

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 224—ASSEMBLYMEN BENITEZ-THOMPSON,
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Referred to Committee on Education

SUMMARY—Revises provisions governing parental involvement
in education. (BDR 34-859)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: May have Fiscal Impact.
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; creating the Office of Parental Involvement and Family Engagement within the Department of Education; prescribing the duties of the Office; revising the contents of the annual reports of accountability for school districts prepared by school districts; revising the contents of the plans to improve the achievement of pupils prepared by school districts and public schools; requiring the Commission on Professional Standards in Education to prescribe course work on parental involvement and family engagement; revising the membership of the Statewide Council for the Coordination of the Regional Training Programs; requiring the Statewide Council to establish a statewide program for teachers and administrators concerning parental involvement and family engagement; requiring the regional training programs for the professional development of teachers and administrators to provide training on parental involvement and family engagement; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.



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Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Existing law establishes the Advisory Council on Parental Involvement. (NRS 385.600, 385.610, 385.620) **Sections 10-12** of this bill change the name of the Council to the Advisory Council on Parental Involvement and Family Engagement and revise the duties of the Council. **Section 2** of this bill creates the Office of Parental Involvement and Family Engagement within the Department of Education and requires the Superintendent of Public Instruction to appoint an employee of the Department to serve as the Director of the Office. **Section 3** of this bill prescribes the duties of the Office, which include adopting policies and developing a list of practices designed to increase the involvement of parents and the engagement of families in the support of the education of their children. **Section 4** of this bill authorizes the board of trustees of a school district to establish an advisory council on parental involvement and family engagement to work in conjunction with the Advisory Council.

Under existing law, the board of trustees of each school district is required to prepare an annual report of accountability information for the public schools within the school district, including information on the communication with and participation by the parents of pupils in the school district. (NRS 385.347) **Sections 5 and 7** of this bill revises the annual reports to include information on the involvement of parents and the engagement of families in the education of their children.

Under existing law, the board of trustees of each school district and each public school is required to prepare a plan to improve the achievement of pupils within the district or school. (NRS 385.348, 385.357) **Sections 6 and 8** of this bill revise the provisions of the plan to include strategies and practices to improve and promote effective involvement and engagement by parents and families.

Existing law requires the Commission on Professional Standards in Education to adopt regulations governing the qualifications for licensing teachers and other educational personnel. (NRS 391.019) **Section 13** of this bill requires the Commission, in cooperation with the Office of Parental Involvement and Family Engagement, to adopt regulations prescribing course work on parental involvement and family engagement.

Existing law establishes three regional training programs for the professional development of teachers and administrators and the Statewide Council for the Coordination of the Regional Training Programs. (NRS 391.500-391.556) **Section 14** of this bill revises the membership of the Statewide Council to include the Director of the Office of Parental Involvement and Family Engagement, who serves ex officio. **Section 15** of this bill requires the Statewide Council, in cooperation with the Office, to establish a statewide training program for teachers and administrators concerning effective parental involvement and family engagement. **Section 16** of this bill requires the regional training programs to provide training on how to involve parents and engage families and how to work with parent liaisons in public schools.

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

Section 1. Chapter 385 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto the provisions set forth as sections 2, 3 and 4 of this act.

Sec. 2. 1. *The Office of Parental Involvement and Family Engagement is hereby created within the Department.*

2. *The Superintendent of Public Instruction shall:*



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1 (a) Appoint an employee of the Department to serve as the
2 Director of the Office of Parental Involvement and Family
3 Engagement; and

4 (b) Ensure that the Office of Parental Involvement and Family
5 Engagement has a sufficient number of personnel for the Office to
6 carry out the duties prescribed in section 3 of this act.

7 **Sec. 3. 1. The Office of Parental Involvement and Family**
8 **Engagement created by section 2 of this act shall:**

9 (a) Review and evaluate the programs implemented by the
10 school districts and public schools, including, without limitation,
11 programs which are supported in part with money received from
12 the Federal Government, for carrying out and increasing parental
13 involvement and family engagement in the public schools. The
14 review and evaluation must include an identification of current
15 strategies and practices for effective parental involvement and
16 family engagement.

17 (b) Develop a list of practices which have been proven effective
18 in increasing the involvement of parents and the engagement of
19 families in the education of their children, including, without
20 limitation, practices that increase the ability of school districts and
21 public schools to effectively reengage parents and families and
22 provide those parents and families with the skills and resources
23 necessary to support the academic achievement of their children.

24 (c) Work in cooperation with the Statewide Council for the
25 Coordination of the Regional Training Programs to establish a
26 statewide training program concerning parental involvement and
27 family engagement required pursuant to NRS 391.520.

28 (d) Provide information to the school districts and public
29 schools on the availability of competitive grants for programs
30 which offer:

31 (1) Professional development for educational personnel on
32 practices to reengage disengaged parents and families in the
33 education of their children;

34 (2) Training for parents and families in skills of leadership
35 and volunteerism;

36 (3) Family literacy training;

37 (4) Home visitation programs to encourage the involvement
38 of parents and the engagement of families in the education of
39 their children; and

40 (5) Other innovative programs that are designed to increase
41 the involvement of parents and the engagement of families in the
42 academic achievement of their children.

43 (e) Provide support to those school districts which have
44 established an advisory council on parental involvement and
45 family engagement pursuant to section 4 of this act and encourage



1 *those school districts which have not established such an advisory*
2 *council to consider creating an advisory council for the school*
3 *district.*

4 *(f) Build the capacity of public schools to work in*
5 *collaboration with parents to establish policies for the involvement*
6 *of parents and the engagement of families, including, without*
7 *limitation, policies that focus on partnerships between public*
8 *schools and the parents and families of children enrolled in public*
9 *schools and the empowerment of parents and families in support*
10 *of the education of their children.*

11 *(g) Work in cooperation with the Commission on Professional*
12 *Standards in Education in developing the regulations required by*
13 *subparagraph (11) of paragraph (a) of subsection 1 of NRS*
14 *391.019 and monitoring the implementation of those regulations.*

15 *(h) Establish, in collaboration with the State Board, guidelines*
16 *to assist parents and families in helping their children achieve the*
17 *standards of content and performance adopted by the State Board*
18 *pursuant to NRS 389.520.*

19 *(i) Collaborate with the Nevada State Parent Information and*
20 *Resource Center, the Parent Training and Information Centers,*
21 *the Nevada Parent Teacher Association, the Advisory Council and*
22 *the teachers who are trained to serve as liaisons to parents*
23 *and legal guardians of pupils enrolled in public schools to plan*
24 *and implement a statewide summit on parental involvement and*
25 *family engagement, which must be held at least biennially. After*
26 *each summit, the Office of Parental Involvement and Family*
27 *Engagement shall evaluate the success of the summit in*
28 *consultation with the entities identified in this paragraph.*

29 *(j) Assist each school district and the public schools within the*
30 *school district with incorporating strategies and practices for*
31 *effective parental involvement and family engagement into the*
32 *plans to improve the achievement of pupils prepared by the school*
33 *districts pursuant to NRS 385.348 and the public schools pursuant*
34 *to NRS 385.357.*

35 *(k) Work in partnership with the Advisory Council to:*

36 *(1) Review and evaluate the annual reports of*
37 *accountability prepared by the board of trustees of each school*
38 *district pursuant to NRS 385.347 relating to parental involvement*
39 *and family engagement in the school districts and public schools;*

40 *(2) Review and evaluate the plans to improve the*
41 *achievement of pupils prepared by each school district pursuant to*
42 *NRS 385.348 and each public school pursuant to NRS 385.357*
43 *relating to the strategies and practices for effective parental*
44 *involvement and family engagement incorporated into the plans;*
45 *and*



1 (3) Review the status of the implementation of the
2 provisions of this section and the effectiveness of the Office in
3 carrying out the duties prescribed in this section.

4 2. On or before August 1 of each year, the Office of Parental
5 Involvement and Family Engagement shall prepare a report which
6 includes a summary of the:

7 (a) Status of the progress made by the school districts and
8 public schools in effectively involving parents and engaging
9 families in the education of their children and an identification of
10 any areas where further improvement is needed; and

11 (b) Activities of the Office during the immediately preceding
12 school year, including the progress made by the Office, in
13 consultation with the Advisory Council, in assisting the school
14 districts and public schools with increasing the effectiveness of
15 involving parents and engaging families in the education of their
16 children.

