

SENATE BILL NO. 291—SENATORS ROBERSON, BROWER, HARDY,
HUTCHISON, KIECKHEFER; DENIS AND HAMMOND

MARCH 18, 2013

Referred to Committee on Education

SUMMARY—Requires the board of trustees of certain school districts to establish a prekindergarten program to teach children who are limited English proficient. (BDR 34-857)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: Contains Appropriation not included in Executive Budget.

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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 the board of trustees of certain school districts to establish a prekindergarten program to teach children who are limited English proficient; prescribing the requirements of the program; requiring the board of trustees to review the program annually; making an appropriation for the establishment and operation of the program; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Section 1 of this bill requires the board of trustees of a school district in a county whose population is 700,000 or more (currently Clark County) to establish a prekindergarten program to teach children who are limited English proficient.

Section 1 also sets forth the requirements of the program and requires the board of trustees to evaluate the program annually using nationally recognized assessment methods. **Section 1** further requires the board of trustees to prepare a report on the evaluation for submission to the Department of Education.

Section 2 of this bill makes an appropriation of \$20,000,000 for the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 and \$20,000,000 for the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 to the Board of Trustees of the Clark County School District for the establishment and operation of the prekindergarten program.



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

Section 1. Chapter 388 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

1. The board of trustees of each school district in a county whose population is 700,000 or more shall establish a program of instruction for children in prekindergarten who are limited English proficient. The purpose of the program is to improve the school readiness of the children who enroll in the program.

2. The program established pursuant to subsection 1 must include a curriculum that:

(a) Provides instruction in:

(1) Language and reading.

(2) Mathematics.

(3) Science.

(b) Is designed to improve a participating child's:

(1) Social development.

(2) Gross and fine motor skills.

(3) Communication in English.

(4) Personal awareness.

(c) Promotes critical thinking and analytical skills.

3. Before a child may be enrolled in a program established pursuant to subsection 1, the school district shall administer an assessment of the child's proficiency to comprehend and speak English and his or her primary language. Upon completion of the program, the school district shall administer the same assessment to determine the child's growth and development since the original assessment.

4. The board of trustees shall:

(a) Provide professional development to teachers and other educational personnel who provide instruction to children enrolled in a program established pursuant to subsection 1.

(b) Evaluate the program annually using nationally recognized assessment methods.

(c) Submit to the Department a report on the evaluation required pursuant to paragraph (b).

Sec. 2. 1. There is hereby appropriated from the State General Fund to the Board of Trustees of the Clark County School District for the establishment and operation of the program required pursuant to the provisions of section 1 this act:

For the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 \$20,000,000

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2. Any balance of the sums appropriated by subsection 1 remaining at the end of the respective fiscal years must not be



1 committed for expenditure after June 30 of the respective fiscal
2 years by the Board of Trustees of the Clark County School District
3 or any entity to which money from the appropriation is granted or
4 otherwise transferred in any manner, and any portion of the
5 appropriated money remaining must not be spent for any purpose
6 after September 19, 2014, and September 18, 2015, respectively, by
7 either the Board of Trustees or the entity to which the money was
8 subsequently granted or transferred, and must be reverted to the
9 State General Fund on or before September 19, 2014, and
10 September 18, 2015, respectively.
11 **Sec. 3.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2013.

