

**MINUTES OF THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION**

**Seventy-Seventh Session
May 10, 2013**

The Senate Committee on Education was called to order by Chair Joyce Woodhouse at 3:59 p.m. on Friday, May 10, 2013, in Room 2149 of the Legislative Building, Carson City, Nevada. The meeting was videoconferenced to Room 4412 of the Grant Sawyer State Office Building, 555 East Washington Avenue, Las Vegas, Nevada. [Exhibit A](#) is the Agenda. [Exhibit B](#) is the Attendance Roster. All exhibits are available and on file in the Research Library of the Legislative Counsel Bureau.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Joyce Woodhouse, Chair
Senator Aaron D. Ford, Vice Chair
Senator Ruben J. Kihuen
Senator Barbara K. Cegavske
Senator Donald G. Gustavson

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Pepper Sturm, Policy Analyst
Asher Killian, Counsel
Diana Jones, Committee Secretary

Chair Woodhouse:

I will open this work session with Assembly Bill (A.B.) 17.

ASSEMBLY BILL 17 (1st Reprint): Revises provisions governing the conditions under which the access of a school district employee operating a program of education for incarcerated persons at a facility or institution operated by the Department of Corrections may be restricted. (BDR 34-319)

Pepper Sturm (Policy Analyst):

The Committee has received a work session document for this bill ([Exhibit C](#)). I will read from the work session document, [Exhibit C](#).

SENATOR GUSTAVSON MOVED TO DO PASS A.B. 17.

SENATOR FORD SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Chair Woodhouse:

We will move to A.B. 205.

ASSEMBLY BILL 205 (1st Reprint): Revises provisions governing charter schools. (BDR 34-200)

Mr. Sturm:

The Committee has received a work session document for this bill ([Exhibit D](#)). I will read from the work session document, [Exhibit D](#). The language in an amendment proposed by Steve Canavero will require review by the Legislative Counsel Bureau. A conceptual amendment has been proposed by Mr. Canavero to consider only the assessments of schools falling under section 3.5 of A.B. 205 for the 2013-2014 school year and subsequent school years to allow the State performance framework to be fully implemented.

This bill may potentially conflict with another bill previously heard by this Committee.

Asher Killian (Counsel):

Under existing law, a prereview process allows the Department of Education (NDE) to prereview an application for a charter school before it goes to the sponsor for review and a decision regarding acceptance. Senate Bill (S.B.) 443, which was previously heard and passed out of this Committee, eliminated this prereview process.

SENATE BILL 443: Revises provisions governing charter schools. (BDR 34-079)

Provisions of A.B. 205 potentially conflict with the elimination of the prereview created in S.B. 443. We proposed a technical amendment to cause A.B. 205 to conform to the provisions of S.B. 443.

Mr. Sturm:

There are two amendments proposed for consideration. The first is the technical amendment addressing the conflict between the Senate and Assembly bills. The second is the conceptual amendment by Mr. Canavero.

SENATOR FORD MOVED TO AMEND AND REREFER A.B. 205 TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE WITH THE TECHNICAL AMENDMENT AND MR. CANAVERO'S CONCEPTUAL AMENDMENT.

SENATOR KIHUEN SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Chair Woodhouse:

We will move to A.B. 210.

ASSEMBLY BILL 210 (1st Reprint): Revises provisions relating to pupils with disabilities. (BDR 34-989)

Mr. Sturm:

The Committee has received a work session document for this bill ([Exhibit E](#)). I will read from the work session document, [Exhibit E](#). Information requested by the Committee regarding the number of sign language interpreters employed by Nevada's school districts and their level of certification is included in the work session document. Fiscal notes are also included in the document.

SENATOR CEGAVSKE MOVED TO DO PASS AND REREFER A.B. 210 TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

SENATOR FORD SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Chair Woodhouse:

We will move to A.B. 259.

ASSEMBLY BILL 259 (1st Reprint): Revises provisions governing the P-16 Advisory Council. (BDR 34-198)

Mr. Sturm:

The Committee has received a work session document for this bill ([Exhibit F](#)). I will read from the work session document, [Exhibit F](#).

Senator Cegavske:

I would like to disclose I am the chair of the P-16 Advisory Council. I support this bill.

SENATOR FORD MOVED TO DO PASS A.B. 259.

SENATOR KIHUEN SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Chair Woodhouse:

We will move to A.B. 337.

ASSEMBLY BILL 337: Encourages public schools to establish and participate in programs that promote the consumption of fresh fruits and vegetables by children. (BDR S-45)

Mr. Sturm:

The Committee has received a work session document for this bill ([Exhibit G](#)). I will read from the work session document, [Exhibit G](#).

SENATOR FORD MOVED TO DO PASS A.B. 337.

SENATOR KIHUEN SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Chair Woodhouse:

We will move to A.B. 459.

ASSEMBLY BILL 459 (2nd Reprint): Revises provisions relating to school property. (BDR 34-203)

Mr. Sturm:

The Committee has received a work session document for this bill ([Exhibit H](#)). I will read from the work session document, [Exhibit H](#).

SENATOR CEGAVSKE MOVED TO DO PASS A.B. 459.

SENATOR FORD SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Chair Woodhouse:

We will conclude with A.B. 460.

ASSEMBLY BILL 460 (1st Reprint): Revises provisions governing the statewide system of accountability for public schools. (BDR 34-195)

Mr. Sturm:

The Committee has received a work session document for this bill ([Exhibit I](#)). I will read from the work session document, [Exhibit I](#). A fiscal note is attached to the work session document. It determines this bill would have no fiscal impact on the NDE.

SENATOR FORD MOVED TO DO PASS A.B. 460.

SENATOR KIHUEN SECONDED THE MOTION.

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THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Chair Woodhouse:

Seeing no further business, I adjourn the meeting at 4:15 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Diana Jones,
Committee Secretary

APPROVED BY:

Senator Joyce Woodhouse, Chair

DATE: _____

<u>EXHIBITS</u>				
Bill	Exhibit		Witness / Agency	Description
	A	1		Agenda
	B	2		Attendance Roster
A.B. 17	C	1	Pepper Sturm	Work Session Document
A.B. 205	D	8	Pepper Sturm	Work Session Document
A.B. 210	E	9	Pepper Sturm	Work Session Document
A.B. 259	F	1	Pepper Sturm	Work Session Document
A.B. 337	G	1	Pepper Sturm	Work Session Document
A.B. 459	H	1	Pepper Sturm	Work Session Document
A.B. 460	I	3	Pepper Sturm	Work Session Document