

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 318—ASSEMBLYMEN MUNFORD,
OHRENSCHALL, KIHUEN; ANDERSON, CLABORN,
GUSTAVSON, HAMBRICK, HOGAN, KOIVISTO, MANENDO,
MCCLAIN, MORTENSON, PIERCE, SEGERBLOM, SPIEGEL
AND STEWART

MARCH 13, 2009

Referred to Committee on Education

SUMMARY—Revises the requirements for instruction in American government and American history in public high schools. (BDR 34-249)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: No.

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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; revising the requirements for instruction in American government and American history in the public high schools; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

- 1 Existing law requires instruction in American government and American
- 2 history in all public schools. (NRS 389.020, 389.030) **Section 1** of this bill requires
- 3 the instruction in American government that is taught in the high schools to include
- 4 the government of the State of Nevada and the counties and cities within the State
- 5 for at least 2 consecutive weeks during the school year. **Section 2** of this bill
- 6 requires the instruction in American history that is taught in the high schools to
- 7 include the history of the State of Nevada and the Constitution of the State of
- 8 Nevada for at least 2 consecutive weeks during the school year.

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

- 1 **Section 1.** NRS 389.020 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 2 389.020 1. In all public schools, the Caliente Youth Center,
- 3 the Nevada Youth Training Center and any other state facility for
- 4 the detention of children that is operated pursuant to title 5 of NRS,



instruction must be given in American government, including, without limitation, the:

(a) Essentials of the:

(1) Constitution of the United States, including, without limitation, the Bill of Rights;

(2) Constitution of the State of Nevada; and

(3) Declaration of Independence;

(b) Origin and history of the Constitutions; ~~and~~

(c) *Government of the State of Nevada; and*

(d) Study of and devotion to American institutions and ideals.

2. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 392A.100, the instruction required in subsection 1 must be given during at least 1 *school* year of the elementary school grades and for a period of at least 1 *school* year in all high schools.

3. The instruction in American government required for the high schools pursuant to this section must include a program that provides instruction in the government of the State of Nevada and the counties and cities within the State of Nevada for one class period per day for at least 2 consecutive weeks during the school year.

Sec. 2. NRS 389.030 is hereby amended to read as follows:

389.030 **1.** Except as otherwise provided in NRS 392A.100, American history, including, without limitation, the history of the:

~~1-1~~ (a) Constitution of the United States, including, without limitation, the Bill of Rights;

~~1-2~~ (b) State of Nevada, including, without limitation, the Constitution of the State of Nevada; and

~~1-3~~ (c) Declaration of Independence,

→ must be taught in all of the public schools in the State of Nevada for a period of at least 1 *school* year.

2. The instruction in American history required for the high schools pursuant to this section must include a program that provides instruction in the history of the State of Nevada and the Constitution of the State of Nevada for one class period per day for at least 2 consecutive weeks during the school year.

Sec. 3. This act becomes effective on July 1, 2009.

