

SENATE BILL NO. 305—SENATOR CEGAVSKE

MARCH 21, 2011

Referred to Committee on Finance

SUMMARY—Creates the P-20 Leadership Council. (BDR 34-365)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
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 P-20 Leadership Council and prescribing the membership, duties and powers of the Council; repealing the provisions creating the P-16 Advisory Council; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Existing law creates the P-16 Advisory Council to assist in the coordination between elementary, secondary and higher education in this State and prescribes the membership, duties and powers of the P-16 Advisory Council. (Chapter 400 of NRS) This bill repeals the provisions creating and governing the P-16 Advisory Council and creates the P-20 Leadership Council to assist in the coordination among entities representing public elementary, secondary and higher education in this State and to coordinate the provisions of education from the level of preschool through the completion of a postgraduate degree program. **Section 5** of this bill prescribes the membership of the P-20 Leadership Council to consist of seven members appointed by the Governor, Majority Leader of the Senate and the Speaker of the Assembly. **Section 7** of this bill prescribes the powers and duties of the P-20 Leadership Council.

WHEREAS, The Board of Regents of the University of Nevada is established pursuant to Section 7 of Article 11 of the Nevada Constitution and is empowered to control and manage the affairs of the University; and

WHEREAS, Matters relating to public education are vitally important to the future of the State of Nevada, its economy and the general welfare of its residents; and

WHEREAS, In light of the growing enrollment in Nevada's system of public elementary and secondary education and Nevada's



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1 system of public higher education, it is important that the Nevada
2 Legislature, the Board of Regents of the University of Nevada, the
3 State Board of Education and the Executive Branch of the State
4 Government work together as partners in developing a public
5 agenda to advance public education in this State; and

6 WHEREAS, The development of an agenda to advance public
7 education should be carried out with a view toward seeking input
8 from all parties who have a stake in the advancement of public
9 education in this State; and

10 WHEREAS, Coordination among entities representing public
11 elementary, secondary and higher education in this State must be
12 strengthened to ensure that pupils enrolled in grade 12 in the public
13 schools of this State are prepared adequately to make the transition
14 from secondary education to higher education or to careers; now
15 therefore,

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17 THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
18 SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:
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20 **Section 1.** Title 34 of NRS is hereby amended by adding
21 thereto a new chapter to consist of the provisions set forth as
22 sections 2 to 8, inclusive, of this act.

23 **Sec. 2.** *As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise*
24 *requires, the words and terms defined in sections 3 and 4 of this*
25 *act have the meanings ascribed to them in those sections.*

26 **Sec. 3.** *“Council” means the P-20 Leadership Council*
27 *created by section 5 of this act.*

28 **Sec. 4.** *“System” means the Nevada System of Higher*
29 *Education.*

30 **Sec. 5. 1.** *The P-20 Leadership Council, consisting of seven*
31 *voting members, is hereby created to assist in the coordination*
32 *among entities representing public elementary, secondary and*
33 *higher education in this State and to coordinate the provision of*
34 *education from the level of preschool through the completion of a*
35 *postgraduate degree program. The Chancellor of the System and*
36 *the Superintendent of Public Instruction serve as ex officio*
37 *nonvoting members of the Council.*

38 **2.** *The Governor shall appoint four members to the Council*
39 *as follows:*

- 40 (a) *One representative of public higher education in this State;*
41 (b) *One representative of public elementary and secondary*
42 *education in this State;*
43 (c) *One representative of private business in this State; and*
44 (d) *One member who is a parent of a pupil enrolled in a public*
45 *school in this State or of a student enrolled in the System. The*



parent must not be employed by the board of trustees of a school district, the governing body of a charter school or the System.

3. The Majority Leader of the Senate and the Speaker of the Assembly shall each appoint one member to the Council who is:

(a) A member of the House of the Legislature that he or she represents;

(b) A person who meets the qualifications of paragraph (a), (b) or (c) of subsection 2; or

(c) A member of the general public.

4. The Governor or his or her designee shall:

(a) Serve as a voting member of the Council and as Chair of the Council; and

(b) Appoint a member of the Council to serve as Vice Chair of the Council.

↪ The Vice Chair serves in the office of Vice Chair for 2 years beginning on July 1 of each odd-numbered year. If a vacancy occurs in the office of Vice Chair, the Governor or his or her designee shall select a member to fill the vacancy to serve for the remainder of the unexpired term of that office.

5. Other than the Chair, after the initial terms, each voting member of the Council serves a term of 3 years commencing on July 1 of the year of appointment. Such members may be reappointed for one additional term. A vacancy on the Council must be filled for the remainder of the unexpired term in the same manner as the original appointment. Each member of the Council continues in office until his or her successor is appointed.

6. Any member who is absent from two consecutive meetings of the Council without permission of the Chair:

(a) Forfeits his or her membership on the Council; and

(b) Must be replaced as provided in subsection 5 for the filling of a vacancy.

