

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE
ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION**

**Seventy-Seventh Session
May 13, 2013**

The Committee on Education was called to order by Chairman Elliot T. Anderson at 3:25 p.m. on Monday, May 13, 2013, in Room 3142 of the Legislative Building, 401 South Carson Street, Carson City, Nevada. The meeting was videoconferenced to Room 4406 of the Grant Sawyer State Office Building, 555 East Washington Avenue, Las Vegas, Nevada. Copies of the minutes, including the Agenda ([Exhibit A](#)), the Attendance Roster ([Exhibit B](#)), and other substantive exhibits, are available and on file in the Research Library of the Legislative Counsel Bureau and on the Nevada Legislature's website at nelis.leg.state.nv.us/77th2013. In addition, copies of the audio record may be purchased through the Legislative Counsel Bureau's Publications Office (email: publications@lcb.state.nv.us; telephone: 775-684-6835).

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Assemblyman Elliot T. Anderson, Chairman
Assemblywoman Marilyn Dondero Loop, Vice Chairwoman
Assemblyman Paul Aizley
Assemblywoman Lesley E. Cohen
Assemblywoman Olivia Diaz
Assemblyman Wesley Duncan
Assemblyman Andy Eisen
Assemblywoman Michele Fiore
Assemblyman Randy Kirner
Assemblyman Harvey J. Munford
Assemblywoman Dina Neal
Assemblyman Lynn D. Stewart
Assemblywoman Heidi Swank
Assemblywoman Melissa Woodbury

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

GUEST LEGISLATORS PRESENT:

None

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STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Todd Butterworth, Committee Policy Analyst
Andrew Diss, Committee Manager
Sharon McCallen, Committee Secretary
Ashlynd Baker, Committee Assistant

OTHERS PRESENT:

None

Chairman Elliot Anderson:

[Roll was called. Protocol and procedures explained.] We will go straight to work session.

Senate Bill 102 (1st Reprint): Revises provisions relating to the Kenny C. Guinn Memorial Millennium Scholarship. (BDR 34-837)

Todd Butterworth, Committee Policy Analyst:

I would remind you that camping season is just around the corner and the contents of your work session binder are quite combustible. They are an excellent way to get those campfires started. I encourage you to take the contents with you at the end of today's meeting.

The first bill on today's work session is Senate Bill 102 (1st Reprint), and was heard in Committee on April 24, 2013.

The Kenny C. Guinn Memorial Millennium Scholarship is a privately funded scholarship awarded annually. Testimony indicated the level of donations received allows more scholarships to be awarded. [Read from work session document with attached letter ([Exhibit C](#)).]

Chairman Elliot Anderson:

Is there a motion to do pass Senate Bill 102?

ASSEMBLYMAN KIRNER MOVED TO DO PASS SENATE BILL 102 (1ST REPRINT).

ASSEMBLYMAN STEWART SECONDED THE MOTION.

Is there any discussion?

Assemblyman Aizley:

I mentioned during the hearing that I thought it was very unfavorable to the south to have one scholarship in the south and one in the north, when the population in the south is so much larger. I will not be voting against it, but it is definitely more difficult. The probability of one of the southern students getting the award is much smaller than the probability of the student in the north. It is unfair. It would have been better to have two in the south and one in the north.

Chairman Elliot Anderson:

Noted for the record. Is there any further discussion? [There was none.]

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

The floor statement will go to Mr. Kirner.

Senate Bill 125 (1st Reprint): Revises provisions relating to rules and regulations of the Nevada Interscholastic Activities Association. (BDR 34-871)

Todd Butterworth, Committee Policy Analyst:

Senate Bill 125 (1st Reprint) was heard in Committee on April 24, 2013. [Read from work session document ([Exhibit D](#)).] Chairman Anderson has proposed an amendment to change the October 1, 2013, effective date to June 30, 2014.

