

SENATE BILL NO. 208—SENATORS HARRIS, HARDY, GUSTAVSON,
DENIS, FARLEY; HAMMOND AND SETTELMAYER

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Referred to Committee on Education

SUMMARY—Requires certain notice to be provided to certain parents and legal guardians when a new charter school will begin accepting applications. (BDR 34-729)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: May have Fiscal Impact.
Effect on the State: No.

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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 governing body of a new charter school to provide notice concerning the application and enrollment process to parents or legal guardians who live within a certain distance from the charter school; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

1 Existing law authorizes the formation and operation of charter schools. (NRS
2 386.490-386.610) Existing law authorizes a charter school to enroll certain children
3 before enrolling children who are otherwise eligible for enrollment and requires a
4 charter school to determine which applicants to enroll on the basis of a lottery
5 system in the event that more pupils who are eligible for enrollment apply for
6 enrollment in the charter school than the number of spaces which are available.
7 (NRS 386.580) **Section 1** of this bill requires the governing body of a new charter
8 school to send notice at least 90 days before the charter school begins accepting
9 applications for enrollment to the home of the parent or legal guardian of any child
10 who resides within 3 miles of the charter school stating when the charter school
11 will begin accepting applications for enrollment and providing certain information
12 concerning the application and enrollment process.



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

Section 1. Chapter 386 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

1. At least 90 days before a new charter school for which a contract has been executed pursuant to NRS 386.527 begins accepting applications for enrollment pursuant to NRS 386.580, the governing body of the charter school shall notify the parent or legal guardian of any child who resides within 3 miles from the charter school:

(a) When the charter school will begin accepting applications for enrollment;

(b) How to apply for enrollment; and

(c) The process for enrollment of pupils.

2. The notice provided pursuant to subsection 1 must be provided to the home address of each parent or legal guardian.

Sec. 2. NRS 386.490 is hereby amended to read as follows:

386.490 As used in NRS 386.490 to 386.649, inclusive, *and section 1 of this act*, the words and terms defined in NRS 386.492 to 386.503, inclusive, have the meanings ascribed to them in those sections.

Sec. 3. NRS 386.551 is hereby amended to read as follows:

386.551 The provisions of NRS 386.490 to 386.649, inclusive, *and section 1 of this act*, and any other statute or regulation applicable to a charter school or its officers or employees govern the formation and operation of charter schools in this State.

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

