact information;

32 (k) Identify the homework and other assignments of a pupil and
33 any homework or other assignments that are not completed and
34 returned in a timely manner;

35 (l) Provide a report of the grades or progress of a pupil not less
36 than weekly;

37 (m) Allow pupils to register for classes on-line, if applicable;

38 (n) Allow access from any computer with access to the Internet,
39 including, without limitation, access by teachers and school
40 administrators for the purpose of updating the information for the
41 program;

42 (o) Provide the class schedule for each pupil, if applicable;

43 (p) Provide instructions for the use of the program in the English
44 language and the Spanish language;

45 (q) Post school or teacher announcements; and



1 (r) Provide a website page for each teacher.

2 3. The consultant selected by the Department of Education
3 shall develop the program to ensure the security of the data and
4 information included in the program, including, without limitation,
5 encrypting the data and information and restricting access to
6 authorized users.

7 4. The provision of information pursuant to the program
8 developed by the consultant must comply with the Family
9 Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, 20 U.S.C. § 1232g.

10 **Sec. 3.** This act becomes effective upon passage and approval.