Sec. 6. 1. The Council shall meet at least once each calendar quarter and as frequently as necessary to afford the general public, representatives of governmental agencies and representatives of educational and business organizations an opportunity to present information and recommendations relating to the coordination among public elementary, secondary and postsecondary education.

2. The Council shall comply with the provisions of chapter 241 of NRS.

3. For each day or portion of a day during which a member of the Council attends a meeting of the Council or is otherwise engaged in the business of the Council:

(a) The members who are appointed by the Majority Leader of the Senate and the Speaker of the Assembly who are Legislators, if



any, are entitled to receive the compensation provided for a majority of the members of the Legislature during the first 60 days of the preceding regular session plus the per diem allowance provided for state officers and employees generally and the travel expenses provided pursuant to NRS 218A.655, payable from the Legislative Fund.

(b) The members who are appointed by the Majority Leader of the Senate and the Speaker of the Assembly who are not Legislators, if any, are entitled to receive the per diem allowance and travel expenses provided for state officers and employees generally, payable from the Legislative Fund.

(c) The members who are appointed by the Governor are entitled to receive the per diem allowance and travel expenses provided for state officers and employees generally, payable as other claims against the State are paid.

4. The Office of the Governor shall provide:

(a) Administrative support;

(b) Equipment; and

(c) Office space,

↪ as is necessary for the Council to carry out its duties.

5. The Board of Regents of the University of Nevada and the Department shall provide technical assistance to the Council upon the request of the Chair.

Sec. 7. 1. The Council shall address:

(a) Methods to ensure the successful transition of pupils from:

(1) Elementary school to middle school;

(2) Middle school to high school; and

(3) High school to postsecondary education,

↪ including, without limitation, methods to increase parental involvement.

(b) Methods to ensure that the automated system of accountability information for Nevada for the pupils enrolled in the public schools established pursuant to NRS 386.650 is linked, to the extent feasible, with the data information system for the students enrolled in the System.

(c) Methods to ensure that the course work, standards and assessments required of pupils in secondary schools is aligned with the workload expected of students at the postsecondary level.

(d) Methods to ensure collaboration among the business community, members of the educational community and political leaders to set forth a process for developing strategies for the growth and diversification of the economy of this State.

(e) Policies relating to workforce development, employment needs of private employers and workforce shortages in



1 *occupations critical to the education, health and safety of the*
2 *residents of this State.*

3 *(f) Other matters within the scope of the Council as*
4 *determined necessary or appropriate by the Council.*

5 **2. The Council may:**

6 *(a) Establish advisory committees to assist the Council in*
7 *carrying out its duties.*

8 *(b) Apply for any available grants and may accept any gifts,*
9 *grants and donations from any source to assist the Council in*
10 *carrying out its duties.*

11 **Sec. 8.** *On or before June 30 of each year, the Council shall*
12 *submit a written report of its activities and any recommendations*
13 *to the:*

14 **1. Board of Regents of the University of Nevada.**

15 **2. State Board.**

16 **3. Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for transmittal**
17 **to:**

18 *(a) In even-numbered years, the next regular session of the*
19 *Legislature; and*

20 *(b) In odd-numbered years, the Legislative Committee on*
21 *Education.*

22 **Sec. 9.** NRS 400.010, 400.015, 400.020, 400.025, 400.030,
23 400.035, 400.040 and 400.045 are hereby repealed.

24 **Sec. 10.** The terms of all members appointed to the P-16
25 Advisory Council created by NRS 400.030 who are incumbent on
26 June 30, 2011, expire on that date.

27 **Sec. 11.** 1. On or before September 1, 2011, the Governor
28 shall, pursuant to subsection 2 of section 5 of this act, appoint to the
29 P-20 Leadership Council created by that section:

30 *(a) Two members to terms commencing on September 1, 2011,*
31 *and expiring on June 30, 2013.*

32 *(b) Two members to terms commencing on September 1, 2011,*
33 *and expiring on June 30, 2014.*

34 **2.** On or before September 1, 2011, the Majority Leader of the
35 Senate shall, pursuant to subsection 3 of section 5 of this act,
36 appoint to the P-20 Leadership Council created by that section one
37 member to a term commencing on September 1, 2011, and expiring
38 on June 30, 2013.

39 **3.** On or before September 1, 2011, the Speaker of the
40 Assembly shall, pursuant to subsection 3 of section 5 of this act,
41 appoint to the P-20 Leadership Council created by that section one
42 member to a term commencing on September 1, 2011, and expiring
43 on June 30, 2014.

44 **Sec. 12.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2011.



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LEADLINES OF REPEALED SECTIONS

- 400.010 Definitions.**
- 400.015 “Council” defined.**
- 400.020 “System” defined.**
- 400.025 Legislative declaration.**
- 400.030 Creation; membership; terms; vacancies.**
- 400.035 Meetings; compensation of members;
administrative support and other assistance.**
- 400.040 Powers and duties.**
- 400.045 Annual report.**

