

SENATE BILL NO. 257—SENATORS MATHEWS AND HORSFORD

MARCH 16, 2009

Referred to Committee on Finance

SUMMARY—Makes an appropriation for the support of certain programs by the Nevada Alliance of Boys and Girls Clubs, Inc. (BDR S-1058)

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 Nevada Alliance of Boys and Girls Clubs, Inc., for the support of certain programs to improve test scores and increase graduation rates; 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 disbursement account created by section 1 of
- 3 chapter 345, Statutes of Nevada 2007, at page 1599, for the use
- 4 of the Nevada Alliance of Boys and Girls Clubs, Inc., the sum of
- 5 \$1,500,000 for the establishment and operation of a Saturday
- 6 Academy to improve test scores and graduation rates in this State.
- 7 2. A Boys and Girls Club operating in this State may apply to
- 8 the Nevada Alliance of Boys and Girls Clubs, Inc., for a grant of
- 9 money from the appropriation made by subsection 1. The
- 10 application must include proof satisfactory to the Nevada Alliance
- 11 of Boys and Girls Clubs, Inc., that the applicant has obtained equal
- 12 matching money, other than money from this State, for the
- 13 establishment and operation of a Saturday Academy, including,
- 14 without limitation, money from local governmental agencies,
- 15 community organizations, the private sector and the Federal
- 16 Government. Facilities and office space may not be used to satisfy
- 17 the match required by this subsection. In-kind matches must account



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1 for not more than 25 per cent of the match required by this
2 subsection.

3 3. A Boys and Girls Club that receives a grant shall use the
4 money to establish and operate a Saturday Academy that is designed
5 to provide children from disadvantaged circumstances of all ages,
6 but especially those who are enrolled in middle school, the
7 education and skills necessary to improve test scores and increase
8 graduation rates. In addition, the program must include:

9 (a) Supplemental instructional resources to enable each young
10 person to develop appropriate proficiency levels;

11 (b) Close coordination with schools and access to lesson plans,
12 programs and report cards;

13 (c) Through the use of a software program called E-Tap and the
14 Discovery Education Videos, learning activities to help each young
15 person apply what they are learning to practical, real-life situations;

16 (d) Parental involvement and training to empower the adults in
17 each young person's life to support his academic development,
18 including, without limitation, the ability of the adult to access the
19 young person's assignments on-line; and

20 (e) Accountability measures to track each young person's
21 performance, such as school report cards or other appropriate
22 measurements.

23 4. A Boys and Girls Club that receives a grant of money from
24 the appropriation made by subsection 1 shall expend not more than
25 15 percent of the money for the costs of developing a Saturday
26 Academy program and other costs associated with the start-up of the
27 program. Money provided for start-up costs must not be in addition
28 to the total amount of a grant awarded to an applicant. After the
29 development and start-up of a Saturday Academy, the Boys and
30 Girls Club operating that program shall expend:

31 (a) Not more than 10 percent of the money for the
32 administrative costs associated with operating the program.

33 (b) At least 90 percent of the money for direct services to the
34 young persons who participate in the program.

35 5. If required by law, all personnel and volunteers who assist
36 with the Saturday Academy operated by a Boys and Girls Club shall
37 undergo the appropriate health screening and submit fingerprints for
38 criminal background checks.

39 6. Upon acceptance of the money appropriated by subsection 1,
40 the Nevada Alliance of Boys and Girls Clubs, Inc., shall:

41 (a) Prepare and transmit a report to the Interim Finance
42 Committee on or before December 15, 2010, that describes each
43 expenditure made from the money appropriated by subsection 1
44 from the date on which the money was received by the Nevada
45 Alliance of Boys and Girls Clubs, Inc., through December 1, 2010;



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(b) Prepare and transmit a final report to the Interim Finance Committee on or before September 16, 2011, that describes each expenditure made from the money appropriated by subsection 1 from the date on which the money was received by the Nevada Alliance of Boys and Girls Clubs, Inc., through June 30, 2011; and

(c) Upon request of the Legislative Commission, make available to the Legislative Auditor any of the books, accounts, claims, reports, vouchers or other records of information, confidential or otherwise, of the Nevada Alliance of Boys and Girls Clubs, Inc., regardless of their form or location, that the Legislative Auditor deems necessary to conduct an audit of the use of the money appropriated pursuant to subsection 1.

7. The Department of Education shall approve the:

(a) Procedures for allocation of grants of money by the Nevada Alliance of Boys and Girls Clubs, Inc., including procedures for reimbursement of start-up costs of a Saturday Academy.

(b) Requirements for evaluation and reporting by each Boys and Girls Club that receives a grant of money.

8. Any remaining balance of the appropriation made by subsection 1 must not be committed for expenditure after June 30, 2011, by the entity to which the appropriation is made or any entity to which money from the appropriation is granted or otherwise transferred in any manner, and any portion of the appropriated money remaining must not be spent for any purpose after September 16, 2011, by either the entity to which the money was appropriated or the entity to which the money was subsequently granted or transferred, and must be reverted to the State General Fund on or before September 16, 2011.

Sec. 2. This act becomes effective on July 1, 2009.

