

SENATE BILL NO. 163—SENATORS CEGAVSKE, HAMMOND, HUTCHISON, WOODHOUSE, DENIS; FORD, GOICOECHEA, GUSTAVSON, HARDY, JONES, KIHUEN, MANENDO, ROBERSON, SEGERBLOM AND SETTELMAYER

FEBRUARY 18, 2013

JOINT SPONSORS: ASSEMBLYMEN HARDY; AND GRADY

Referred to Committee on Education

SUMMARY—Requires certain schools in this State to provide pupils with instruction in civics. (BDR 34-667)

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 elementary and secondary educational institutions to provide pupils with instruction in civics as part of the required instruction in American government; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

- 1 Existing law designates the academic subjects and courses of study which must
- 2 be taught in both public and private elementary and secondary educational
- 3 institutions, including charter schools, in this State. (NRS 386.550, 389.018-
- 4 389.180, 394.130) This bill requires such institutions to provide pupils with
- 5 instruction in civics as part of the required instruction in American government.

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

- 1 **Section 1.** NRS 389.020 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 2 389.020 1. In all public schools, the Caliente Youth Center,
- 3 the Nevada Youth Training Center and any other state facility for
- 4 the detention of children that is operated pursuant to title 5 of NRS,



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1 instruction must be given in American government, including,
2 without limitation, ~~the~~ *instruction on:*

3 (a) ~~Essentials~~ *The essentials* of : ~~the~~

4 (1) *The* Constitution of the United States, including, without
5 limitation, the Bill of Rights;

6 (2) *The* Constitution of the State of Nevada; and

7 (3) *The* Declaration of Independence;

8 (b) ~~Origin~~ *The origin* and history of the Constitutions; ~~and~~

9 (c) ~~Study~~ *The study* of and devotion to American institutions
10 and ideals ~~;~~ *and*

11 *(d) Civics.*

12 2. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 392A.100, the
13 instruction required in subsection 1 must be given during at least 1
14 year of the elementary school grades and for a period of at least 1
15 year in all high schools.

16 **Sec. 2.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2013.

