

SENATE BILL NO. 211—SENATORS SEGERBLOM,
PARKS; AND HARRIS

MARCH 4, 2015

JOINT SPONSORS: ASSEMBLYMEN JOINER,
SWANK AND OHRENSCHALL

Referred to Committee on Education

SUMMARY—Revises provisions governing public schools.
(BDR 34-426)

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

CONTAINS UNFUNDED MANDATE (§ 2)
(NOT REQUESTED BY AFFECTED LOCAL GOVERNMENT)

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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 public high schools to
provide an elective course of instruction in ethnic studies;
and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

1 Existing law requires the board of trustees of a school district or the governing
2 body of a charter school to provide certain courses of study. (NRS 389.018-
3 389.074) This bill requires the board of trustees of a school district or the governing
4 body of a charter school that operates as a high school to ensure that an elective
5 course of instruction in ethnic studies is offered and made available to each pupil in
6 a public high school or charter school, as applicable. Such a course may be
7 provided at the school or as a course of distance education.



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

Section 1. (Deleted by amendment.)

Sec. 2. Chapter 389 of NRS is hereby amended by adding
thereto a new section to read as follows:

*The board of trustees of each school district and the governing
body of each charter school that operates as a high school shall
ensure that an elective course of instruction in ethnic studies is
offered and made available to each pupil who is enrolled in a
public high school within the school district or in the charter
school, as applicable. Such a course of instruction in ethnic
studies:*

*1. May be offered at the public school or as a course of
distance education; and*

*2. Must include, without limitation, instruction concerning
the culture, history and contributions of African Americans,
Hispanic Americans, Native Americans, Asian Americans,
European Americans, Basque Americans and any other ethnic
Americans deemed appropriate, with emphasis on human
relations and sensitivity toward all races.*

Sec. 3. (Deleted by amendment.)

Sec. 4. (Deleted by amendment.)

Sec. 5. The provisions of NRS 354.599 do not apply to any
additional expenses of a local government that are related to the
provisions of this act.

Sec. 6. This act becomes effective:

1. Upon passage and approval for the purposes of performing
any preparatory administrative tasks that are necessary to carry out
the provisions of this act; and

2. On July 1, 2016, for all other purposes.

