

EXECUTIVE AGENCY
FISCAL NOTE

AGENCY'S ESTIMATES

Date Prepared: April 6, 2015

Agency Submitting: Nevada Department of Education

Items of Revenue or Expense, or Both	Fiscal Year 2014-15	Fiscal Year 2015-16	Fiscal Year 2016-17	Effect on Future Biennia
(Expense)				
Total	0	0	0	0

Explanation

(Use Additional Sheets of Attachments, if required)

BDR 34-1184 institutes changes to The Nevada Plan for school finance. Components Include: 1) Weights for special education, English Learners, At-Risk, and Gifted and Talented Students. The provisions require a report on per pupil expenditures to drive weights - Due October 1, 2016. There is no fiscal impact to the Department to complete the report. 2) Eliminate Count Day and instead use average daily enrollment - Quarterly. The NDE must reconcile the counts quarterly and compare from quarterly counts year to year. There will be no fiscal impact to the Department. 3) Full-Day Kindergarten - Eliminate .6 and instead provide for a 1.0 count of students in FY 2018. The Executive Budget, in Budget Account 2615 includes an enhancement to fund the transition to Statewide Full-Day Kindergarten in FY 2017. The decision units are E-287 for local school districts and E-292 for Charter schools. In addition, E293 provides for \$5,000,000 for additional portable funding to assist the Districts and Charters with facility needs. Because The Executive Budget provides for Statewide Full-Day Kindergarten in FY 2017, there will be no additional expense to the State when the weight is increased from .6 to 1.0 in FY 2018. 4) Eliminate special education units and provide for the special ed contingency account. Decision Unit E-299 in Budget Account 2610 converts special ed unit funding to a per pupil weighted formula in FY 2017. There may be a fiscal impact to the Department to meet maintenance of effort requirements; however, because The Executive Budget in BA 2610, Decision Unit E-299, includes \$25 million in FY 2017 to support the conversion, there is no fiscal impact to the Department. With regard to the special ed contingency account, The Executive Budget in BA 2615, Decision Unit E-277 contains \$5 million to support the new account. Please see the attachment for additional information on the fiscal impact of this measure.

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DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION'S COMMENTS

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The agency's response appears reasonable.

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BDR 34-1184 additional comments

5) Hold Harmless is revised: The measure eliminates hold harmless if the decrease in enrollment is less than 5%. If the decrease is more than 5% - as compared to the same quarter in the previous year - the higher enrollment shall be used. This revision would reduce the impact of hold harmless on the state. For example, in FY 2015, had this provision been in place, the cost for hold harmless would be reduced by \$8,481,336.