17 3. The Department shall post on its Internet website:

18 (a) The list of practices developed by the Office of Parental
19 Involvement and Family Engagement pursuant to paragraph (b)
20 of subsection 1;

21 (b) The report prepared by the Office pursuant to subsection 2;
22 and

23 (c) Any other information that the Office finds useful for the
24 school districts, public schools, parents, families and general
25 public relating to effective parental involvement and family
26 engagement.

27 Sec. 4. The board of trustees of a school district may
28 establish an advisory council on parental involvement and family
29 engagement to work in conjunction with the Advisory Council.

30 Sec. 5. NRS 385.347 is hereby amended to read as follows:

31 385.347 1. The board of trustees of each school district in
32 this State, in cooperation with associations recognized by the State
33 Board as representing licensed educational personnel in the district,
34 shall adopt a program providing for the accountability of the school
35 district to the residents of the district and to the State Board for the
36 quality of the schools and the educational achievement of the pupils
37 in the district, including, without limitation, pupils enrolled in
38 charter schools in the school district. The board of trustees of each
39 school district shall report the information required by subsection 2
40 for each charter school that is located within the school district,
41 regardless of the sponsor of the charter school. The information for
42 charter schools must be reported separately and must denote the
43 charter schools sponsored by the school district, the charter schools
44 sponsored by the State Board and the charter schools sponsored by a



college or university within the Nevada System of Higher Education.

2. The board of trustees of each school district shall, on or before August 15 of each year, prepare an annual report of accountability concerning:

(a) The educational goals and objectives of the school district.

(b) Pupil achievement for each school in the district and the district as a whole, including, without limitation, each charter school in the district. The board of trustees of the district shall base its report on the results of the examinations administered pursuant to NRS 389.015 and 389.550 and shall compare the results of those examinations for the current school year with those of previous school years. The report must include, for each school in the district, including, without limitation, each charter school in the district, and each grade in which the examinations were administered:

(1) The number of pupils who took the examinations.

(2) A record of attendance for the period in which the examinations were administered, including an explanation of any difference in the number of pupils who took the examinations and the number of pupils who are enrolled in the school.

(3) Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph, pupil achievement, reported separately by gender and reported separately for the following groups of pupils:

(I) Pupils who are economically disadvantaged, as defined by the State Board;

(II) Pupils from major racial and ethnic groups, as defined by the State Board;

(III) Pupils with disabilities;

(IV) Pupils who are limited English proficient; and

(V) Pupils who are migratory children, as defined by the State Board.

(4) A comparison of the achievement of pupils in each group identified in paragraph (b) of subsection 1 of NRS 385.361 with the annual measurable objectives of the State Board.

(5) The percentage of pupils who were not tested.

(6) Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph, the percentage of pupils who were not tested, reported separately by gender and reported separately for the groups identified in subparagraph (3).

(7) The most recent 3-year trend in pupil achievement in each subject area tested and each grade level tested pursuant to NRS 389.015 and 389.550, which may include information regarding the trend in the achievement of pupils for more than 3 years, if such information is available.



(8) Information that compares the results of pupils in the school district, including, without limitation, pupils enrolled in charter schools in the district, with the results of pupils throughout this State. The information required by this subparagraph must be provided in consultation with the Department to ensure the accuracy of the comparison.

(9) For each school in the district, including, without limitation, each charter school in the district, information that compares the results of pupils in the school with the results of pupils throughout the school district and throughout this State. The information required by this subparagraph must be provided in consultation with the Department to ensure the accuracy of the comparison.

(10) Information on whether each school in the district, including, without limitation, each charter school in the district, has made progress based upon the model adopted by the Department pursuant to NRS 385.3595.

➡ A separate reporting for a group of pupils must not be made pursuant to this paragraph if the number of pupils in that group is insufficient to yield statistically reliable information or the results would reveal personally identifiable information about an individual pupil. The State Board shall prescribe the mechanism for determining the minimum number of pupils that must be in a group for that group to yield statistically reliable information.

(c) The ratio of pupils to teachers in kindergarten and at each grade level for each elementary school in the district and the district as a whole, including, without limitation, each charter school in the district, and the average class size for each core academic subject, as set forth in NRS 389.018, for each secondary school in the district and the district as a whole, including, without limitation, each charter school in the district.

(d) Information on the professional qualifications of teachers employed by each school in the district and the district as a whole, including, without limitation, each charter school in the district. The information must include, without limitation:

(1) The percentage of teachers who are:

(I) Providing instruction pursuant to NRS 391.125;

(II) Providing instruction pursuant to a waiver of the requirements for licensure for the grade level or subject area in which the teachers are employed; or

(III) Otherwise providing instruction without an endorsement for the subject area in which the teachers are employed;



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(2) The percentage of classes in the core academic subjects, as set forth in NRS 389.018, that are not taught by highly qualified teachers;

(3) The percentage of classes in the core academic subjects, as set forth in NRS 389.018, that are not taught by highly qualified teachers, in the aggregate and disaggregated by high-poverty compared to low-poverty schools, which for the purposes of this subparagraph means schools in the top quartile of poverty and the bottom quartile of poverty in this State;

(4) For each middle school, junior high school and high school:

(I) On and after July 1, 2005, the number of persons employed as substitute teachers for 20 consecutive days or more in the same classroom or assignment, designated as long-term substitute teachers, including the total number of days long-term substitute teachers were employed at each school, identified by grade level and subject area; and

(II) On and after July 1, 2006, the number of persons employed as substitute teachers for less than 20 consecutive days, designated as short-term substitute teachers, including the total number of days short-term substitute teachers were employed at each school, identified by grade level and subject area; and

(5) For each elementary school:

(I) On and after July 1, 2005, the number of persons employed as substitute teachers for 20 consecutive days or more in the same classroom or assignment, designated as long-term substitute teachers, including the total number of days long-term substitute teachers were employed at each school, identified by grade level; and

(II) On and after July 1, 2006, the number of persons employed as substitute teachers for less than 20 consecutive days, designated as short-term substitute teachers, including the total number of days short-term substitute teachers were employed at each school, identified by grade level.

(e) The total expenditure per pupil for each school in the district and the district as a whole, including, without limitation, each charter school in the district. If this State has a financial analysis program that is designed to track educational expenditures and revenues to individual schools, each school district shall use that statewide program in complying with this paragraph. If a statewide program is not available, each school district shall use its own financial analysis program in complying with this paragraph.

(f) The curriculum used by the school district, including:

(1) Any special programs for pupils at an individual school; and



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(2) The curriculum used by each charter school in the district.

(g) Records of the attendance and truancy of pupils in all grades, including, without limitation:

(1) The average daily attendance of pupils, for each school in the district and the district as a whole, including, without limitation, each charter school in the district.

(2) For each elementary school, middle school and junior high school in the district, including, without limitation, each charter school in the district that provides instruction to pupils enrolled in a grade level other than high school, information that compares the attendance of the pupils enrolled in the school with the attendance of pupils throughout the district and throughout this State. The information required by this subparagraph must be provided in consultation with the Department to ensure the accuracy of the comparison.

(h) The annual rate of pupils who drop out of school in grade 8 and a separate reporting of the annual rate of pupils who drop out of school in grades 9 to 12, inclusive, for each such grade, for each school in the district and for the district as a whole. The reporting for pupils in grades 9 to 12, inclusive, excludes pupils who:

(1) Provide proof to the school district of successful completion of the examinations of general educational development.

(2) Are enrolled in courses that are approved by the Department as meeting the requirements for an adult standard diploma.

(3) Withdraw from school to attend another school.

(i) Records of attendance of teachers who provide instruction, for each school in the district and the district as a whole, including, without limitation, each charter school in the district.

(j) Efforts made by the school district and by each school in the district, including, without limitation, each charter school in the district, to increase:

(1) Communication with the parents of pupils *enrolled* in the district; ~~and~~

(2) The participation of parents in the educational process and activities relating to the school district and each school, including, without limitation, the existence of parent organizations and school advisory committees ~~and~~; *and*

(3) The involvement of parents and the engagement of families of pupils enrolled in the district in the education of their children.

(k) Records of incidents involving weapons or violence for each school in the district, including, without limitation, each charter school in the district.



(l) Records of incidents involving the use or possession of alcoholic beverages or controlled substances for each school in the district, including, without limitation, each charter school in the district.

(m) Records of the suspension and expulsion of pupils required or authorized pursuant to NRS 392.466 and 392.467.

