

SENATE BILL NO. 313—SENATOR KIECKHEFER

MARCH 16, 2015

Referred to Committee on Education

SUMMARY—Authorizes the governing body of a private school to develop and provide a program of distance education. (BDR 34-1032)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
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; authorizing the governing body of a private school to develop and provide a program of distance education; authorizing the governing body of a university school for profoundly gifted pupils to associate and enter into an agreement with the governing body of a private school for the purpose of developing the curriculum of a program of distance education provided by the private school; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Existing law generally provides for the operation of private educational institutions and establishments in this State. (Chapter 394 of NRS) **Section 4** of this bill authorizes the governing body of a private school to develop and provide a program of distance education for a student or prospective student of the private school who is otherwise eligible to attend the private school. **Sections 3 and 4** of this bill authorize the governing body of a university school for profoundly gifted pupils to associate and enter into an agreement with the governing body of a private school for the purpose of developing the curriculum of a program of distance education provided by the private school. **Section 2** of this bill clarifies that a program of distance education provided by the board of trustees of a school district or the governing body of a charter school does not include a program of distance education developed and provided by a private school in accordance with **section 4**.



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

Section 1. NRS 388.020 is hereby amended to read as follows:

388.020 1. An elementary school is a public school in which grade work is not given above that included in the eighth grade, according to the regularly adopted state course of study.

2. A junior high or middle school is a public school in which the sixth, seventh, eighth and ninth grades are taught under a course of study prescribed and approved by the State Board. The school is an elementary or secondary school for the purpose of the licensure of teachers.

3. A high school is a public school in which subjects above the eighth grade, according to the state course of study, may be taught. The school is a secondary school for the purpose of the licensure of teachers.

4. A special school is an organized unit of instruction operating with approval of the State Board.

5. A charter school is a public school that is formed pursuant to the provisions of NRS 386.490 to 386.649, inclusive.

6. A university school for profoundly gifted pupils is a public school established pursuant to NRS 392A.010 to 392A.110, inclusive ***[H], and section 3 of this act.***

Sec. 2. NRS 388.829 is hereby amended to read as follows:

388.829 1. "Program of distance education" means a program comprised of one or more courses of distance education ***[H] that is provided by the board of trustees of a school district or the governing body of a charter school.***

2. The term does not include a program of distance education developed and provided by a private school pursuant to section 4 of this act.

Sec. 3. Chapter 392A of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

1. The governing body of a university school for profoundly gifted pupils may associate and enter into an agreement with the governing body of a private school pursuant to subsection 2 of section 4 of this act for the purpose of developing the curriculum for a program of distance education provided by the private school.

2. As used in this section:

(a) "Private school" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 394.103.

(b) "Program of distance education" means a program of distance education developed and provided by a private school pursuant to section 4 of this act.



1 **Sec. 4.** Chapter 394 of NRS is hereby amended by adding
2 thereto a new section to read as follows:

3 1. *The governing body of a private school may develop and*
4 *provide a program of distance education for any student or*
5 *prospective student who is otherwise eligible to attend the private*
6 *school.*

7 2. *The governing body of a private school may, for the*
8 *purpose of developing the curriculum for a program of distance*
9 *education provided pursuant to subsection 1, associate and enter*
10 *into an agreement with the governing body of a university school*
11 *for profoundly gifted pupils.*

12 3. *As used in this section:*

13 (a) *“Program of distance education” means a program*
14 *comprised of one or more courses of study for which instruction is*
15 *delivered by means of video, computer, television or the Internet or*
16 *other electronic means of communication, or any combination*
17 *thereof, in such a manner that the person supervising or providing*
18 *the instruction and the student receiving the instruction are*
19 *separated geographically for a majority of the time during which*
20 *the instruction is delivered.*

21 (b) *“University school for profoundly gifted pupils” has the*
22 *meaning ascribed to it in NRS 392A.040.*

23 **Sec. 5.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2015.

