

SENATE BILL NO. 330—SENATORS LIPPARELLI, HAMMOND,
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Referred to Committee on Education

SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to education.
(BDR 34-724)

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; authorizing a pupil or school to appeal a final decision or order of the Executive Director of the Nevada Interscholastic Activities Association to the Director of the Department of Administration; requiring the Director, upon receiving an appeal, to appoint an independent hearing officer to review and conduct a hearing on the appeal; prescribing the eligibility of a pupil to participate and practice in a sanctioned sport upon the pupil's transfer from one high school to another high school; authorizing a pupil who enrolls in a private school or public school to be immediately eligible to participate and practice in a sanctioned sport under certain circumstances; prohibiting the Commission on Professional Standards in Education from conditioning the endorsement of a license to serve as a school nurse on the completion of any course or examination on certain subjects; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

1 Existing law establishes the Nevada Interscholastic Activities Association for
2 the purpose of controlling, supervising and regulating interscholastic athletic events
3 in public schools and further authorizes the Association to adopt rules and
4 regulations for that purpose. (NRS 386.420-386.470) **Section 5** of this bill
5 authorizes a pupil or school that is aggrieved by a decision or order of the
6 Executive Director of the Association to appeal the decision or order to the Director
7 of the Department of Administration. **Section 5** requires the Director, upon



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receiving an appeal, to appoint an independent hearing officer to review and conduct a hearing on the appeal. **Section 5** establishes certain procedural requirements regarding the appointment of the hearing officer and the hearing on the appeal.

Section 6 of this bill authorizes a pupil to transfer once from one high school to another high school without losing his or her eligibility to participate or practice in a sanctioned sport at the high school to which the pupil transfers. **Section 6** also provides that a pupil who enrolls in the 9th grade at: (1) a public school is immediately eligible to participate and practice in a sanctioned sport at the school if the pupil resides within the zone of attendance of the school at the time of enrollment, regardless of whether the pupil resided in a different zone of attendance or attended a school other than a public school before enrollment in the 9th grade; and (2) a private school is immediately eligible to participate and practice in a sanctioned sport at the school, regardless of whether the pupil attended a school other than a private school before enrollment in the 9th grade.

Existing law requires the Commission on Professional Standards in Education to adopt regulations relating to the endorsement of a license to serve as a school nurse. (NRS 391.019, 391.021, 391.207) **Section 9** of this bill prohibits the Commission from conditioning the endorsement of a license for the purpose of employment as a school nurse on the completion of any course or examination that the nurse is not otherwise required to complete for the purpose of obtaining a license to practice as a nurse, including any other course or examination relating to reading, writing or mathematics.

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 the provisions set forth as sections 2 to 6, inclusive, of this act.

Sec. 2. *As used in NRS 386.420 to 386.470, inclusive, and sections 2 to 6, inclusive, of this act, unless the context otherwise requires, the words and terms defined in sections 3 and 4 of this act have the meanings ascribed to them in those sections.*

Sec. 3. *"Pupil" means a student of a school or a child that receives instruction at home and is excused from compulsory attendance pursuant to NRS 392.070.*

Sec. 4. *"School" means any school that is affiliated with or is a member of the Nevada Interscholastic Activities Association.*

Sec. 5. *1. Any pupil or school that is aggrieved by a final decision or order of the Executive Director may, not later than 10 days after the issuance of the decision or order, file a written appeal with the Director of the Department of Administration. The Director shall, not later than 10 days after receiving a written appeal, appoint an independent hearing officer to review the decision or order of the Executive Director that is the subject of the appeal.*



2. A hearing officer appointed pursuant to subsection 1 shall conduct a hearing not later than 30 days after his or her appointment. The hearing officer shall, not less than 10 days before the date of the hearing, provide written notice to each interested party of the date and location of the hearing. A hearing held pursuant to this section must be held in the school district in which the party that filed the appeal resides or is located. The hearing officer shall issue a decision or order not later than 10 days after the completion of the hearing. A decision or order issued by a hearing officer pursuant to this subsection must be in writing and is final for the purposes of judicial review.

3. As used in this section, "Executive Director" means the Executive Director of the Nevada Interscholastic Activities Association.

Sec. 6. 1. A pupil who is otherwise eligible to participate or practice in a sanctioned sport and who transfers from one school to another school during the period in which the pupil is enrolled in grade 9, 10, 11 or 12:

(a) For the first transfer, is immediately eligible to participate and practice in a sanctioned sport at the school to which the pupil transfers.

(b) For any subsequent transfer, is subject to any eligibility requirements prescribed by regulation of the Nevada Interscholastic Activities Association.

2. A pupil who enrolls in grade 9 at:

(a) A public school and who resides within the zone of attendance of the public school at the time of enrollment is immediately eligible to participate and practice in a sanctioned sport at the public school, regardless of whether the pupil:

(1) Resided in a different zone of attendance before the pupil's enrollment in grade 9; or

(2) Attended a school other than a public school before the pupil's enrollment in grade 9.

