

SENATE BILL NO. 491—COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

(ON BEHALF OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION)

MARCH 23, 2015

Referred to Committee on Finance

SUMMARY—Provides for the award of a grant to a nonprofit organization for use in Fiscal Year 2015-2016 and Fiscal Year 2016-2017 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.

~

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

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:

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



* S B 4 9 1 R 1 *

12 of the money awarded and submit the report to the Budget Division of the
13 Department of Administration and the Interim Finance Committee.

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

1 **Section 1.** 1. The Department of Administration, in
2 consultation with the Department of Education and the State Public
3 Charter School Authority, shall develop a request for proposals for a
4 nonprofit organization incorporated in this State to:

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

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

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

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

20 (b) Evidence that the nonprofit organization has sufficient
21 money to match a grant of up to \$5,000,000 per year for Fiscal
22 Years 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 from money appropriated by the
23 78th Session of the Legislature to the Department of Education for
24 this purpose.

25 3. The Department of Administration shall appoint a
26 committee to evaluate responses to the request for proposals. The
27 committee must include, without limitation, one representative from
28 the Department of Education and one representative from the State
29 Public Charter School Authority. The committee shall review and
30 evaluate responses and recommend an applicant to the State Board
31 of Examiners. The State Board of Examiners shall make the final
32 decision on whether to award to the applicant a grant of the money
33 appropriated by the 78th Session of the Legislature to the
34 Department of Education for this purpose.

35 4. The nonprofit organization to which a grant is awarded
36 pursuant to this section must match the money awarded and use
37 such money for the purposes described in subsection 1.



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

3 (a) Prepare and transmit a report to the Budget Division of the
4 Department of Administration and the Interim Finance Committee
5 on or before December 15, 2016, that describes each expenditure
6 made from the grant of money from the date on which the money
7 was received by the nonprofit organization through December 1,
8 2016;

9 (b) Prepare and transmit a report to the Budget Division of the
10 Department of Administration and the Interim Finance Committee
11 on or before September 15, 2017, that describes each expenditure
12 made from the grant of money from the date on which the money
13 was received by the nonprofit organization through June 30, 2017;
14 and

15 (c) Upon request of the Legislative Commission, make available
16 to the Legislative Auditor any of the books, accounts, claims,
17 reports, vouchers or other records of information, confidential or
18 otherwise, of the nonprofit organization, regardless of their form or
19 location, that the Legislative Auditor deems necessary to conduct an
20 audit of the use of the grant of money.

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