Chairman Elliot Anderson:

To clarify for the record, as it was initially confusing, the amendment would change the effective date in part of the subsections that deal with starting the regulations. However, it will not change the terms "upon passage and approval," so they can begin regulations immediately. We needed to do this to make sure it would be ready and working for the Nevada Interscholastic Activities Association. This will be ready for the 2014-2015 school year. That is a reasonable change to the implementation date. I have not heard that the sponsor has any problem with that.

Is there a motion to amend and do pass?

ASSEMBLYMAN EISEN MOVED TO AMEND AND DO PASS
SENATE BILL 125 (1ST REPRINT).

ASSEMBLYWOMAN DIAZ SECONDED THE MOTION.

Is there any discussion? [There was none.]

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

The floor statement will go to Mr. Munford.

Senate Bill 163: Requires certain schools in this State to provide pupils with instruction in civics. (BDR 34-667)

Todd Butterworth, Committee Policy Analyst:

Senate Bill 163 was heard in Committee on April 24, 2013. [Read from work session document ([Exhibit E](#)).]

Chairman Elliot Anderson:

Is there a motion to do pass S.B. 163?

ASSEMBLYWOMAN DIAZ MOVED TO DO PASS
SENATE BILL 163.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN SWANK SECONDED THE MOTION.

Is there any discussion?

Assemblywoman Dondero Loop:

I was not here the day this bill was heard. I believe we do this in the schools. I have a hard time when we are telling teachers to do something when I think we are already doing it. American Government books are filled with civics. I will be voting for this bill, but I want to go on the record that I believe the teachers are already doing this.

Assemblyman Munford:

I concur with my colleague. She is right, because I taught government for 25 years and we hit civics very heavy all of the time.

Assemblywoman Dondero Loop:

Thank you.

Assemblyman Munford:

I will be voting for the bill also.

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Chairman Elliot Anderson:

The floor statement will go to Ms. Diaz.

Senate Bill 305 (1st Reprint): Revises provisions relating to education.
(BDR 34-694)

Todd Butterworth, Committee Policy Analyst:

Senate Bill 305 (1st Reprint) was heard in Committee on May 6, 2013. [Read from work session document ([Exhibit F](#)).]

The bill's sponsor has endorsed the amendment.

Chairman Elliot Anderson:

Is there a motion for amend and do pass?

ASSEMBLYMAN KIRNER MOVED TO AMEND AND DO PASS
SENATE BILL 305 (1ST REPRINT).

ASSEMBLYWOMAN DIAZ SECONDED THE MOTION.

Is there any discussion?

Assemblyman Eisen:

The amendments address the concerns I had regarding how this would work at the district level and who would approve, so I am much more comfortable now. I appreciate the addition of medicine as one of the fields explicitly noted. I want to mention for the record that the list of fields is not a limitation. This bill does allow for internships in other fields as well. These are just examples.

Chairman Elliot Anderson:

Thank you, Dr. Eisen. I, too, like using the bill as a vehicle to help go after some of the demand crunch we are going to have in the medical field. I hear that repeatedly. There has to be a way we can align something we are doing in K-12 to begin working toward having the professionals in the medical field we need. Medicine is an area we need to focus on.

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

The floor statement will go to Dr. Eisen.

Senate Bill 309 (1st Reprint): Urges the establishment of certain mentoring programs. (BDR S-768)

Todd Butterworth, Committee Policy Analyst:

Senate Bill 309 (1st Reprint) was heard in Committee on April 29, 2013. [Read from work session document ([Exhibit G](#)).]

Chairman Elliot Anderson:

Is there a motion for do pass of Senate Bill 309 (1st Reprint)?

ASSEMBLYMAN KIRNER MOVED TO DO PASS SENATE BILL 309 (1ST REPRINT).

ASSEMBLYWOMAN COHEN SECONDED THE MOTION.

Is there any discussion? [There was none.]

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

The floor statement will go to Ms. Cohen.