(b) A private school is immediately eligible to participate and practice in a sanctioned sport at the private school, regardless of whether the pupil attended a school other than a private school before the pupil's enrollment in grade 9.

3. As used in this section:

(a) "Sanctioned sport" means any athletic competition that is approved by the Nevada Interscholastic Activities Association.

(b) "Zone of attendance" means the region established by the board of trustees of a school district or governing board of a charter school for the attendance of a pupil enrolled in the school.



Sec. 7. NRS 386.430 is hereby amended to read as follows:

386.430 1. The Nevada Interscholastic Activities Association shall adopt rules and regulations in the manner provided for state agencies by chapter 233B of NRS as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of NRS 386.420 to 386.470, inclusive ~~§~~ , and *sections 2 to 6, inclusive, of this act*. The regulations must include provisions governing the eligibility and participation of homeschooled children in interscholastic activities and events. In addition to the regulations governing eligibility, a homeschooled child who wishes to participate must have on file with the school district in which the child resides a current notice of intent of a homeschooled child to participate in programs and activities pursuant to NRS 392.705.

2. The Nevada Interscholastic Activities Association shall adopt regulations setting forth:

(a) The standards of safety for each event, competition or other activity engaged in by a spirit squad of a school that is a member of the Nevada Interscholastic Activities Association, which must substantially comply with the spirit rules of the National Federation of State High School Associations, or its successor organization; and

(b) The qualifications required for a person to become a coach of a spirit squad.

3. If the Nevada Interscholastic Activities Association intends to adopt, repeal or amend a policy, rule or regulation concerning or affecting homeschooled children, the Association shall consult with the Northern Nevada Homeschool Advisory Council and the Southern Nevada Homeschool Advisory Council, or their successor organizations, to provide those Councils with a reasonable opportunity to submit data, opinions or arguments, orally or in writing, concerning the proposal or change. The Association shall consider all written and oral submissions respecting the proposal or change before taking final action.

4. As used in this section, "spirit squad" means any team or other group of persons that is formed for the purpose of:

(a) Leading cheers or rallies to encourage support for a team that participates in a sport that is sanctioned by the Nevada Interscholastic Activities Association; or

(b) Participating in a competition against another team or other group of persons to determine the ability of each team or group of persons to engage in an activity specified in paragraph (a).

Sec. 8. NRS 386.462 is hereby amended to read as follows:

386.462 1. A homeschooled child must be allowed to participate in interscholastic activities and events in accordance with the regulations adopted by the Nevada Interscholastic Activities



1 Association pursuant to NRS 386.430 if a notice of intent of a
2 homeschooled child to participate in programs and activities is filed
3 for the child with the school district in which the child resides for
4 the current school year pursuant to NRS 392.705.

5 2. The provisions of NRS 386.420 to 386.470, inclusive, *and*
6 *sections 2 to 6, inclusive, of this act* and the regulations adopted
7 pursuant thereto that apply to pupils enrolled in public schools who
8 participate in interscholastic activities and events apply in the same
9 manner to homeschooled children who participate in interscholastic
10 activities and events, including, without limitation, provisions
11 governing:

- 12 (a) Eligibility and qualifications for participation;
- 13 (b) Fees for participation;
- 14 (c) Insurance;
- 15 (d) Transportation;
- 16 (e) Requirements of physical examination;
- 17 (f) Responsibilities of participants;
- 18 (g) Schedules of events;
- 19 (h) Safety and welfare of participants;
- 20 (i) Eligibility for awards, trophies and medals;
- 21 (j) Conduct of behavior and performance of participants; and
- 22 (k) Disciplinary procedures.

23 **Sec. 9.** NRS 391.207 is hereby amended to read as follows:

24 391.207 1. The provision of nursing services in a school
25 district by school nurses and other qualified personnel must be
26 under the direction and supervision of a chief nurse who is a
27 registered nurse as provided in NRS 632.240 and who:

- 28 (a) Holds an endorsement to serve as a school nurse issued
29 pursuant to regulations adopted by the Commission; or
- 30 (b) Is employed by a state, county, city or district health
31 department and provides nursing services to the school district in the
32 course of that employment.

33 2. A school district shall not employ a person to serve as a
34 school nurse unless the person holds an endorsement to serve as a
35 school nurse issued pursuant to regulations adopted by the
36 Commission. *The Commission shall not condition the*
37 *endorsement of a license for the purpose of employment as a*
38 *school nurse on the completion of any course or examination that*
39 *the nurse is not otherwise required to complete for the purpose of*
40 *obtaining a license pursuant to chapter 632 of NRS, including,*
41 *without limitation, any other course or examination relating to*
42 *reading, writing or mathematics.*

43 3. The chief nurse shall ensure that each school nurse:



(a) Coordinates with the principal of each school to designate employees of the school who are authorized to administer auto-injectable epinephrine; and

(b) Provides the employees so designated with training concerning the proper storage and administration of auto-injectable epinephrine.

Sec. 10. This act becomes effective:

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

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

