

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 551—COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

MARCH 28, 2011

Referred to Committee on Education

SUMMARY—Requires school districts to assess the feasibility of consolidation of services, functions and personnel. (BDR 34-877)

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; requiring the board of trustees of each school district in this State to assess the feasibility of sharing services, functions and personnel with other school districts of this State; requiring the Committee on Local Government Finance to adopt certain regulations; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

1 This bill requires the board of trustees of each school district in this State to
2 determine whether consolidating or sharing services, functions or personnel with
3 other school districts is feasible. This bill authorizes the board of trustees of each
4 school district in this State to develop a cost-effective and efficient method for the
5 sharing of services, functions or personnel. This bill also authorizes a school district
6 to join in the contract of another school district with which it has entered into an
7 agreement for the sharing of services, functions or personnel. This bill further
8 requires the Committee on Local Government Finance to adopt regulations to assist
9 the boards of trustees in consolidating or sharing services, functions or personnel.

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

1 **Section 1.** Chapter 386 of NRS is hereby amended by adding
2 thereto a new section to read as follows:

3 *1. The board of trustees of each school district in this State*
4 *shall determine whether any services, functions or personnel may*
5 *be feasibly consolidated or shared with one or more other school*
6 *districts in this State. Services, functions or personnel that the*



1 *board of trustees may consolidate or share with another school*
2 *district include, without limitation:*

- 3 (a) *Purchasing;*
- 4 (b) *Accounting;*
- 5 (c) *Recruiting;*
- 6 (d) *Transportation;*
- 7 (e) *Chief financial officer;*
- 8 (f) *Human resources director; and*
- 9 (g) *Superintendent of schools.*

10 2. *Based on the determination made pursuant to subsection 1,*
11 *the board of trustees may consolidate or share any service,*
12 *function or personnel with another school district. Nothing in this*
13 *section requires a board of trustees of a school district to enter into*
14 *a cooperative agreement for the consolidation or sharing of*
15 *services, functions or personnel with one or more school districts.*
16 *The board of trustees may establish any cost-effective and efficient*
17 *method for the sharing or consolidation of services or personnel.*

18 3. *If the board of trustees enters into an agreement with one*
19 *or more school districts for the consolidation or sharing of*
20 *services, functions or personnel, the board of trustees may join in*
21 *any applicable contracts of the other school district.*

22 4. *The Committee on Local Government Finance created*
23 *pursuant to NRS 354.105 shall adopt such regulations that are*
24 *necessary or proper to assist the boards of trustees in carrying out*
25 *the provisions of this section. Such regulations must include,*
26 *without limitation:*

27 (a) *Procedures and guidelines for how boards of trustees may*
28 *efficiently and effectively consolidate or share services, functions*
29 *and personnel with other school districts. Such procedures and*
30 *guidelines should provide direction to the boards of trustees on*
31 *ways to prepare contracts or other agreements necessary to*
32 *implement the provisions of this section.*

33 (b) *In the case of sharing personnel with other school districts,*
34 *procedures for sharing the costs of the payment of premiums or*
35 *contributions for employee benefits, including, without limitation,*
36 *retirement, life insurance and health benefits.*

37 **Sec. 2.** *On or before July 1, 2012, and on or before July 1,*
38 *2013, the board of trustees of each school district in the State shall*
39 *submit a report to the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for*
40 *transmittal to the Legislature and the Interim Finance Committee.*
41 *The report must include, without limitation:*

42 1. *An explanation of the board of trustees' determination made*
43 *pursuant to section 1 of this act regarding the feasibility of*
44 *consolidating or sharing services, functions or personnel with other*
45 *school districts.*



1 2. If the board of trustees:

2 (a) Consolidated or shared any service, function or personnel
3 pursuant to section 1 of this act, an explanation of the impact and
4 cost savings, if any, that the consolidation or sharing has had on the
5 school district.

6 (b) Has not consolidated or shared any service, function or
7 personnel pursuant to section 1 of this act, an explanation of why the
8 board of trustees determined that such consolidation or sharing is
9 not in the best interests of the school district.

10 **Sec. 3.** The Committee on Local Government Finance created
11 pursuant to NRS 354.105 shall, before July 1, 2011, adopt the
12 regulations required by section 1 of this act.

13 **Sec. 4.** This act becomes effective:

14 1. Upon passage and approval for the purpose of adopting
15 regulations and performing any other preparatory administrative
16 tasks that are necessary to carry out the provisions of this act; and

17 2. On July 1, 2011, for all other purposes.

