Senate Bill No. 157–Senators Hutchison, Woodhouse; Brower, Cegavske and Settelmeyer

Joint Sponsors: Assemblymen Fiore; Paul Anderson, Duncan and Stewart

CHAPTER..........

AN ACT relating to education; requiring the board of trustees of each school district to establish criteria for determining certain budgetary priorities; requiring the superintendent of schools of the school district to use the criteria in preparing the budget of the school district; requiring that the expenditures of each school district be prioritized to ensure that the budgetary priorities are carried out; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Existing law requires the board of trustees of each school district to prepare a budget of the amounts of money estimated to be necessary to pay the expenses of conducting the public business of the school district. (NRS 387.300) **Section 1** of this bill requires the board of trustees of each school district to establish criteria for determining budgetary priorities that are directed at improving the achievement of pupils and improving classroom instruction. **Section 1** also requires the superintendent of schools of the school district to use such criteria in preparing the budget of the school district. **Section 2** of this bill provides that the expenditures of a school district must be prioritized in a manner which ensures that the budgetary priorities determined pursuant to **section 1** are carried out.

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

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

Section 1. Chapter 387 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

1. Within the limits prescribed by law, the board of trustees of each school district shall establish criteria for determining budgetary priorities that are directed at improving the achievement of pupils and improving classroom instruction.

2. The superintendent of schools of the school district shall use the criteria established pursuant to subsection 1 in making recommendations to the board of trustees regarding the budget of the school district.

Sec. 2. NRS 387.205 is hereby amended to read as follows:

387.205 1. Subject to the limitations set forth in NRS 387.206 and 387.207, ***and the provisions of subsection 3,*** money on deposit in the county school district fund or in a separate account, if the board of trustees of a school district has elected to establish such an account pursuant to the provisions of NRS 354.603, must be used for:

(a) Maintenance and operation of the public schools controlled by the county school district.

(b) Payment of premiums for Nevada industrial insurance.

(c) Rent of schoolhouses.

(d) Construction, furnishing or rental of teacherages, when approved by the Superintendent of Public Instruction.

(e) Transportation of pupils, including the purchase of new buses.

(f) Programs of nutrition, if such expenditures do not curtail the established school program or make it necessary to shorten the school term, and each pupil furnished lunch whose parent or guardian is financially able so to do pays at least the actual cost of the lunch.

(g) Membership fees, dues and contributions to an interscholastic activities association.

(h) Repayment of a loan made from the State Permanent School Fund pursuant to NRS 387.526.

(i) Programs of education and projects relating to air quality pursuant to NRS 445B.500.

2. Subject to the limitations set forth in NRS 387.206 and 387.207, money on deposit in the county school district fund, or in a separate account, if the board of trustees of a school district has elected to establish such an account pursuant to the provisions of NRS 354.603, when available, may be used for:

(a) Purchase of sites for school facilities.

(b) Purchase of buildings for school use.

(c) Repair and construction of buildings for school use.

3. The board of trustees of a school district, in allocating the use of money pursuant to this section, shall prioritize expenditures in a manner which ensures that the budgetary priorities determined pursuant to section 1 of this act are carried out.

Sec. 3. This act becomes effective on July 1, 2013.