

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; renaming the Council the P-20W Advisory Council; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Existing law creates the P-16 Advisory Council, consisting of 11 voting members appointed by the Governor, the Majority Leader of the Senate, the Speaker of the Assembly, the Minority Leader of the Senate and the Minority Leader of the Assembly and 2 ex officio nonvoting members, and prescribes the duties of the Council. (NRS 400.030, 400.040) **Section 1** of this bill makes the Director of the Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation an ex officio nonvoting member of the Council and revises the qualifications of one of the five members who is appointed by the Governor to require that the member be a person who possesses knowledge of and experience in early childhood education programs and services for children in this State from birth through prekindergarten. **Section 1** also increases the pool of qualified persons from which the Majority Leader of the Senate and the Speaker of the Assembly, respectively, may appoint a member to the Council to include a person who possesses knowledge of and experience in early childhood education programs and services for children from birth through prekindergarten.

Section 2 of this bill revises the duties of the Council by requiring the Council to address: (1) methods to ensure the successful transition of children from early childhood education programs to elementary school; (2) the development and oversight of a statewide longitudinal data system that links data relating to early childhood education programs and K-12 public education with data relating to postsecondary education and the state's workforce; and (3) a plan for collaborative research using data from that statewide longitudinal data system.



23 As a result of the expansion of its membership and duties, the Council is
24 renamed the P-20W Advisory Council.

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}~~ *P-20W* Advisory Council, consisting
3 of 11 voting members, is hereby created to assist in the coordination
4 between ~~{elementary, secondary and higher}~~ *early childhood*
5 *education programs, K-12 public* education , *postsecondary*
6 *education and the workforce* in this State. The Chancellor of the
7 System , ~~{and}~~ the Superintendent of Public Instruction *and the*
8 *Director of the Department of Employment, Training and*
9 *Rehabilitation* serve as ex officio nonvoting members of the
10 Council.

11 2. The Governor shall appoint five members to the Council as
12 follows:

- 13 (a) One representative of higher education in this State.
14 (b) One representative of elementary and secondary education in
15 this State.
16 (c) One representative of private business in this State.
17 (d) One member who is a parent of a pupil enrolled in a public
18 school in this State or of a student enrolled in the System. The
19 parent must not be employed by the board of trustees of a school
20 district, the governing body of a charter school or the System.
21 (e) One person who ~~{meets the qualifications of paragraph (a),~~
22 ~~(b) or (e)}~~ *possesses knowledge of and experience in early*
23 *childhood education programs and services for children in this*
24 *State from birth through prekindergarten.*

25 3. The Majority Leader of the Senate and the Speaker of the
26 Assembly shall each appoint two members to the Council as
27 follows:

- 28 (a) One member of the House of the Legislature that he or she
29 represents.
30 (b) One person who meets the qualifications of paragraph (a),
31 (b) , ~~{or}~~ (c) *or (e)* of subsection 2.

32 4. The Minority Leader of the Senate and the Minority Leader
33 of the Assembly shall each appoint one member to the Council who
34 is a member of the general public.

35 5. The members of the Council shall elect a Chair and a Vice
36 Chair from among the members of the Council. After the initial
37 term, the Chair and Vice Chair serve in the office for a term of 2
38 years beginning July 1 of each odd-numbered year. If a vacancy
39 occurs in the office of Chair or Vice Chair, the members of the



1 Council shall elect a member to fill the vacancy to serve for the
2 remainder of the unexpired term of that office.

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

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

12 (a) Forfeits his or her office; and

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

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

16 400.040 1. The Council shall address:

17 (a) Methods to increase the number of students who enroll in
18 programs at the System to become teachers, including, without
19 limitation, financial aid programs for students enrolled in those
20 programs.

21 (b) *Methods to ensure the successful transition of children*
22 *from early childhood education programs to elementary school,*
23 *including, without limitation, methods to increase parental*
24 *involvement.*

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

26 (1) Elementary school to middle school;

27 (2) Middle school to high school; and

28 (3) High school to postsecondary education ~~or~~ *or the*
29 *workforce, or both,*

30 *including, without limitation, methods to increase parental*
31 *involvement.*

32 ~~[(e) Methods to ensure that the data information system for the~~
33 ~~pupils enrolled in the public schools is linked, to the extent feasible,~~
34 ~~with the data information system for the students enrolled in the~~
35 ~~System.]~~

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

39 (e) Methods to ensure collaboration among the business
40 community, members of the academic community and political
41 leaders to set forth a process for developing strategies for the growth
42 and diversification of the economy of this State.

43 (f) Policies relating to workforce development, employment
44 needs of private employers and workforce shortages in occupations



critical to the education, health and safety of the residents of this State.

(g) *The development and oversight of a statewide longitudinal data system that links data relating to early childhood education programs and K-12 public education with data relating to postsecondary education and the workforce in this State.*

(h) *A plan for collaborative research using data from the statewide longitudinal data system developed pursuant to paragraph (g), including, without limitation, research that assesses:*

(1) *The efficiency and effectiveness of the use of state resources to improve the readiness of pupils in this State for postsecondary education and the workforce;*

(2) *The effectiveness of the preparation of teachers and administrators in this State; and*

(3) *The return on investment of educational and workforce development programs paid for by this State.*

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

2. The Council may:

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

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

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

2. On or before July 1, 2013, the Governor shall appoint to the P-20W Advisory Council one member who meets the qualifications set forth in paragraph (e) of subsection 2 of NRS 400.030, as amended by section 1 of this act, to a term which commences on July 1, 2013, and expires on June 30, 2016.

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

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

