

Senate Bill No. 163—Senators Cegavske, Hammond, Hutchison, Woodhouse, Denis; Ford, Goicoechea, Gustavson, Hardy, Jones, Kihuen, Manendo, Roberson, Segerblom and Settlemeyer

Joint Sponsors: Assemblymen Hardy; and Grady

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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:

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

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. NRS 389.020 is hereby amended to read as follows:
389.020 1. In all public schools, the Caliente Youth Center, the Nevada Youth Training Center and any other state facility for the detention of children that is operated pursuant to title 5 of NRS, instruction must be given in American government, including, without limitation, ~~the~~ ***instruction on:***

- (a) ~~Essentials~~ ***The essentials*** of : ~~the~~
 - (1) ***The*** Constitution of the United States, including, without limitation, the Bill of Rights;
 - (2) ***The*** Constitution of the State of Nevada; and
 - (3) ***The*** Declaration of Independence;
- (b) ~~Origin~~ ***The origin*** and history of the Constitutions; ~~and~~
- (c) ~~Study~~ ***The study*** of and devotion to American institutions and ideals ~~;~~ ***;*** and
- (d) ***Civics.***

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



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

