

Senate Bill No. 491–Committee on Finance

CHAPTER.....

AN ACT relating to education; providing for the award of a grant of money to a nonprofit organization for use in Fiscal Year 2015-2016 and Fiscal Year 2016-2017 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 match the money awarded and to prepare an annual report; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

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

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

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

Section 1. 1. 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.



2. A nonprofit organization that submits a proposal in response to a request for proposals pursuant to subsection 1 must include in the proposal, without limitation:

(a) Evidence of the ability of the nonprofit organization to accomplish the objectives set forth in subsection 1; and

(b) Evidence that the nonprofit organization has sufficient money to match a grant of up to \$5,000,000 per year for Fiscal Years 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 from money appropriated by the 78th Session of the Legislature to the Department of Education for this purpose.

3. 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 by the 78th Session of the Legislature to the Department of Education for this purpose.

4. 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 1.

5. The nonprofit organization to which a grant is awarded pursuant to this section shall:

(a) Prepare and transmit a report to the Budget Division of the Department of Administration and the Interim Finance Committee on or before December 15, 2016, that describes each expenditure made from the grant of money 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 Budget Division of the Department of Administration and the Interim Finance Committee on or before September 15, 2017, that describes each expenditure made from the grant of money 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 grant of money.



Sec. 2. This act becomes effective on July 1, 2015, and expires by limitation on June 30, 2017.

20 ~~~~~ 15

