

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 259—COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

(ON BEHALF OF THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE
ON EDUCATION)

MARCH 13, 2013

Referred to Committee on Education

SUMMARY—Revises provisions governing the P-16 Advisory Council. (BDR 34-198)

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; revising the membership and duties of the P-16 Advisory Council; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

1 Existing law creates the P-16 Advisory Council consisting of 11 voting
2 members appointed by the Governor, the Majority Leader of the Senate, the
3 Speaker of the Assembly, the Minority Leader of the Senate and the Minority
4 Leader of the Assembly and prescribes the duties of the Council. (NRS 400.030,
5 400.040) **Section 1** of this bill revises the qualifications of one of the five members
6 who is appointed by the Governor to require that the member be a person who
7 possesses knowledge of and experience in early childhood education programs and
8 services for children in this State from birth through prekindergarten. **Section 1** also
9 increases the pool of qualified persons from which the Majority Leader of the
10 Senate and the Speaker of the Assembly, respectively, may appoint a member to the
11 Council to include a person who possesses knowledge of and experience in early
12 childhood education programs and services for children from birth through
13 prekindergarten.

14 The State Board of Education has adopted a set of national education standards
15 for English language arts and mathematics, commonly referred to as the “Common
16 Core Standards.” **Section 2** of this bill revises the duties of the Council by requiring
17 the Council to address the extent to which recent graduates of institutions which are
18 part of the Nevada System of Higher Education who are employed as teachers in
19 public schools are able to understand and instruct pupils in the curriculum and
20 instruction required for the common core state standards adopted by the State
21 Board.



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

- 1 **Section 1.** NRS 400.030 is hereby amended to read as follows:
2 400.030 1. The P-16 Advisory Council, consisting of 11
3 voting members, is hereby created to assist in the coordination
4 between elementary, secondary and higher education in this State.
5 The Chancellor of the System and the Superintendent of Public
6 Instruction serve as ex officio nonvoting members of the Council.
7 2. The Governor shall appoint five members to the Council as
8 follows:
9 (a) One representative of higher education in this State.
10 (b) One representative of elementary and secondary education in
11 this State.
12 (c) One representative of private business in this State.
13 (d) One member who is a parent of a pupil enrolled in a public
14 school in this State or of a student enrolled in the System. The
15 parent must not be employed by the board of trustees of a school
16 district, the governing body of a charter school or the System.
17 (e) One person who ~~meets the qualifications of paragraph (a),~~
18 ~~(b) or (c).~~ *possesses knowledge of and experience in early*
19 *childhood education programs and services for children in this*
20 *State from birth through prekindergarten.*
21 3. The Majority Leader of the Senate and the Speaker of the
22 Assembly shall each appoint two members to the Council as
23 follows:
24 (a) One member of the House of the Legislature that he or she
25 represents.
26 (b) One person who meets the qualifications of paragraph (a),
27 (b), ~~for~~ (c) *or (e)* of subsection 2.
28 4. The Minority Leader of the Senate and the Minority Leader
29 of the Assembly shall each appoint one member to the Council who
30 is a member of the general public.
31 5. The members of the Council shall elect a Chair and a Vice
32 Chair from among the members of the Council. After the initial
33 term, the Chair and Vice Chair serve in the office for a term of 2
34 years beginning July 1 of each odd-numbered year. If a vacancy
35 occurs in the office of Chair or Vice Chair, the members of the
36 Council shall elect a member to fill the vacancy to serve for the
37 remainder of the unexpired term of that office.
38 6. After the initial terms, each member of the Council serves a
39 term of 3 years commencing on July 1 of the year of appointment.
40 Such members may be reappointed for one additional term. A
41 vacancy on the Council must be filled for the remainder of the
42 unexpired term in the same manner as the original appointment.



1 Each member of the Council continues in office until his or her
2 successor is appointed.

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

5 (a) Forfeits his or her office; and

6 (b) Must be replaced as provided in subsection 6 for the filling
7 of a vacancy before the end of a term.

8 **Sec. 2.** NRS 400.040 is hereby amended to read as follows:

9 400.040 1. The Council shall address:

10 (a) Methods to increase the number of students who enroll in
11 programs at the System to become teachers, including, without
12 limitation, financial aid programs for students enrolled in those
13 programs.

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

15 (1) Elementary school to middle school;

16 (2) Middle school to high school; and

17 (3) High school to postsecondary education,

18 ➔ including, without limitation, methods to increase parental
19 involvement.

20 (c) Methods to ensure that the data information system for the
21 pupils enrolled in the public schools is linked, to the extent feasible,
22 with the data information system for the students enrolled in the
23 System.

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

27 (e) Methods to ensure collaboration among the business
28 community, members of the academic community and political
29 leaders to set forth a process for developing strategies for the growth
30 and diversification of the economy of this State.

31 (f) Policies relating to workforce development, employment
32 needs of private employers and workforce shortages in occupations
33 critical to the education, health and safety of the residents of this
34 State.

35 (g) *The extent to which persons who are recent graduates of*
36 *the universities, colleges or community colleges which are part of*
37 *the System and who are employed as teachers in public schools*
38 *are able to understand and instruct pupils in the curriculum and*
39 *instruction required for the common core state standards adopted*
40 *by the State Board.*

41 (h) Other matters within the scope of the Council as determined
42 necessary or appropriate by the Council.

43 2. The Council may:

44 (a) Establish committees to assist the Council in carrying out its
45 duties.



1 (b) Apply for any available grants and may accept any gifts,
2 grants and donations from any source to assist the Council in
3 carrying out its duties.

4 **Sec. 3.** 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection 6 of
5 NRS 400.030, the term of the member of the P-16 Advisory Council
6 appointed by the Governor pursuant to paragraph (e) of subsection 2
7 of NRS 400.030 who is incumbent on June 30, 2013, expires on that
8 date.

9 2. On or before July 1, 2013, the Governor shall appoint to the
10 P-16 Advisory Council one member who meets the qualifications
11 set forth in paragraph (e) of subsection 2 of NRS 400.030, as
12 amended by section 1 of this act, to a term which commences on
13 July 1, 2013, and expires on June 30, 2016.

14 **Sec. 4.** 1. This section and section 3 of this act become
15 effective upon passage and approval.

16 2. Sections 1 and 2 of this act become effective on July 1,
17 2013.

