

Amendment No. 452

Senate Amendment to Senate Bill No. 378 (BDR 34-1134)

Proposed by: Senate Committee on Health and Education**Amends:** Summary: Yes Title: Yes Preamble: No Joint Sponsorship: No Digest: Yes

ASSEMBLY ACTION		Initial and Date		SENATE ACTION		Initial and Date	
Adopted	☐	Lost	☐	Adopted	☐	Lost	☐
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EXPLANATION: Matter in (1) **blue bold italics** is new language in the original bill; (2) **green bold italic underlining** is new language proposed in this amendment; (3) ~~red strikethrough~~ is deleted language in the original bill; (4) ~~purple double strikethrough~~ is language proposed to be deleted in this amendment; (5) ~~orange double underlining~~ is deleted language in the original bill that is proposed to be retained in this amendment; and (6) **green bold dashed underlining** is newly added transitory language.

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Date: 4/19/2009

S.B. No. 378—Establishes requirements for certain early childhood education programs. (BDR 34-1134)



SENATE BILL NO. 378—COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND EDUCATION

MARCH 23, 2009

Referred to Committee on Health and Education

SUMMARY—Establishes ~~requirements for~~ **provisions relating to** certain early childhood education programs. (BDR 34-1134)

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 Department of Education to develop a plan for early childhood education; requiring the ~~State Board of Education to establish requirements~~ **Department to apply for money** for certain prekindergarten programs; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

~~This~~ **Section 1 of this** bill requires the Department of Education to adopt a plan for early childhood education. ~~This bill further requires the State Board of Education to adopt regulations relating to the academic standards, curriculum and educational personnel of such programs. The provisions of this bill apply only to~~ **for** programs of prekindergarten education which are provided by a school district or charter school, or which are supported by public money.

~~Section 3 of this bill further requires the Department to apply for any available grants of money from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, Public Law 111-5, for the Department to use to grant money to certain programs of prekindergarten education.~~

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

Section 1. Chapter 388 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

1. The Department shall establish a plan for early childhood education in this State which sets forth the standards and guidelines for programs of prekindergarten education. The plan must be designed to promote the development and school readiness of children in prekindergarten education in this State and must include, without limitation, guidelines for:

- (a) The physical well-being and motor development of children;**
- (b) The successful adjustment of children to a school environment;**
- (c) Suggested approaches to learning and methods for teaching children;**
- (d) The development of speech and language of children; and**

(e) Providing general knowledge to children.

~~2. The State Board shall adopt regulations to carry out the plan for early childhood education and to establish standards for programs of prekindergarten education, which must include, without limitation:~~

~~(a) Requirements for educational personnel and other personnel who provide prekindergarten education to children;~~

~~(b) Standards of content and performance which are designed to begin a child's exposure, to the extent practicable, to the standards of content and performance established pursuant to NRS 389.520;~~

~~(c) Requirements for the curriculum of programs of prekindergarten education, including, without limitation, guidelines for the selection of instructional materials that have been proven effective for early childhood learning;~~

~~(d) Methods for engaging and involving families of children in prekindergarten;~~

~~(e) Methods to formally and informally observe and document the school readiness of children in prekindergarten;~~

~~3. Each program of prekindergarten education in this State which is provided by a school district or charter school, or which operates, in whole or in part, using money from a public source must comply with the provisions of the plan developed by the Department pursuant to subsection 1, and the regulations adopted by the State Board pursuant to subsection 2.~~

~~4. 3. The Department may:~~

~~(a) Adopt, implement and provide training to educational personnel and other personnel who provide prekindergarten education to children in this State.~~

~~(b) Provide assistance to programs of prekindergarten education in this State to ensure the school readiness of children who attend prekindergarten.~~

~~5. 4. The Department shall, within the limits of money available for that purpose, grant money to programs of prekindergarten education which comply with the provisions of this section.~~

~~6. 5. The Superintendent of Public Instruction shall prepare an annual report concerning the plan developed pursuant to subsection 1 and the programs of prekindergarten education conducted in this State, including, without limitation:~~

~~(a) Demographic information for children enrolled in such programs; and~~

~~(b) An analysis of the school readiness of children who complete a program of prekindergarten education.~~

~~7. 6. The Superintendent of Public Instruction shall submit the report prepared pursuant to subsection 6, 5 on or before February 1 of each:~~