(n) The number of pupils who are deemed habitual disciplinary problems pursuant to NRS 392.4655, for each school in the district and the district as a whole, including, without limitation, each charter school in the district.

(o) The number of pupils in each grade who are retained in the same grade pursuant to NRS 392.033 or 392.125, for each school in the district and the district as a whole, including, without limitation, each charter school in the district.

(p) The transiency rate of pupils for each school in the district and the district as a whole, including, without limitation, each charter school in the district. For the purposes of this paragraph, a pupil is not transient if the pupil is transferred to a different school within the school district as a result of a change in the zone of attendance by the board of trustees of the school district pursuant to NRS 388.040.

(q) Each source of funding for the school district.

(r) A compilation of the programs of remedial study that are purchased in whole or in part with money received from this State, for each school in the district and the district as a whole, including, without limitation, each charter school sponsored by the district. The compilation must include:

(1) The amount and sources of money received for programs of remedial study for each school in the district and the district as a whole, including, without limitation, each charter school in the district.

(2) An identification of each program of remedial study, listed by subject area.

(s) For each high school in the district, including, without limitation, each charter school in the district, the percentage of pupils who graduated from that high school or charter school in the immediately preceding year and enrolled in remedial courses in reading, writing or mathematics at a university, state college or community college within the Nevada System of Higher Education.

(t) The technological facilities and equipment available at each school, including, without limitation, each charter school, and the district's plan to incorporate educational technology at each school.

(u) For each school in the district and the district as a whole, including, without limitation, each charter school in the district, the number and percentage of pupils who received:



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(1) A standard high school diploma, reported separately for pupils who received the diploma pursuant to:

(I) Paragraph (a) of subsection 1 of NRS 389.805; and

(II) Paragraph (b) of subsection 1 of NRS 389.805.

(2) An adjusted diploma.

(3) A certificate of attendance.

(v) For each school in the district and the district as a whole, including, without limitation, each charter school in the district, the number and percentage of pupils who failed to pass the high school proficiency examination.

(w) The number of habitual truants who are reported to a school police officer or law enforcement agency pursuant to paragraph (a) of subsection 2 of NRS 392.144 and the number of habitual truants who are referred to an advisory board to review school attendance pursuant to paragraph (b) of subsection 2 of NRS 392.144, for each school in the district and for the district as a whole.

(x) The amount and sources of money received for the training and professional development of teachers and other educational personnel for each school in the district and for the district as a whole, including, without limitation, each charter school in the district.

(y) Whether the school district has made adequate yearly progress. If the school district has been designated as demonstrating need for improvement pursuant to NRS 385.377, the report must include a statement indicating the number of consecutive years the school district has carried that designation.

(z) Information on whether each public school in the district, including, without limitation, each charter school in the district, has made adequate yearly progress, including, without limitation:

(1) The number and percentage of schools in the district, if any, that have been designated as needing improvement pursuant to NRS 385.3623; and

(2) The name of each school, if any, in the district that has been designated as needing improvement pursuant to NRS 385.3623 and the number of consecutive years that the school has carried that designation.

(aa) Information on the paraprofessionals employed by each public school in the district, including, without limitation, each charter school in the district. The information must include:

(1) The number of paraprofessionals employed at the school; and

(2) The number and percentage of all paraprofessionals who do not satisfy the qualifications set forth in 20 U.S.C. § 6319(c). The reporting requirements of this subparagraph apply to paraprofessionals who are employed in positions supported with



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1 Title I money and to paraprofessionals who are not employed in
2 positions supported with Title I money.

3 (bb) For each high school in the district, including, without
4 limitation, each charter school that operates as a high school,
5 information that provides a comparison of the rate of graduation of
6 pupils enrolled in the high school with the rate of graduation of
7 pupils throughout the district and throughout this State. The
8 information required by this paragraph must be provided in
9 consultation with the Department to ensure the accuracy of the
10 comparison.

11 (cc) An identification of the appropriations made by the
12 Legislature that are available to the school district or the schools
13 within the district and programs approved by the Legislature to
14 improve the academic achievement of pupils.

15 (dd) For each school in the district and the district as a whole,
16 including, without limitation, each charter school in the district,
17 information on pupils enrolled in career and technical education,
18 including, without limitation:

19 (1) The number of pupils enrolled in a course of career and
20 technical education;

21 (2) The number of pupils who completed a course of career
22 and technical education;

23 (3) The average daily attendance of pupils who are enrolled
24 in a program of career and technical education;

25 (4) The annual rate of pupils who dropped out of school and
26 were enrolled in a program of career and technical education before
27 dropping out;

28 (5) The number and percentage of pupils who completed a
29 program of career and technical education and who received a
30 standard high school diploma, an adjusted diploma or a certificate of
31 attendance; and

32 (6) The number and percentage of pupils who completed a
33 program of career and technical education and who did not receive a
34 high school diploma because the pupils failed to pass the high
35 school proficiency examination.

36 (ee) Such other information as is directed by the Superintendent
37 of Public Instruction.

38 3. The records of attendance maintained by a school for
39 purposes of paragraph (i) of subsection 2 must include the number
40 of teachers who are in attendance at school and the number of
41 teachers who are absent from school. A teacher shall be deemed in
42 attendance if the teacher is excused from being present in the
43 classroom by the school in which the teacher is employed for one of
44 the following reasons:



(a) Acquisition of knowledge or skills relating to the professional development of the teacher; or

(b) Assignment of the teacher to perform duties for cocurricular or extracurricular activities of pupils.

4. The annual report of accountability prepared pursuant to subsection 2 must:

(a) Comply with 20 U.S.C. § 6311(h)(2) and the regulations adopted pursuant thereto; and

(b) Be presented in an understandable and uniform format and, to the extent practicable, provided in a language that parents can understand.

5. The Superintendent of Public Instruction shall:

(a) Prescribe forms for the reports required pursuant to subsection 2 and provide the forms to the respective school districts.

(b) Provide statistical information and technical assistance to the school districts to ensure that the reports provide comparable information with respect to each school in each district and among the districts throughout this State.

(c) Consult with a representative of the:

(1) Nevada State Education Association;

(2) Nevada Association of School Boards;

(3) Nevada Association of School Administrators;

(4) Nevada Parent Teacher Association;

(5) Budget Division of the Department of Administration;

and

(6) Legislative Counsel Bureau,

→ concerning the program and consider any advice or recommendations submitted by the representatives with respect to the program.

6. The Superintendent of Public Instruction may consult with representatives of parent groups other than the Nevada Parent Teacher Association concerning the program and consider any advice or recommendations submitted by the representatives with respect to the program.

7. On or before August 15 of each year, the board of trustees of each school district shall submit to each advisory board to review school attendance created in the county pursuant to NRS 392.126 the information required in paragraph (g) of subsection 2.

8. On or before August 15 of each year, the board of trustees of each school district shall:

(a) Provide written notice that the report required pursuant to subsection 2 is available on the Internet website maintained by the school district, if any, or otherwise provide written notice of the availability of the report. The written notice must be provided to the:

(1) Governor;



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- (2) State Board;
- (3) Department;
- (4) Committee; and
- (5) Bureau.

(b) Provide for public dissemination of the annual report of accountability prepared pursuant to subsection 2 in the manner set forth in 20 U.S.C. § 6311(h)(2)(E) by posting a copy of the report on the Internet website maintained by the school district, if any. If a school district does not maintain a website, the district shall otherwise provide for public dissemination of the annual report by providing a copy of the report to the schools in the school district, including, without limitation, each charter school in the district, the residents of the district, and the parents and guardians of pupils enrolled in schools in the district, including, without limitation, each charter school in the district.

9. Upon the request of the Governor, an entity described in paragraph (a) of subsection 8 or a member of the general public, the board of trustees of a school district shall provide a portion or portions of the report required pursuant to subsection 2.

10. As used in this section:

(a) "Highly qualified" has the meaning ascribed to it in 20 U.S.C. § 7801(23).

(b) "Paraprofessional" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 391.008.

Sec. 6. NRS 385.348 is hereby amended to read as follows:

385.348 1. The board of trustees of each school district shall, in consultation with the employees of the school district, prepare a plan to improve the achievement of pupils enrolled in the school district, excluding pupils who are enrolled in charter schools located in the school district. If the school district is a Title I school district designated as demonstrating need for improvement pursuant to NRS 385.377, the plan must also be prepared in consultation with parents and guardians of pupils enrolled in the school district and other persons who the board of trustees determines are appropriate.

2. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the plan must include the items set forth in 20 U.S.C. § 6316(c)(7) and the regulations adopted pursuant thereto. If a school district has not been designated as demonstrating need for improvement pursuant to NRS 385.377, the board of trustees of the school district is not required to include those items set forth in 20 U.S.C. § 6316(c)(7) and the regulations adopted pursuant thereto that directly relate to the status of a school district as needing improvement.

3. In addition to the requirements of subsection 2, a plan to improve the achievement of pupils enrolled in a school district must include:



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(a) A review and analysis of the data upon which the report required pursuant to subsection 2 of NRS 385.347 is based and a review and analysis of any data that is more recent than the data upon which the report is based.

(b) The identification of any problems or factors at individual schools that are revealed by the review and analysis.

(c) Strategies based upon scientifically based research, as defined in 20 U.S.C. § 7801(37), that will strengthen the core academic subjects, as set forth in NRS 389.018.

(d) Strategies to improve the academic achievement of pupils enrolled in the school district, including, without limitation, strategies to:

(1) Instruct pupils who are not achieving to their fullest potential, including, without limitation:

(I) The curriculum appropriate to improve achievement;

(II) The manner by which the instruction will improve the achievement and proficiency of pupils on the examinations administered pursuant to NRS 389.015 and 389.550; and

(III) An identification of the instruction and curriculum that is specifically designed to improve the achievement and proficiency of pupils in each group identified in paragraph (b) of subsection 1 of NRS 385.361;

(2) Increase the rate of attendance of pupils and reduce the number of pupils who drop out of school;

(3) Integrate technology into the instructional and administrative programs of the school district;

(4) Manage effectively the discipline of pupils; and

(5) Enhance the professional development offered for the teachers and administrators employed by the school district to include the activities set forth in 20 U.S.C. § 7801(34) and to address the specific needs of the pupils enrolled in the school district, as deemed appropriate by the board of trustees of the school district.

(e) An identification, by category, of the employees of the school district who are responsible for ensuring that each provision of the plan is carried out effectively.

(f) In consultation with the Department, an identification, by category, of the employees of the Department, if any, who are responsible for overseeing and monitoring whether the plan is carried out effectively.

(g) For each provision of the plan, a timeline for carrying out that provision, including, without limitation, a timeline for monitoring whether the provision is carried out effectively.

(h) For each provision of the plan, measurable criteria for determining whether the provision has contributed toward



1 improving the academic achievement of pupils, increasing the rate
2 of attendance of pupils and reducing the number of pupils who drop
3 out of school.

4 (i) Strategies to improve the allocation of resources from the
5 school district, by program and by school, in a manner that will
6 improve the academic achievement of pupils. If this State has a
7 financial analysis program that is designed to track educational
8 expenditures and revenues to individual schools, each school district
9 shall use that statewide program in complying with this paragraph.
10 If a statewide program is not available, each school district shall use
11 its own financial analysis program in complying with this
12 paragraph.

13 (j) Based upon the reallocation of resources set forth in
14 paragraph (i), the resources available to the school district to carry
15 out the plan, including, without limitation, a budget of the overall
16 cost for carrying out the plan.

17 (k) A summary of the effectiveness of appropriations made by
18 the Legislature that are available to the school district or the schools
19 within the school district to improve the academic achievement of
20 pupils and programs approved by the Legislature to improve the
21 academic achievement of pupils.

22 (l) An identification of the programs, practices and strategies
23 that are used throughout the school district and by the schools
24 within the school district that have proven successful in improving
25 the achievement and proficiency of pupils, including, without
26 limitation:

27 (1) An identification of each school that carries out such a
28 program, practice or strategy;

29 (2) An indication of which programs, practices and strategies
30 are carried out throughout the school district and which programs,
31 practices and strategies are carried out by individual schools;

32 (3) The extent to which the programs, practices and
33 strategies include methods to improve the achievement and
34 proficiency of pupils in each group identified in paragraph (b) of
35 subsection 1 of NRS 385.361; and

36 (4) A description of how the school district disseminates
37 information concerning the successful programs, practices and
38 strategies to all schools within the school district.

39 *(m) Strategies and practices to improve and promote effective*
40 *involvement and engagement by parents and families of pupils*
41 *enrolled in the school district which are consistent with the*
42 *policies and recommendations of the Office of Parental*
43 *Involvement and Family Engagement made pursuant to section 3*
44 *of this act.*

45 4. The board of trustees of each school district shall:



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(a) Review the plan prepared pursuant to this section annually to evaluate the effectiveness of the plan; and

(b) Based upon the evaluation of the plan, make revisions, as necessary, to ensure that the plan is designed to improve the academic achievement of pupils enrolled in the school district.

5. On or before December 15 of each year, the board of trustees of each school district shall submit the plan or the revised plan, as applicable, to the:

(a) Superintendent of Public Instruction;

(b) Governor;

(c) State Board;

(d) Department;

(e) Committee; and

(f) Bureau.

Sec. 7. NRS 385.349 is hereby amended to read as follows:

385.349 1. The board of trustees of each school district shall prepare a summary of the annual report of accountability prepared pursuant to NRS 385.347 on the form prescribed by the Department pursuant to subsection 3 or an expanded form, as applicable. The summary must include, without limitation:

(a) The information set forth in subsection 1 of NRS 385.34692, reported for the school district as a whole and for each school within the school district;

(b) Information on the involvement *and engagement* of parents , ~~and~~ legal guardians *and families* in the education of their children; and

(c) Other information required by the Superintendent of Public Instruction in consultation with the Bureau.

2. The summary prepared pursuant to subsection 1 must:

(a) Comply with 20 U.S.C. § 6311(h)(2) and the regulations adopted pursuant thereto; and

(b) Be presented in an understandable and uniform format and, to the extent practicable, provided in a language that parents will likely understand.

3. The Department shall, in consultation with the Bureau and the school districts, prescribe a form that contains the basic information required by subsection 1. The board of trustees of a school district may use an expanded form that contains additions to the form prescribed by the Department if the basic information contained in the expanded form complies with the form prescribed by the Department.

4. On or before September 7 of each year, the board of trustees of each school district shall:

(a) Submit the summary in an electronic format to the:

(1) Governor;



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- (2) State Board;
- (3) Department;
- (4) Committee;
- (5) Bureau; and
- (6) Schools within the school district.

(b) Provide for the public dissemination of the summary by posting a copy of the summary on the Internet website maintained by the school district, if any. If a school district does not maintain a website, the district shall otherwise provide for public dissemination of the summary. The board of trustees of each school district shall ensure that the parents and guardians of pupils enrolled in the school district have sufficient information concerning the availability of the summary, including, without limitation, information that describes how to access the summary on the Internet website maintained by the school district, if any. Upon the request of a parent or legal guardian, the school district shall provide the parent or legal guardian with a written copy of the summary.

5. The board of trustees of each school district shall report the information required by this section for each charter school that is located within the school district, regardless of the sponsor of the charter school. The information for charter schools must be reported separately and must denote the charter schools sponsored by the school district, the charter schools sponsored by the State Board and the charter schools sponsored by a college or university within the Nevada System of Higher Education.

Sec. 8. NRS 385.357 is hereby amended to read as follows:

385.357 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 385.37603 and 385.37607, the principal of each school, including, without limitation, each charter school, shall, in consultation with the employees of the school, prepare a plan to improve the achievement of the pupils enrolled in the school.

2. The plan developed pursuant to subsection 1 must include:

(a) A review and analysis of the data pertaining to the school upon which the report required pursuant to subsection 2 of NRS 385.347 is based and a review and analysis of any data that is more recent than the data upon which the report is based.

(b) The identification of any problems or factors at the school that are revealed by the review and analysis.

(c) Strategies based upon scientifically based research, as defined in 20 U.S.C. § 7801(37), that will strengthen the core academic subjects, as defined in NRS 389.018.

(d) Policies and practices concerning the core academic subjects which have the greatest likelihood of ensuring that each group of pupils identified in paragraph (b) of subsection 1 of NRS 385.361 who are enrolled in the school will make adequate yearly progress



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1 and meet the minimum level of proficiency prescribed by the State
2 Board.

3 (e) Annual measurable objectives, consistent with the annual
4 measurable objectives established by the State Board pursuant to
5 NRS 385.361, for the continuous and substantial progress by each
6 group of pupils identified in paragraph (b) of subsection 1 of that
7 section who are enrolled in the school to ensure that each group will
8 make adequate yearly progress and meet the level of proficiency
9 prescribed by the State Board.

