

Amendment No. 853

Senate Amendment to Senate Bill No. 374	(BDR S-992)
Proposed by: Senate Committee on Finance	
Amends: Summary: Yes Title: Yes Preamble: No Joint Sponsorship: No Digest: Yes	

ASSEMBLY ACTION		Initial and Date	SENATE ACTION		Initial and Date
Adopted	☐	Lost ☐	Adopted	☐	Lost ☐
Concurred In	☐	Not ☐	Concurred In	☐	Not ☐
Receded	☐	Not ☐	Receded	☐	Not ☐

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

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Date: 5/30/2011

S.B. No. 374—Temporarily redirects a portion of the taxes ad valorem levied in Clark County to support the College of Southern Nevada.
(BDR S-992)



SENATE BILL NO. 374—SENATOR LEE

MARCH 21, 2011

Referred to Committee on Revenue

SUMMARY—~~[Temporarily redirects a portion of the taxes ad valorem levied in Clark County to support the College of Southern Nevada.]~~
Creates the Committee to Study the Funding of Higher Education. (BDR S-992)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: May have Fiscal Impact.
Effect on the State: No.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to ~~local government; temporarily redirecting a portion of the taxes ad valorem levied in Clark County to support the College of Southern Nevada;~~ higher education; creating the Committee to Study the Funding of Higher Education; prescribing the powers and duties of the Committee; making appropriations; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

This bill ~~requires the deposit into the State General Fund of the portion of the property taxes levied for the next 4 fiscal years for operating purposes by Clark County at the rate of 2 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation. This bill requires the use of those tax proceeds for the support of the College of Southern Nevada.]~~ creates the Committee to Study the Funding of Higher Education, establishes the composition of the Committee and prescribes the powers and duties of the Committee. This bill further makes appropriations for the purposes of: (1) conducting a study of the funding of higher education; and (2) paying for the cost of the participation of the members of the Committee who are Legislators.

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

Delete existing sections 1 through 2 of this bill and replace with the following new sections 1 through 10:

Section 1. 1. The Committee to Study the Funding of Higher Education, consisting of 12 voting members and 4 nonvoting members, is hereby created.
2. The following persons shall serve as voting members of the Committee:

1 (a) Three members of the Senate, two of whom are appointed by the
2 Majority Leader of the Senate and one of whom is appointed by the Minority
3 Leader of the Senate;

4 (b) Three members of the Assembly, two of whom are appointed by the
5 Speaker of the Assembly and one of whom is appointed by the Minority
6 Leader of the Assembly;

7 (c) Three members of the Board of Regents of the University of Nevada,
8 appointed by the Chair of that Board; and

9 (d) Three members appointed by the Governor.

10 3. The Governor shall appoint the following persons to serve as the
11 nonvoting members of the Committee;

12 (a) One person who is employed in the Budget Division of the Department
13 of Administration; and

14 (b) Three persons who are employed by the Nevada System of Higher
15 Education.

16 4. The Chair of the Legislative Commission shall designate one of the
17 members of the Committee as Chair of the Committee.

18 5. The Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau shall provide the
19 necessary professional staff and a secretary for the Committee.

20 6. For each day or portion of a day during which they attend a meeting of
21 the Committee or are otherwise engaged in the business of the Committee;

22 (a) The voting members of the Committee who are Legislators are entitled
23 to receive the compensation provided for a majority of the members of the
24 Legislature during the first 60 days of the preceding regular session, plus the
25 per diem allowance provided for state officers and employees generally and
26 the travel expenses provided pursuant to NRS 218A.655.

27 (b) The voting members of the Committee who are members of the Board
28 of Regents of the University of Nevada are entitled to receive travel expenses
29 and a per diem allowance at the rates established in NRS 396.070.

30 (c) The voting members of the Committee appointed by the Governor are
31 entitled to receive the per diem allowance and travel expenses provided for
32 state officers and employees generally.

33 Sec. 2. The Committee shall:

34 1. Compare the existing method of funding higher education in Nevada
35 with the methods used in other states;

36 2. Determine whether the other methods would be appropriate and
37 useful in Nevada, whereby different missions of universities, state college,
38 colleges and research institutes are appropriately considered in the funding of
39 public higher education in Nevada;

40 3. Review the funding of remediation in the context of instructional
41 delivery methods;

42 4. Consider the retention of resident registration fees and nonresident
43 tuition outside of the state supported operating budget;

44 5. Consider funding in the context of completed courses in contrast to the
45 current method of funding enrollments; and

46 6. Consider rewarding institutions within higher education for achieving
47 defined goals for graduating students.

48 Sec. 3. The Committee may hold public hearings at such times and
49 places as it deems necessary to afford the general public and representatives of
50 governmental agencies and of organizations interested in higher education an
51 opportunity to present relevant information and recommendations.

52 Sec. 4. The Committee may employ such educational and financial
53 consultants as it deems necessary for this study.

1 Sec. 5. The Committee may accept and use all gifts and grants which it
2 receives to further its work.

3 Sec. 6. There is hereby appropriated from the State General Fund to the
4 Legislative Fund the sum of \$150,000 for the purpose of conducting a study of
5 the funding of higher education as provided in sections 1 to 5, inclusive, of this
6 act.

7 Sec. 7. There is hereby appropriated from the State General Fund to the
8 Legislative Fund the sum of \$18,064 for the purpose of the paying for the cost
9 of the participation of the members of the Committee who are Legislators as
10 provided in sections 1 to 5, inclusive, of this act.

11 Sec. 8. Any remaining balance of the appropriation made by section 6 or
12 7 of this act must not be committed for expenditure after June 30, 2013, by the
13 entity to which the appropriation is made or any entity to which money from
14 the appropriation is granted or otherwise transferred in any manner, and any
15 portion of the appropriated money remaining must not be spent for any
16 purpose after September 20, 2013, by either the entity to which the money was
17 appropriated or the entity to which the money was subsequently granted or
18 transferred, and must be reverted to the State General Fund on or before
19 September 20, 2013.

20 Sec. 9. The Committee shall submit to the Legislative Commission a
21 report of its findings and recommendations for legislation before the
22 commencement of the 77th Session of the Nevada Legislature.

23 Sec. 10. This act becomes effective on July 1, 2011.