

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 155—ASSEMBLYMEN MUNFORD, DENIS,
SEGERBLOM; BOBZIEN, OHRENSCHALL AND PIERCE

FEBRUARY 11, 2009

Referred to Committee on Education

SUMMARY—Enacts provisions related to multicultural education.
(BDR 34-142)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
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 the State Board of Education to adopt a program of multicultural education for certain pupils; requiring certain licensed teachers to complete a course in multicultural education upon renewal of their license; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Section 1 of this bill requires the State Board of Education to adopt a program of multicultural education. **Section 1** also requires the boards of trustees of school districts to ensure that the program is provided to pupils enrolled in grades 2 through 12.

Section 2 of this bill requires a licensed teacher who submits an application on or after January 1, 2011, to submit proof of his completion of a course in multicultural education unless the teacher has previously completed such a course.

Section 2 also requires the Commission on Professional Standards in Education to prescribe the contents and credits required for a course in multicultural education.

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

Section 1. Chapter 389 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

1. The State Board shall adopt regulations that prescribe a program of multicultural education, including, without limitation, information relating to the contributions made by men and women from various racial and ethnic backgrounds.



2. *The board of trustees of each school district shall ensure that the program prescribed pursuant to subsection 1 is provided to pupils enrolled in grades 2 to 12, inclusive, with particular emphasis for pupils enrolled in elementary school, middle school and junior high school.*

Sec. 2. Chapter 391 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

1. *Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, a licensed teacher who submits an application for renewal of his license to teach on or after January 1, 2011, shall submit with his application proof of the completion of a course in multicultural education.*

2. *A licensed teacher is not required to submit proof of the completion of a course pursuant to subsection 1 if the teacher has previously completed such a course and filed proof of the completion with the Superintendent of Public Instruction.*

3. *The Commission shall adopt regulations:*

(a) *That prescribe the required contents of a course in multicultural education which must be completed pursuant to this section;*

(b) *That prescribe the number of credits which must be earned by the licensed teacher in a course of multicultural education; and*

(c) *As otherwise necessary to carry out the requirements of this section.*

Sec. 3. 1. On or before January 1, 2010, the Commission on Professional Standards in Education shall adopt regulations to carry out the provisions of section 2 of this act.

2. On or before March 1, 2010, the Commission on Professional Standards in Education shall provide a report to the Legislative Committee on Education on the status of the regulations adopted pursuant to section 2 of this act, including, without limitation, an estimate of the number of teachers who will be required to renew a license during 2011 with the proof of the completion of a course in multicultural education required by section 2 of this act.

Sec. 4. The State Board of Education shall:

1. On or before March 1, 2010, provide a report to the Legislative Committee on Education on the status of the regulations prescribing a program of multicultural education required by section 1 of this act, including, without limitation, the implementation of the regulations by the boards of trustees of school districts.

2. On or before February 1, 2011, provide a report to the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for transmission to the 76th Session of the Nevada Legislature concerning the implementation of the program of multicultural education prescribed



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1 pursuant to section 1 of this act in the public schools and a
2 preliminary report on the effectiveness of the program.

3 **Sec. 5.** The provisions of section 2 of this act apply to each
4 licensed teacher in this State, regardless of the date on which his
5 initial license was issued.

6 **Sec. 6.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2009.