10 (f) Strategies **H** and practices which:

11 (1) **Are** consistent with the policy adopted pursuant to NRS
12 392.457 by the board of trustees of the school district in which the
13 school is located, to promote effective involvement by parents and
14 families of pupils enrolled in the school in the education of their
15 children **H**; and

16 (2) **Are designed to improve and promote effective**
17 **involvement and engagement by parents and families of pupils**
18 **enrolled in the school which are consistent with the policies and**
19 **recommendations of the Office of Parental Involvement and**
20 **Family Engagement made pursuant to section 3 of this act.**

21 (g) As appropriate, programs of remedial education or tutoring
22 to be offered before and after school, during the summer, or between
23 sessions if the school operates on a year-round calendar for pupils
24 enrolled in the school who need additional instructional time to pass
25 or to reach a level considered proficient.

26 (h) Strategies to improve the academic achievement of pupils
27 enrolled in the school, including, without limitation, strategies to:

28 (1) Instruct pupils who are not achieving to their fullest
29 potential, including, without limitation:

30 (I) The curriculum appropriate to improve achievement;

31 (II) The manner by which the instruction will improve the
32 achievement and proficiency of pupils on the examinations
33 administered pursuant to NRS 389.015 and 389.550; and

34 (III) An identification of the instruction and curriculum
35 that is specifically designed to improve the achievement and
36 proficiency of pupils in each group identified in paragraph (b) of
37 subsection 1 of NRS 385.361;

38 (2) Increase the rate of attendance of pupils and reduce the
39 number of pupils who drop out of school;

40 (3) Integrate technology into the instructional and
41 administrative programs of the school;

42 (4) Manage effectively the discipline of pupils; and

43 (5) Enhance the professional development offered for the
44 teachers and administrators employed at the school to include
45 the activities set forth in 20 U.S.C. § 7801(34) and to address the



1 specific needs of pupils enrolled in the school, as deemed
2 appropriate by the principal.

3 (i) An identification, by category, of the employees of the school
4 who are responsible for ensuring that the plan is carried out
5 effectively.

6 (j) In consultation with the school district or governing body, as
7 applicable, an identification, by category, of the employees of the
8 school district or governing body, if any, who are responsible for
9 ensuring that the plan is carried out effectively or for overseeing and
10 monitoring whether the plan is carried out effectively.

11 (k) In consultation with the Department, an identification, by
12 category, of the employees of the Department, if any, who are
13 responsible for overseeing and monitoring whether the plan is
14 carried out effectively.

15 (l) For each provision of the plan, a timeline for carrying out
16 that provision, including, without limitation, a timeline for
17 monitoring whether the provision is carried out effectively.

18 (m) For each provision of the plan, measurable criteria for
19 determining whether the provision has contributed toward
20 improving the academic achievement of pupils, increasing the rate
21 of attendance of pupils and reducing the number of pupils who drop
22 out of school.

23 (n) The resources available to the school to carry out the plan. If
24 this State has a financial analysis program that is designed to track
25 educational expenditures and revenues to individual schools, each
26 school shall use that statewide program in complying with this
27 paragraph. If a statewide program is not available, each school shall
28 use the financial analysis program used by the school district in
29 which the school is located in complying with this paragraph.

30 (o) A summary of the effectiveness of appropriations made by
31 the Legislature that are available to the school to improve the
32 academic achievement of pupils and programs approved by the
33 Legislature to improve the academic achievement of pupils.

34 (p) A budget of the overall cost for carrying out the plan.

35 3. In addition to the requirements of subsection 2, if a school
36 has been designated as demonstrating need for improvement
37 pursuant to NRS 385.3623, the plan must comply with 20 U.S.C. §
38 6316(b)(3) and the regulations adopted pursuant thereto.

39 4. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 5, the principal
40 of each school shall, in consultation with the employees of the
41 school:

42 (a) Review the plan prepared pursuant to this section annually to
43 evaluate the effectiveness of the plan; and



(b) Based upon the evaluation of the plan, make revisions, as necessary, to ensure that the plan is designed to improve the academic achievement of pupils enrolled in the school.

5. If a school has been designated as demonstrating need for improvement pursuant to NRS 385.3623 and a support team has been established for the school, the support team shall review the plan and make revisions to the most recent plan for improvement of the school pursuant to NRS 385.36127. If the school is a Title I school that has been designated as demonstrating need for improvement, the support team established for the school shall, in making revisions to the plan, work in consultation with parents and guardians of pupils enrolled in the school and, to the extent deemed appropriate by the entity responsible for creating the support team, outside experts.

6. On or before November 1 of each year, the principal of each school or the support team established for the school, as applicable, shall submit the plan or the revised plan, as applicable, to:

(a) If the school is a public school of the school district, the superintendent of schools of the school district.

(b) If the school is a charter school, the governing body of the charter school.

7. If a Title I school is designated as demonstrating need for improvement pursuant to NRS 385.3623, the superintendent of schools of the school district or the governing body, as applicable, shall carry out a process for peer review of the plan or the revised plan, as applicable, in accordance with 20 U.S.C. § 6316(b)(3)(E) and the regulations adopted pursuant thereto. Not later than 45 days after receipt of the plan, the superintendent of schools of the school district or the governing body, as applicable, shall approve the plan or the revised plan, as applicable, if it meets the requirements of 20 U.S.C. § 6316(b)(3) and the regulations adopted pursuant thereto and the requirements of this section. The superintendent of schools of the school district or the governing body, as applicable, may condition approval of the plan or the revised plan, as applicable, in the manner set forth in 20 U.S.C. § 6316(b)(3)(B) and the regulations adopted pursuant thereto. The State Board shall prescribe the requirements for the process of peer review, including, without limitation, the qualifications of persons who may serve as peer reviewers.

8. If a school is designated as demonstrating exemplary achievement, high achievement or adequate achievement, or if a school that is not a Title I school is designated as demonstrating need for improvement, not later than 45 days after receipt of the plan or the revised plan, as applicable, the superintendent of schools of the school district or the governing body, as applicable, shall



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1 approve the plan or the revised plan if it meets the requirements of
2 this section.

3 9. On or before December 15 of each year, the principal of
4 each school or the support team established for the school, as
5 applicable, shall submit the final plan or the final revised plan, as
6 applicable, to the:

- 7 (a) Superintendent of Public Instruction;
- 8 (b) Governor;
- 9 (c) State Board;
- 10 (d) Department;
- 11 (e) Committee;
- 12 (f) Bureau; and
- 13 (g) Board of trustees of the school district in which the school is
14 located.

15 10. A plan for the improvement of a school must be carried out
16 expeditiously, but not later than January 1 after approval of the plan
17 pursuant to subsection 7 or 8, as applicable.

18 **Sec. 9.** NRS 385.358 is hereby amended to read as follows:

19 385.358 1. The principal of each public school, including,
20 without limitation, each charter school, shall prepare a summary of
21 accountability information on the form prescribed by the
22 Department pursuant to subsection 3 or an expanded form, as
23 applicable. The summary must include, without limitation:

24 (a) The information set forth in subsection 1 of NRS 385.34692,
25 reported only for the school;

26 (b) Information on the involvement *and engagement* of parents ,
27 ~~and~~ legal guardians *and families* in the education of their children;
28 and

29 (c) Such other information as is directed by the Superintendent
30 of Public Instruction in consultation with the Bureau.

31 2. The summary prepared pursuant to subsection 1 must be
32 presented in an understandable and uniform format and, to the
33 extent practicable, provided in a language that parents will likely
34 understand.

35 3. The Department shall, in consultation with the Bureau and
36 the school districts, prescribe a form that contains the basic
37 information required by subsection 1. The principal of a school may
38 use an expanded form that contains additions to the form prescribed
39 by the Department if the basic information contained in the
40 expanded form complies with the form prescribed by the
41 Department.

42 4. On or before September 7 of each year:

43 (a) The principal of each public school shall submit the
44 summary in electronic format to the:

- 45 (1) Department;



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1 (2) Bureau; and
2 (3) Board of trustees of the school district in which the
3 school is located.

4 (b) The school district in which the school is located shall
5 ensure that the summary is posted on the Internet website
6 maintained by the school, if any, or the Internet website maintained
7 by the school district, if any. If the summary is not posted on the
8 website of the school or the school district, the school district shall
9 otherwise provide for public dissemination of the summary.

