Amendment No. 248

Assembly Amendment to Assembly Bill No. 166 (BDR 34-526)									
Proposed by: Assembly Committee on Education									
Amends:	Summary: No	Title: No	Preamble: No	Joint Sponsorship: No	Digest: Yes				

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EXPLANATION: Matter in (1) *blue bold italics* is new language in the original bill; (2) variations of <u>green bold underlining</u> is language proposed to be added in this amendment; (3) <u>red-strikethrough</u> is deleted language in the original bill; (4) <u>purple double strikethrough</u> is language proposed to be deleted in this amendment; (5) <u>orange double underlining</u> is deleted language in the original bill proposed to be retained in this amendment.

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ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 166–ASSEMBLYMEN BENITEZ-THOMPSON, DIAZ, ELLIOT ANDERSON, BUSTAMANTE ADAMS, CARRILLO; ARAUJO AND JOINER

FEBRUARY 17, 2015

JOINT SPONSORS: SENATORS DENIS AND KIHUEN

Referred to Committee on Education

SUMMARY—Provides for the establishment of the State Seal of Biliteracy Program. (BDR 34-526)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.

Effect on the State: Yes.

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EXPLANATION - Matter in bolded italics is new; matter between brackets formitted material is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to education; providing for the establishment of the State Seal of Biliteracy Program to recognize pupils who have attained a high level of proficiency in one or more languages in addition to English; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Section 2 of this bill provides for the establishment of the State Seal of Biliteracy Program to recognize pupils who have attained a high level of proficiency in one or more languages in addition to English by affixing the State Seal of Biliteracy to the diploma and transcript of each pupil who meets certain requirements. Section 3 of this bill prescribes the requirements that a pupil must meet in order to be awarded the State Seal of Biliteracy.

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 the provisions set forth as sections 2 and 3 of this act.

Sec. 2. 1. The Superintendent of Public Instruction shall establish a State Seal of Biliteracy Program to recognize pupils who graduate from a public high school, including, without limitation, a charter school and a university school for profoundly gifted pupils, who have attained a high level of proficiency in one or more languages in addition to English.

2. The Superintendent of Public Instruction shall:

(a) Create a State Seal of Biliteracy that may be affixed to the diploma and transcript of a pupil to recognize that the pupil has met the requirements of section 3 of this act; and

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(b) Deliver the State Seal of Biliteracy to each school district, charter school and university school for profoundly gifted pupils that participates in the program.

3. Any school district, charter school and university school for profoundly gifted pupils may participate in the State Seal of Biliteracy Program by notifying the Superintendent of Public Instruction of its intent to participate in the Program.

Each board of trustees of a school district and governing body of a charter school or university school for profoundly gifted pupils that participates in the State Seal of Biliteracy Program shall:

(a) Identify the pupils who have met the requirements to be awarded the State Seal of Biliteracy; and

(b) Affix the State Seal of Biliteracy to the diploma and transcript of each pupil who meets those requirements.

The Superintendent of Public Instruction may adopt regulations as necessary to carry out the provisions of this section and section 3 of this act.

Sec. 3. A school district, charter school and university school for profoundly gifted pupils that participates in the State Seal of Biliteracy Program established pursuant to section 2 of this act must award a pupil, upon graduation from high school, a high school diploma with a State Seal of Biliteracy if the pupil:

1. Successfully completes all courses of study in English language arts that are required for graduation with at least a 2.0 grade point average, on a 4.0 grading scale;

2. Passes the end-of-course examinations in English language arts required pursuant to NRS 389.805;

3. Demonstrates proficiency in one or more languages other than English:

- (a) By passing an advanced placement examination in a world language with a score of $\bar{3}$ or higher or passing an international baccalaureate examination in a world language with a score of 4 or higher; or
- (b) [Through successful completion of at least 4 years of courses in a world language with at least a 3.0 grade point average, on a 4.0 grading scale, in those eourses; By passing an examination in a world language, if the examination is approved by the board of trustees of a school district or the governing body of a charter school or university school for profoundly gifted pupils, as applicable; and
- [3.] 4. If the primary language of the pupil is not English, demonstrates proficiency in English on an assessment designated by the Department.

Sec. 4. This act becomes effective on July 1, 2015.