~~(a) Odd-numbered year to the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for transmission to the next regular session of the Legislature.~~

~~(b) Even-numbered year to the Legislative Committee on Education.~~

~~8. 7. Nothing in this section requires:~~

~~(a) A school district, charter school or the Department to provide a program of prekindergarten education; or~~

~~(b) A parent or legal guardian of a child to enroll the child in a program of prekindergarten education.~~

~~9. 8. As used in this section, "school readiness" means the ability of a child to enter kindergarten with an appropriate level of skills, knowledge and maturity to successfully participate in kindergarten.~~

Sec. 2. NRS 392.375 is hereby amended to read as follows:

392.375 1. At least twice each school year, a school district shall require all the pupils in the school district who ride a school bus to practice the evacuation of a

1 school bus for a purpose other than a crisis governed by NRS 392.600 to 392.656,
2 inclusive, and to receive instruction in the responsibility of a passenger of a school
3 bus to use the emergency exit doors on the bus during such an evacuation.

4 2. Each school district shall adopt a safety program which does not concern a
5 crisis governed by NRS 392.600 to 392.656, inclusive, and which includes, without
6 limitation:

7 (a) The procedure for pupils to safely enter and exit a school bus, including
8 entering and exiting with a driver of a school bus as an escort;

9 (b) Proper behavior and conduct of pupils while in areas around a school bus
10 where a high risk of danger to pupils exists, including the area that is used to load
11 and unload school buses;

12 (c) Behavior and conduct of pupils while on a school bus that will enhance the
13 safety of the pupils;

14 (d) Evacuation of pupils from a school bus; and

15 (e) The location of emergency equipment on a school bus.

16 ➤ At least annually, a school district shall require all pupils who are enrolled in
17 preschool, **prekindergarten**, kindergarten and in grades 1 to 4, inclusive, in the
18 school district who ride a school bus to participate in the safety program created
19 pursuant to this section.

20 3. If a parent or legal guardian enrolls his child in preschool,
21 **prekindergarten**, kindergarten or grades 1 to 6, inclusive, and the child will be
22 riding a school bus for the first time, the school shall provide the parent or legal
23 guardian, upon enrollment, with written information concerning the safety of pupils
24 on a school bus. The information must include, without limitation:

25 (a) A description of each location that is designated to load and unload a school
26 bus which is in geographical proximity to the pupil's residence;

27 (b) Rules of conduct for pupils on a school bus and at an area that is designated
28 for pupils to enter and exit a school bus;

29 (c) Instructions for the operation of a motor vehicle:

30 (1) At school crossing zones and in areas that are designated to load and
31 unload a school bus; and

32 (2) When a driver of a school bus operates a system of flashing red lights;

33 (d) A description of the area around a school bus that poses a high risk of
34 danger to pupils and other pedestrians; and

35 (e) Behavior and conduct for pupils who walk to and from an area that is
36 designated for pupils to enter and exit a school bus that will enhance the safety of
37 the pupils.

38 4. The board of trustees of each school district shall adopt regulations
39 regarding practices conducted pursuant to subsection 1 and participation in safety
40 programs required by subsection 2, including the requirement of such practices and
41 participation in such programs at the beginning of any field trip by school bus.

42 Sec. 3. 1. The Department shall apply for any available grants of
43 money from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, Public
44 Law 111-5, for the Department to use to grant money to programs of
45 prekindergarten education which comply with the provisions of section 1 of
46 this act.

47 2. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, if any
48 money is received by this State pursuant to the American Recovery and
49 Reinvestment Act of 2009, Public Law 111-5, which is designated for
50 expenditure from the State Distributive School Account in the State General
51 Fund by the Legislature for Fiscal Years 2009-2010 and 2010-2011 for the
52 Department to use to grant money to programs of prekindergarten education
53 which comply with the provisions of section 1 of this act, the money must be

1 deposited in the State Distributive School Account and accounted for
2 separately.

3 ~~{Sec. 3.}~~ Sec. 4. 1. This section and section 3 of this act become
4 effective upon passage and approval.

5 2. Section 1 of this act ~~{become}~~ becomes effective on July 1, 2009, for
6 purposes of developing a plan for early childhood education ~~{and adopting~~
7 ~~regulations}~~ and on July 1, 2010, for all other purposes.

8 ~~{2.}~~ 3. Section 2 of this act becomes effective on July 1, 2010.