10 (c) The principal of each public school shall ensure that the
11 parents and legal guardians of the pupils enrolled in the school have
12 sufficient information concerning the availability of the summary,
13 including, without limitation, information that describes how to
14 access the summary on the Internet website, if any, and how a
15 parent or guardian may otherwise access the summary.

16 (d) The principal of each public school shall provide a written
17 copy of the summary to each parent and legal guardian of a pupil
18 enrolled in the school.

19 **Sec. 10.** NRS 385.600 is hereby amended to read as follows:
20 385.600 As used in this section and NRS 385.610 and 385.620,
21 *and sections 2, 3 and 4 of this act*, “Advisory Council” means the
22 Advisory Council on Parental Involvement *and Family*
23 *Engagement* established pursuant to NRS 385.610.

24 **Sec. 11.** NRS 385.610 is hereby amended to read as follows:
25 385.610 1. The Superintendent of Public Instruction shall
26 establish an Advisory Council on Parental Involvement ~~and~~ *and*
27 *Family Engagement*. The Advisory Council is composed of 10
28 members.

29 2. The Superintendent of Public Instruction shall appoint the
30 following members to the Advisory Council:

31 (a) Two parents or legal guardians of pupils enrolled in public
32 schools;

33 (b) Two teachers in public schools;

34 (c) One administrator of a public school;

35 (d) One representative of a private business or industry;

36 (e) One member of the board of trustees of a school district in a
37 county whose population is 100,000 or more; and

38 (f) One member of the board of trustees of a school district in a
39 county whose population is less than 100,000.

40 ➔ The Superintendent of Public Instruction shall, to the extent
41 practicable, ensure that the members the Superintendent appoints to
42 the Advisory Council reflect the ethnic, economic and geographic
43 diversity of this State.

44 3. The Speaker of the Assembly shall appoint one member of
45 the Assembly to the Advisory Council.



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4. The Majority Leader of the Senate shall appoint one member of the Senate to the Advisory Council.

5. The Advisory Council shall elect a Chair and Vice Chair from among its members. The Chair and Vice Chair serve a term of 1 year.

6. After the initial terms:

(a) The term of each member of the Advisory Council who is appointed by the Superintendent of Public Instruction is 3 years.

(b) The term of each member of the Advisory Council who is appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly and the Majority Leader of the Senate is 2 years.

7. The Department shall provide:

(a) Administrative support to the Advisory Council; and

(b) All information that is necessary for the Advisory Council to carry out its duties.

8. For each day or portion of a day during which a member of the Advisory Council who is a Legislator attends a meeting of the Advisory Council or is otherwise engaged in the business of the Advisory Council, except during a regular or special session of the Legislature, the member is entitled to receive the:

(a) Compensation provided for a majority of the members of the Legislature during the first 60 days of the preceding regular session;

(b) Per diem allowance provided for state officers generally; and

(c) Travel expenses provided pursuant to NRS 218A.655.

➤ The compensation, per diem allowances and travel expenses of the legislative members of the Advisory Council must be paid from the Legislative Fund.

9. A member of the Advisory Council who is not a Legislator is entitled to receive the per diem allowance and travel expenses provided for state officers and employees generally for each day or portion of a day during which the member attends a meeting of the Advisory Council or is otherwise engaged in the business of the Advisory Council. The per diem allowance and travel expenses for the members of the Advisory Council who are not Legislators must be paid by the Department.

Sec. 12. NRS 385.620 is hereby amended to read as follows:

385.620 The Advisory Council shall:

1. Review the policy of parental involvement adopted by the State Board and the policy of parental involvement *and family engagement* adopted by the board of trustees of each school district pursuant to NRS 392.457;

2. Review the information relating to communication with and participation , *involvement and engagement* of parents *and families* that is included in the annual report of accountability for each school district pursuant to paragraph (j) of subsection 2 of NRS 385.347;



3. Review any effective practices carried out in individual school districts to increase parental involvement *and family engagement* and determine the feasibility of carrying out those practices on a statewide basis;

4. Review any effective practices carried out in other states to increase parental involvement *and family engagement* and determine the feasibility of carrying out those practices in this State;

5. Identify methods to communicate effectively and provide outreach to parents , ~~and~~ legal guardians *and families* of pupils who have limited time to become involved in the education of their children for various reasons, including, without limitation, work schedules, single-parent homes and other family obligations;

6. Identify the manner in which the level of parental involvement *and family engagement* affects the performance, attendance and discipline of pupils;

7. Identify methods to communicate effectively with and provide outreach to parents , ~~and~~ legal guardians *and families* of pupils who are limited English proficient;

8. Determine the necessity for the appointment of a statewide parental involvement *and family engagement* coordinator or a parental involvement *and family engagement* coordinator in each school district, or both;

9. *Work in collaboration with the Office of Parental Involvement and Family Engagement created by section 2 of this act to carry out the duties prescribed in section 3 of this act;*

10. On or before July 1 of each year, submit a report to the Legislative Committee on Education describing the activities of the Advisory Council and any recommendations for legislation; and

~~10.~~ 11. On or before February 1 of each odd-numbered year, submit a report to the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for transmission to the next regular session of the Legislature describing the activities of the Advisory Council and any recommendations for legislation.

Sec. 13. NRS 391.019 is hereby amended to read as follows:

391.019 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 391.027, the Commission:

(a) Shall adopt regulations:

(1) Prescribing the qualifications for licensing teachers and other educational personnel, including, without limitation, the qualifications for a license to teach middle school or junior high school education, and the procedures for the issuance and renewal of those licenses. The regulations must not prescribe qualifications which are more stringent than the qualifications set forth in NRS 391.0315 for a licensed teacher who applies for an additional license in accordance with that section.



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(2) Identifying fields of specialization in teaching which require the specialized training of teachers.

(3) Except as otherwise provided in NRS 391.125, requiring teachers to obtain from the Department an endorsement in a field of specialization to be eligible to teach in that field of specialization.

(4) Setting forth the educational requirements a teacher must satisfy to qualify for an endorsement in each field of specialization.

(5) Setting forth the qualifications and requirements for obtaining a license or endorsement to teach American Sign Language, including, without limitation, being registered with the Aging and Disability Services Division of the Department of Health and Human Services pursuant to NRS 656A.100 to engage in the practice of interpreting in an educational setting.

(6) Requiring teachers and other educational personnel to be registered with the Aging and Disability Services Division pursuant to NRS 656A.100 to engage in the practice of interpreting in an educational setting if they:

(I) Provide instruction or other educational services; and

(II) Concurrently engage in the practice of interpreting, as defined in NRS 656A.060.

(7) Providing for the issuance and renewal of a special qualifications license to an applicant who holds a bachelor's degree, a master's degree or a doctoral degree from an accredited degree-granting postsecondary educational institution in a field for which the applicant will provide instruction in a classroom and who has:

(I) At least 2 years of experience teaching at an accredited degree-granting postsecondary educational institution in a field for which the applicant will provide instruction in a classroom and at least 3 years of experience working in that field; or

(II) At least 5 years of experience working in a field for which the applicant will provide instruction in a classroom.

➔ An applicant for licensure pursuant to this subparagraph who holds a bachelor's degree must submit proof of participation in a program of student teaching or mentoring or agree to participate in a program of mentoring or courses of pedagogy for the first 2 years of the applicant's employment as a teacher with a school district or charter school.

(8) Requiring an applicant for a special qualifications license to:

(I) Pass each examination required by NRS 391.021 for the specific subject or subjects in which the applicant will provide instruction; or

(II) Hold a valid license issued by a professional licensing board of any state that is directly related to the subject area of the



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1 bachelor's degree, master's degree or doctoral degree held by the
2 applicant.

3 (9) Setting forth the subject areas that may be taught by a
4 person who holds a special qualifications license, based upon the
5 subject area of the bachelor's degree, master's degree or doctoral
6 degree held by that person.

7 (10) Providing for the issuance and renewal of a special
8 qualifications license to an applicant who:

9 (I) Holds a bachelor's degree or a graduate degree from
10 an accredited college or university in the field for which the
11 applicant will be providing instruction;

12 (II) Is not licensed to teach public school in another state;

13 (III) Has at least 5 years of experience teaching with
14 satisfactory evaluations at a school that is accredited by a national or
15 regional accrediting agency recognized by the United States
16 Department of Education; and

17 (IV) Submits proof of participation in a program of
18 student teaching or mentoring or agrees to participate in a program
19 of mentoring for the first year of the applicant's employment as a
20 teacher with a school district or charter school if the applicant holds
21 a graduate degree or, if the applicant holds a bachelor's degree,
22 submits proof of participation in a program of student teaching or
23 mentoring or agrees to participate in a program of mentoring or
24 courses of pedagogy for the first 2 years of his or her employment as
25 a teacher with a school district or charter school.

