

SENATE BILL NO. 211—COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

MARCH 1, 2011

Referred to Committee on Education

SUMMARY—Requires a legislative study of the implementation of the Common Core State Standards in the public schools in Nevada. (BDR S-1099)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
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 education; requiring the Legislative Committee on Education to conduct a study concerning the implementation of the Common Core State Standards in the public schools in this State; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

The National Governors Association Center for Best Practices and the Council of Chief State School Officers released a set of national education standards for English language arts and mathematics, commonly referred to as the "Common Core State Standards." Forty-eight states, including Nevada, have signed on to participate in the Common Core State Standards. On June 18, 2010, the State Board of Education adopted the draft of the Common Core State Standards, and on December 10, 2010, the State Board adopted a temporary regulation relating to the Common Core State Standards.

Existing law creates the Legislative Committee on Education, consisting of eight legislative members. (NRS 218E.605) This bill requires the Committee to conduct a study to determine the extent to which: (1) the curriculum and instruction for kindergarten through grade 12 in the public schools in this State is transitioned to the Common Core State Standards; (2) teachers and other licensed educational personnel are afforded sufficient professional development opportunities and resources to aid in the transition process to the Common Core State Standards; and (3) a plan and a timeline have been established for transitioning Nevada's assessment system for the public schools to align with the Common Core State Standards. The study is required to be conducted in consultation with the Nevada STEM Education Coalition, which is a statewide group of persons dedicated to improving education in science, technology, engineering and mathematics in Nevada. The Committee is required to submit a report of the results of the study and any recommendations for legislation to the Director of the Legislative Counsel



23 Bureau on or before February 1, 2013, for transmittal to the 77th Session of the
24 Nevada Legislature.

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

1 **Section 1.** 1. During the 2011-2012 interim, the Legislative
2 Committee on Education shall conduct a study to determine the
3 extent to which:

4 (a) The curriculum and instruction for kindergarten through
5 grade 12 in the public schools in this State is transitioned to the
6 Common Core State Standards adopted by the State Board of
7 Education and the extent to which the Common Core State
8 Standards are being implemented at those grade levels;

9 (b) Teachers and other licensed educational personnel are
10 afforded sufficient professional development opportunities and
11 resources to aid in the transition process for:

12 (1) Providing instruction in the Common Core State
13 Standards for kindergarten through grade 12 in the public schools in
14 this State; and

15 (2) Monitoring the progress made by pupils in achieving the
16 Common Core State Standards; and

17 (c) A plan and a timeline have been established for transitioning
18 Nevada's assessment system for the pupils enrolled in the public
19 schools in this State to align with the Common Core State
20 Standards.

21 2. The study required by subsection 1 must be conducted in
22 consultation with the Nevada STEM Education Coalition.

23 3. The Committee shall recommend such action as may be
24 necessary to ensure the full and effective implementation of the
25 Common Core State Standards in kindergarten through grade 12 in
26 the public schools in this State.

27 4. The Committee shall, on or before February 1, 2013, submit
28 a report of the results of the study and any recommendations for
29 legislation to the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for
30 transmittal to the 77th Session of the Nevada Legislature.

31 **Sec. 2.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2011.

