

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 421—COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

MARCH 20, 2015

Referred to Committee on Education

SUMMARY—Creates the Spending and Government Efficiency Commission for public education in this State. (BDR S-1083)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: May have Fiscal Impact.
Effect on the State: Yes.

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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; creating the Spending and Government Efficiency Commission for public education and the Nevada System of Higher Education; prescribing the membership and duties of the Commission; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

1 This bill creates the Spending and Government Efficiency Commission for the
2 system of K-12 public education and the Nevada System of Higher Education. The
3 Commission is required to make periodic recommendations to the Governor
4 identifying: (1) areas in which the public costs of public education and the Nevada
5 System of Higher Education may be reduced; (2) areas in which increased
6 efficiencies in public education and the Nevada System of Higher Education may
7 be found; and (3) any means by which public education and the Nevada System of
8 Higher Education may be improved.

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

1 **Section 1.** 1. There is hereby created the Spending and
2 Government Efficiency Commission for the system of K-12 public
3 education in this State and the Nevada System of Higher Education.
4 The Commission consists of 12 members appointed as follows:
5 (a) Six members appointed by the Governor;
6 (b) Two members appointed by the Governor from a list of six
7 recommendations provided by the Senate Majority leader;



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(c) Two members appointed by the Governor from a list of six recommendations provided by the Speaker of the Assembly;

(d) One member appointed by the Governor from a list of three recommendations provided by the Senate Minority leader; and

(e) One member appointed by the Governor from a list of three recommendations provided by the Assembly Minority Leader.

➤ To the extent practicable, in appointing members to the Commission, the Governor shall ensure that the membership reflects the ethnic, gender and geographic diversity of this State.

2. The Governor shall appoint the Chair of the Commission from among its members.

3. The members of the Commission must be persons with expertise and experience in the operation of a business. A member may not have a personal or professional conflict of interest that would prevent the member from fully and objectively discharging his or her duties. A member may not derive any financial benefit from the work of the Commission, other than the general benefit received by all residents of this State from increased efficiency in the system of K-12 public education in this State and the Nevada System of Higher Education.

4. Members of the Commission serve at the pleasure of the Governor.

5. Members of the Commission serve without salary or compensation for their travel or per diem expenses.

6. A majority of the members of the Commission constitutes a quorum for the transaction of business, and a majority of those members present at any meeting is sufficient for any official action taken by the Committee.

7. The Commission shall comply with the provisions of chapter 241 of NRS and all meetings must be conducted in accordance with that chapter.

8. The Department of Education shall provide administrative support to the Commission.

9. The Commission may appoint committees or subcommittees of its members to study the system of K-12 public education in this State and the Nevada System of Higher Education and any means by which the system of K-12 public education in this State and the Nevada System of Higher Education may be improved.

10. The Commission shall, not less frequently than every 90 days, meet and:

(a) Submit recommendations to the Governor:

(1) Identifying areas in which the public costs of the system of K-12 public education in this State and the Nevada System of Higher Education may be reduced;



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(2) Identifying areas in which increased efficiencies in the system of K-12 public education in this State and the Nevada System of Higher Education may be found; and

(3) Identifying means by which the system of K-12 public education in this State and the Nevada System of Higher Education may be improved; or

(b) If the Commission does not have any recommendations, submit to the Governor a status report regarding the activities of the Commission for the period from the date on which the Commission last submitted to the Governor a status report or recommendations to the date on which the status report is submitted.

11. The Commission shall, on or before February 1, 2017, prepare and submit a final report to the Governor and the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for transmittal to the 79th Session of the Nevada Legislature concerning its findings and recommendations.

Sec. 2. This act becomes effective on July 1, 2015, and expires by limitation on June 30, 2017.