26 ➤ An applicant for licensure pursuant to this subparagraph is
27 exempt from each examination required by NRS 391.021 if the
28 applicant successfully passed the examination in another state.

29 ***(11) Prescribing course work on parental involvement and***
30 ***family engagement. The Commission shall work in cooperation***
31 ***with the Office of Parental Involvement and Family Engagement***
32 ***created by section 2 of this act in developing the regulations***
33 ***required by this subparagraph.***

34 (b) May adopt such other regulations as it deems necessary for
35 its own government or to carry out its duties.

36 2. Any regulation which increases the amount of education,
37 training or experience required for licensing;

38 (a) Must, in addition to the requirements for publication in
39 chapter 233B of NRS, be publicized before its adoption in a manner
40 reasonably calculated to inform those persons affected by the
41 change.

42 (b) Must not become effective until at least 1 year after the date
43 it is adopted by the Commission.

44 (c) Is not applicable to a license in effect on the date the
45 regulation becomes effective.



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3. A person who is licensed pursuant to subparagraph (7) or (10) of paragraph (a) of subsection 1:

(a) Shall comply with all applicable statutes and regulations.

(b) Except as otherwise provided by specific statute, is entitled to all benefits, rights and privileges conferred by statutes and regulations on licensed teachers.

(c) Except as otherwise provided by specific statute, if the person is employed as a teacher by the board of trustees of a school district or the governing body of a charter school, is entitled to all benefits, rights and privileges conferred by statutes and regulations on the licensed employees of a school district or charter school, as applicable.

Sec. 14. NRS 391.516 is hereby amended to read as follows:

391.516 1. The Statewide Council for the Coordination of the Regional Training Programs, consisting of ~~seven~~ **eight** members, is hereby created. The membership of the Council consists of:

(a) Each coordinator hired by the governing body of each regional training program pursuant to NRS 391.532.

(b) One member of the governing body of each regional training program, appointed by the governing body. The member appointed pursuant to this paragraph may appoint a designee to serve in his or her place.

(c) One representative of the Nevada State Education Association, appointed by the President of that Association.

(d) The Director of the Office of Parental Involvement and Family Engagement appointed pursuant to section 2 of this act, who serves ex officio.

2. Each coordinator who serves on the Statewide Council is a member of the Statewide Council only for the period of his or her service as coordinator of the regional training program pursuant to NRS 391.532.

3. Each member appointed by the governing body pursuant to paragraph (b) of subsection 1 and the member appointed pursuant to paragraph (c) of subsection 1 serve a term of 2 years.

4. Members of the Statewide Council serve without salary ~~but~~ ***for their service on the Council*** but are entitled to receive the per diem allowance and travel expenses provided for state officers and employees generally for each day or portion of a day during which a member attends a meeting of the Statewide Council or is otherwise engaged in the work of the Statewide Council. For the members of the Statewide Council who are appointed pursuant to paragraphs (a) and (b) of subsection 1, the governing body of the regional training program represented by those members shall pay the per diem allowance and travel expenses. For the member of the Statewide Council who is appointed pursuant to paragraph (c) of subsection 1,



1 the Nevada State Education Association shall pay the per diem
2 allowance and travel expenses. *The Department shall pay the per*
3 *diem allowance and travel expenses for the Director of the Office*
4 *of Parental Involvement and Family Engagement.*

5 5. The governing bodies of the regional training programs may
6 mutually agree to expend a portion of their respective budgets to pay
7 for the administrative support of the Statewide Council.

8 **Sec. 15.** NRS 391.520 is hereby amended to read as follows:

9 391.520 1. The Statewide Council shall meet not less than
10 four times per year.

11 2. The Statewide Council shall:

12 (a) Adopt uniform standards for use by the governing body of
13 each regional training program in the review and approval by the
14 governing body of the training to be provided by the regional
15 training program pursuant to NRS 391.540 and 391.544. The
16 standards must ensure that the training provided by the regional
17 training programs includes activities set forth in 20 U.S.C. §
18 7801(34), as appropriate for the type of training offered, is of high
19 quality and is effective in addressing the training programs specified
20 in subsection 1 of NRS 391.544.

21 (b) *In cooperation with the Office of Parental Involvement and*
22 *Family Engagement created by section 2 of this act, establish a*
23 *statewide program for teachers and administrators concerning*
24 *effective parental involvement and family engagement which*
25 *includes:*

26 (1) *Training for teachers on how to engage parents and*
27 *families, including, without limitation, disengaged families, in the*
28 *education of their children and to build the capacity of parents*
29 *and families to support the learning and academic achievement of*
30 *their children.*

31 (2) *Training for teachers and paraprofessionals on working*
32 *with parent liaisons in public schools to carry out strategies and*
33 *practices for effective parental involvement and family*
34 *engagement.*

35 (c) Coordinate the dissemination of information to school
36 districts, administrators and teachers concerning the training,
37 programs and services provided by the regional training programs.

38 ~~(c)~~ (d) Disseminate information to the regional training
39 programs concerning innovative and effective methods to provide
40 professional development.

41 ~~(d)~~ (e) Conduct long-range planning concerning the
42 professional development needs of teachers and administrators
43 employed in this state.



~~(e)~~ (f) Adopt uniform procedures for use by the governing body of each regional training program to report the evaluation conducted pursuant to NRS 391.552.

3. The Statewide Council may:

(a) Accept gifts and grants from any source for use by the Statewide Council in carrying out its duties pursuant to this section and accept gifts and grants from any source on behalf of one or more regional training programs to assist with the training provided pursuant to NRS 391.544; and

(b) Comply with applicable federal laws and regulations governing the provision of federal grants to assist the Statewide Council in carrying out its duties pursuant to this section and comply with applicable federal laws and regulations governing the provision of federal grants to assist with the training provided pursuant to NRS 391.544, including, without limitation, providing money from the budget of the Statewide Council to match the money received from a federal grant.

Sec. 16. NRS 391.544 is hereby amended to read as follows:

391.544 1. Based upon the assessment of needs for training within the region and priorities of training adopted by the governing body pursuant to NRS 391.540, each regional training program must provide:

(a) Training for teachers in the standards established by the Council to Establish Academic Standards for Public Schools pursuant to NRS 389.520.

(b) Through the Nevada Early Literacy Intervention Program established for the regional training program, training for teachers who teach kindergarten and grades 1, 2 or 3 on methods to teach fundamental reading skills, including, without limitation:

- (1) Phonemic awareness;
- (2) Phonics;
- (3) Vocabulary;
- (4) Fluency;
- (5) Comprehension; and
- (6) Motivation.

(c) At least one of the following types of training:

(1) Training for teachers and school administrators in the assessment and measurement of pupil achievement and the effective methods to analyze the test results and scores of pupils to improve the achievement and proficiency of pupils.

(2) Training for teachers in specific content areas to enable the teachers to provide a higher level of instruction in their respective fields of teaching. Such training must include instruction in effective methods to teach in a content area provided by teachers who are considered masters in that content area.



(3) In addition to the training provided pursuant to paragraph (b) of subsection 1, training for teachers in the methods to teach basic skills to pupils, such as providing instruction in reading with the use of phonics and providing instruction in basic skills of mathematics computation.

(d) In accordance with the program established by the Statewide Council pursuant to paragraph (b) of subsection 2 of NRS 391.520 training for:

(1) Teachers on how to engage parents and families, including, without limitation, disengaged families, in the education of their children and to build the capacity of parents and families to support the learning and academic achievement of their children.

(2) Training for teachers and paraprofessionals on working with parent liaisons in public schools to carry out strategies and practices for effective parental involvement and family engagement.

2. The training required pursuant to subsection 1 must:

(a) Include the activities set forth in 20 U.S.C. § 7801(34), as deemed appropriate by the governing body for the type of training offered.

(b) Include appropriate procedures to ensure follow-up training for teachers and administrators who have received training through the program.

(c) Incorporate training that addresses the educational needs of:

(1) Pupils with disabilities who participate in programs of special education; and

(2) Pupils who are limited English proficient.