Senate Bill 345 (1st Reprint): Creates the Advisory Council on Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. (BDR S-700)

Todd Butterworth, Committee Policy Analyst:

Senate Bill 345 (1st Reprint) was heard in Committee on April 29, 2013. [Read from work session document with mock-up of proposed amendment ([Exhibit H](#)).]

Chairman Elliot Anderson:

Do we have a motion to amend and do pass Senate Bill 345 (1st Reprint)?

ASSEMBLYWOMAN SWANK MOVED TO AMEND AND DO PASS SENATE BILL 345 (1ST REPRINT).

ASSEMBLYWOMAN DIAZ SECONDED THE MOTION.

Is there any discussion? [There was none.]

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

That floor statement will go to Dr. Swank.

Senate Bill 382: Revises provisions governing safety standards for school buses. (BDR 34-868)

Todd Butterworth, Committee Policy Analyst:

Senate Bill 382 was heard in Committee on May 6, 2013. [Read from work session document ([Exhibit I](#)).]

Chairman Elliot Anderson:

Do we have a motion to do pass Senate Bill 382?

ASSEMBLYMAN KIRNER MOVED TO DO PASS SENATE BILL 382.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN DIAZ SECONDED THE MOTION.

Is there any discussion? [There was none.]

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

That floor statement will go to Mr. Stewart.

Senate Bill 392 (1st Reprint): Directs the Legislative Committee on Education to conduct an interim study concerning gifts and bequests relating to education. (BDR S-147)

Todd Butterworth, Committee Policy Analyst:

Senate Bill 392 (1st Reprint) was heard in Committee on May 1, 2013. [Read from work session document with mock-up of proposed amendment ([Exhibit J](#)).]

Chairman Elliot Anderson:

Do we have a motion to amend and do pass Senate Bill 392 (1st Reprint)?

ASSEMBLYWOMAN SWANK MOVED TO AMEND AND DO PASS SENATE BILL 392 (1ST REPRINT).

ASSEMBLYWOMAN FIORE SECONDED THE MOTION.

Is there any discussion?

Assemblyman Stewart:

I think I am okay with this bill, but I would like to study it a little more thoroughly and reserve my right to change my vote on the floor.

Assemblyman Aizley:

Is that a consecutive 12 months or any 12 months?

Todd Butterworth:

As I understand the bill, it is essentially a rolling 12 months. The donor would disclose any contributions made in the previous 12 months. It would be measured that way.

Chairman Elliot Anderson:

I also read it that way. It is a 12-month period which is different than a year.

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

That floor statement will go to Ms. Fiore.

We will close our work session and open the microphone for public comment. Is there any public comment either here in Carson City or in Las Vegas? [There was none.] We will have a Friday meeting. For those watching today, if you still have a bill out there, I encourage you to work with the members of the Committee to find out how you can make them more comfortable with your bill.

The meeting is adjourned [at 3:44 p.m.].

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Sharon McCallen
Committee Secretary

APPROVED BY:

Assemblyman Elliot T. Anderson, Chairman

DATE: _____

EXHIBITS

Committee Name: Committee on Education

Date: May 13, 2013

Time of Meeting: 3:25 p.m.

Bill	Exhibit	Witness / Agency	Description
	A		Agenda
	B		Attendance Roster
S.B. 102 (R1)	C	Todd Butterworth	Word Session Document
S.B. 125 (R1)	D	Todd Butterworth	Word Session Document with Letter
S.B. 163	E	Todd Butterworth	Work Session Document
S.B. 305 (R1)	F	Todd Butterworth	Work Session Document
S.B. 309 (R1)	G	Todd Butterworth	Work Session Document
S.B. 345 (R1)	H	Todd Butterworth	Work Session Document with mock-up of proposed amendment
S.B. 382	I	Todd Butterworth	Work Session Document
S.B. 392 (R1)	J	Todd Butterworth	Work Session Document with mock-up of proposed amendment