

SENATE BILL NO. 491—COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

(ON BEHALF OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION)

MARCH 23, 2015

Referred to Committee on Finance

**SUMMARY**—Makes an appropriation to provide a grant for the recruitment of persons to establish and operate high quality charter schools to serve families with the greatest needs. (BDR S-1189)

**FISCAL NOTE:** Effect on Local Government: No.  
Effect on the State: Contains Appropriation included in Executive Budget.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in ***bolded italics*** is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

AN ACT making an appropriation for Fiscal Year 2015-2016 and Fiscal Year 2016-2017 for distribution to a nonprofit organization; requiring the nonprofit organization that receives such money to match the money awarded and use the money awarded to promote the establishment of high quality charter schools to serve families with the greatest needs; requiring the nonprofit organization that receives such money to prepare an annual report; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**Legislative Counsel’s Digest:**

1 This bill appropriates money for Fiscal Year 2015-2016 and Fiscal Year 2016-  
2 2017 for a grant to a nonprofit organization to aid the establishment and operation  
3 of high quality charter schools to serve pupils who live in poverty. A nonprofit  
4 organization that receives such a grant is required to use the money to: (1) recruit,  
5 encourage and develop natural persons to assume leadership roles in the formation  
6 and operation of high quality charter schools for pupils who live in households that  
7 have household incomes that are less than the federally designated level signifying  
8 poverty; and (2) recruit charter management organizations to operate such charter  
9 schools. The nonprofit organization is also required to match the grant with its own  
10 money. This bill also requires the nonprofit organization that receives the grant to  
11 prepare an annual report concerning the use of the money awarded and submit the  
12 report to the Department of Administration and the Interim Finance Committee.



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

**Section 1.** 1. There is hereby appropriated from the State General Fund to the Department of Administration the following sums:

- (a) For the Fiscal Year 2015-2016..... \$10,000,000
- (b) For the Fiscal Year 2016-2017..... \$10,000,000

2. The Department of Administration, in consultation with the Department of Education and the State Public Charter School Authority, shall develop a request for proposals for a nonprofit organization incorporated in this State to:

(a) Recruit, encourage and develop natural persons who are committed to providing high quality charter schools in this State to assume leadership roles in the formation and operation of such charter schools to serve pupils who live in households that have household incomes that are less than the federally designated level signifying poverty; and

(b) Recruit charter management organizations that have demonstrated success operating high quality charter schools to serve such pupils who live in poverty and the capability to successfully operate such charter schools in this State.

3. A nonprofit organization that submits a proposal in response to a request for proposals pursuant to subsection 2 must include in the proposal, without limitation:

(a) Evidence of the ability of the nonprofit organization to accomplish the objectives set forth in subsection 2; and

(b) Evidence that the nonprofit organization has sufficient money to match a grant of up to \$10,000,000 per year for Fiscal Years 2015-2016 and 2016-2017.

4. The Department of Administration shall appoint a committee to evaluate responses to the request for proposals. The committee must include, without limitation, one representative from the Department of Education and one representative from the State Public Charter School Authority. The committee shall review and evaluate responses and recommend an applicant to the State Board of Examiners. The State Board of Examiners shall make the final decision on whether to award to the applicant a grant of the money appropriated pursuant to subsection 1.

5. The nonprofit organization to which a grant is awarded pursuant to this section must match the money awarded and use such money for the purposes described in subsection 2.

6. Upon acceptance of the money appropriated by subsection 1, the nonprofit organization to which the money is awarded pursuant to this section shall:



(a) Prepare and transmit a report to the Department of Administration and the Interim Finance Committee on or before December 15, 2016, that describes each expenditure made from the money appropriated by subsection 1 from the date on which the money was received by the nonprofit organization through December 1, 2016;

(b) Prepare and transmit a report to the Department of Administration and the Interim Finance Committee on or before September 15, 2017, that describes each expenditure made from the money appropriated by subsection 1 from the date on which the money was received by the nonprofit organization through June 30, 2017; and

(c) Upon request of the Legislative Commission, make available to the Legislative Auditor any of the books, accounts, claims, reports, vouchers or other records of information, confidential or otherwise, of the nonprofit organization, regardless of their form or location, that the Legislative Auditor deems necessary to conduct an audit of the use of the money appropriated pursuant to subsection 1.

7. The sums appropriated by subsection 1 are available for either fiscal year. Any remaining balance of those sums must not be committed for expenditure after June 30, 2017, by the Department of Administration or any entity to which money from the appropriation is granted or otherwise transferred in any manner, and any portion of the appropriated money remaining must not be spent for any purpose after September 15, 2017, by either the Department of Administration or the entity to which the money was subsequently granted or transferred, and must be reverted to the State General Fund on or before September 15, 2017.

**Sec. 2.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2015.