3. The governing body of each regional training program shall prepare and maintain a list that identifies programs for the professional development of teachers and administrators that successfully incorporate:

(a) The standards of content and performance established by the Council to Establish Academic Standards for Public Schools pursuant to NRS 389.520;

(b) Fundamental reading skills; and

(c) Other training listed in subsection 1.

➔ The governing body shall provide a copy of the list on an annual basis to school districts for dissemination to teachers and administrators.

4. A regional training program may include model classrooms that demonstrate the use of educational technology for teaching and learning.

5. A regional training program may contract with the board of trustees of a school district that is served by the regional training



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1 program as set forth in NRS 391.512 to provide professional
2 development to the teachers and administrators employed by the
3 school district that is in addition to the training required by this
4 section. Any training provided pursuant to this subsection must
5 include the activities set forth in 20 U.S.C. § 7801(34), as deemed
6 appropriate by the governing body for the type of training offered.

7 6. To the extent money is available from legislative
8 appropriation or otherwise, a regional training program may provide
9 training to paraprofessionals.

10 **Sec. 17.** NRS 392.457 is hereby amended to read as follows:

11 392.457 1. The State Board shall, in consultation with the
12 boards of trustees of school districts, educational personnel, local
13 associations and organizations of parents whose children are
14 enrolled in public schools throughout this State and individual
15 parents and legal guardians whose children are enrolled in public
16 schools throughout this State, adopt a policy to encourage effective
17 involvement *and engagement* by parents and families in support of
18 their children and the education of their children. The policy
19 adopted by the State Board must be considered when the Board:

20 (a) Consults with the boards of trustees of school districts in the
21 adoption of policies pursuant to subsection 3; and

22 (b) Interacts with school districts, public schools, educational
23 personnel, parents, ~~and~~ legal guardians *and families* of pupils, and
24 members of the general public in carrying out its duties pursuant to
25 this title.

26 2. The policy adopted by the State Board pursuant to
27 subsection 1 must include the following elements and goals:

28 (a) Promotion of regular, two-way, meaningful communication
29 between home and school.

30 (b) Promotion and support of responsible parenting.

31 (c) Recognition of the fact that parents and families play an
32 integral role in assisting their children to learn.

33 (d) Promotion of a safe and open atmosphere for parents and
34 families to visit the school that their children attend and active
35 solicitation of parental and familial support and assistance for school
36 programs.

37 (e) Inclusion of parents as full partners in decisions affecting
38 their children and families.

39 (f) Availability of community resources to strengthen and
40 promote school programs, family practices and the achievement of
41 pupils.

42 3. The board of trustees of each school district shall, in
43 consultation with the State Board, educational personnel, local
44 associations and organizations of parents whose children are
45 enrolled in public schools of the school district and individual



1 parents and legal guardians whose children are enrolled in public
2 schools of the school district, adopt policies to encourage effective
3 involvement *and engagement* by parents and families in support of
4 their children and the education of their children. The policies
5 adopted pursuant to this subsection must:

6 (a) Be consistent, to the extent applicable, with the policy
7 adopted by the State Board pursuant to subsection 1;

8 (b) Include the elements and goals specified in subsection 2; and

9 (c) Comply with the parental involvement policy required by the
10 federal No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, as set forth in 20 U.S.C.
11 § 6318.

12 4. The State Board and the board of trustees of each school
13 district shall, at least once each year, review and amend their
14 respective policies as necessary.

15 **Sec. 18.** NRS 392.4575 is hereby amended to read as follows:

16 392.4575 1. The Department shall prescribe a form for
17 educational involvement accords to be used by all public schools in
18 this State. The educational involvement accord must comply with
19 the ~~parental involvement~~ policy:

20 (a) ~~Required~~ *For parental involvement required* by the federal
21 No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, as set forth in 20 U.S.C. § 6318.

22 (b) ~~Adopted~~ *For parental involvement and family*
23 *engagement adopted* by the State Board pursuant to NRS 392.457.

24 2. Each educational involvement accord must include, without
25 limitation:

26 (a) A description of how the parent or legal guardian will be
27 involved in the education of the pupil, including, without limitation:

28 (1) Reading to the pupil, as applicable for the grade or
29 reading level of the pupil;

30 (2) Reviewing and checking the pupil's homework; and

31 (3) Contributing 5 hours of time each school year, including,
32 without limitation, by attending school-related activities, parent-
33 teacher association meetings, parent-teacher conferences,
34 volunteering at the school and chaperoning school-sponsored
35 activities.

36 (b) The responsibilities of a pupil in a public school, including,
37 without limitation:

38 (1) Reading each day before or after school, as applicable for
39 the grade or reading level of the pupil;

40 (2) Using all school equipment and property appropriately
41 and safely;

42 (3) Following the directions of any adult member of the staff
43 of the school;

44 (4) Completing and submitting homework in a timely
45 manner; and



1 (5) Respecting himself or herself, others and all property.

2 (c) The responsibilities of a public school and the
3 administrators, teachers and other personnel employed at a school,
4 including, without limitation:

5 (1) Ensuring that each pupil is provided proper instruction,
6 supervision and interaction;

7 (2) Maximizing the educational and social experience of
8 each pupil;

9 (3) Carrying out the professional responsibility of educators
10 to seek the best interest of each pupil; and

11 (4) Making staff available to the parents and legal guardians
12 of pupils to discuss the concerns of parents and legal guardians
13 regarding the pupils.

14 3. Each educational involvement accord must be accompanied
15 by, without limitation:

16 (a) Information describing how the parent or legal guardian may
17 contact the pupil's teacher and the principal of the school in which
18 the pupil is enrolled;

19 (b) The curriculum of the course or standards for the grade in
20 which the pupil is enrolled, as applicable, including, without
21 limitation, a calendar that indicates the dates of major examinations
22 and the due dates of significant projects, if those dates are known by
23 the teacher at the time that the information is distributed;

24 (c) The homework and grading policies of the pupil's teacher or
25 school;

26 (d) Directions for finding resource materials for the course or
27 grade in which the pupil is enrolled, as applicable;

28 (e) Suggestions for parents and legal guardians to assist pupils in
29 their schoolwork at home;

30 (f) The dates of scheduled conferences between teachers or
31 administrators and the parents or legal guardians of the pupil;

32 (g) The manner in which reports of the pupil's progress will be
33 delivered to the parent or legal guardian and how a parent or legal
34 guardian may request a report of progress;

35 (h) The classroom rules and policies;

36 (i) The dress code of the school, if any;

37 (j) The availability of assistance to parents who have limited
38 proficiency in the English language;

39 (k) Information describing the availability of free and reduced-
40 price meals, including, without limitation, information regarding
41 school breakfast, school lunch and summer meal programs;

42 (l) Opportunities for parents and legal guardians to become
43 involved in the education of their children and to volunteer for the
44 school or class; and



1 (m) The code of honor relating to cheating prescribed pursuant
2 to NRS 392.461.

3 4. The board of trustees of each school district shall adopt a
4 policy providing for the development and distribution of the
5 educational involvement accord. The policy adopted by a board of
6 trustees must require each classroom teacher to:

7 (a) Distribute the educational involvement accord to the parent
8 or legal guardian of each pupil in the teacher's class at the beginning
9 of each school year or upon a pupil's enrollment in the class, as
10 applicable; and

11 (b) Provide the parent or legal guardian with a reasonable
12 opportunity to sign the educational involvement accord.

13 5. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the board of
14 trustees of each school district shall ensure that the form prescribed
15 by the Department is used for the educational involvement accord of
16 each public school in the school district. The board of trustees of a
17 school district may authorize the use of an expanded form that
18 contains additions to the form prescribed by the Department if the
19 basic information contained in the expanded form complies with the
20 form prescribed by the Department.

21 6. The Department and the board of trustees of each school
22 district shall, at least once each year, review and amend their
23 respective educational involvement accords.

24 7. If a school support team is established in accordance with
25 the regulations of the State Board adopted pursuant to NRS 385.361
26 for an elementary school, the principal of the school shall provide to
27 the support team information concerning the distribution of the
28 educational involvement accord and the number of accords which
29 were signed and returned by parents and legal guardians. The
30 information must be provided in an aggregated format and must not
31 disclose the identity of an individual parent, legal guardian or pupil.

32 **Sec. 19.** On or before December 31, 2011, the Commission on
33 Professional Standards in Education shall adopt the regulations
34 required pursuant to NRS 391.019, as amended by section 13 of this
35 act.

36 **Sec. 20.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2011.

