

SENATE BILL NO. 462—COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

MARCH 23, 2015

Referred to Committee on Finance

SUMMARY—Revises provisions governing financing of public schools. (BDR 34-995)

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 money which is apportioned or otherwise available to each school district to be distributed in a certain manner; authorizing a certain percentage of the money apportioned to a public school that is not expended by the end of a fiscal year to be carried over into the next fiscal year; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

1 Under existing law, the Nevada Plan for School Finance provides for the
2 financial support of the school districts, charter schools and university schools for
3 profoundly gifted pupils. Under the Nevada Plan, certain state financial aid to the
4 school districts is apportioned on a per pupil basis. (NRS 387.121) **Section 1** of this
5 bill requires the board of trustees of each school district to ensure that at least 80
6 percent of certain money apportioned or otherwise available to the school district is
7 distributed on a per pupil basis to each public school in the school district based on
8 the number of pupils enrolled in each public school. **Section 1** also: (1) authorizes
9 not more than 5 percent of the money distributed to a public school that is not
10 expended by the end of a fiscal year to be carried over into the next fiscal year; and
11 (2) requires the remaining money distributed to a public school that is not expended
12 by the end of a fiscal year to revert to the State General Fund.



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

Section 1. Chapter 387 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

1. The board of trustees of each school district shall ensure that at least 80 percent of the money apportioned to the school district as the basic support guarantee per pupil established for the school district pursuant to NRS 387.122 and of the local funds available to the school district pursuant to NRS 387.1235 is distributed on a per pupil basis to each public school in the school district based on the number of pupils enrolled in each such public school, as reported by the school district pursuant to NRS 387.123.

2. Not more than 5 percent of the money distributed to a public school pursuant to subsection 1 that is not expended by the end of a fiscal year does not revert and may be carried forward to the next fiscal year. The remaining money distributed to a public school pursuant to subsection 1 that is not expended by the end of a fiscal year must revert to the State General Fund.

Sec. 2. NRS 387.1211 is hereby amended to read as follows:

387.1211 As used in NRS 387.121 to 387.126, inclusive **†**, *and section 1 of this act:*

1. "Average daily attendance" means the total number of pupils attending a particular school each day during a period of reporting divided by the number of days school is in session during that period.

2. "Enrollment" means the count of pupils enrolled in and scheduled to attend programs of instruction of a school district, charter school or university school for profoundly gifted pupils at a specified time during the school year.

3. "Special education program unit" means an organized unit of special education and related services which includes full-time services of persons licensed by the Superintendent of Public Instruction or other appropriate licensing body, providing a program of instruction in accordance with minimum standards prescribed by the State Board.

Sec. 3. This act becomes effective on July 1, 2015.

