

Amendment No. 222

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| Assembly Amendment to Assembly Bill No. 202 | (BDR 34-722) |
| Proposed by: Assembly Committee on Education | |
| Amends: Summary: Yes Title: Yes Preamble: No Joint Sponsorship: No Digest: Yes | |

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EXPLANATION: Matter in (1) *blue bold italics* is new language in the original bill; (2) variations of green bold underlining is language proposed to be added in this amendment; (3) ~~red strikethrough~~ is deleted language in the original bill; (4) ~~purple double strikethrough~~ is language proposed to be deleted in this amendment; (5) orange double underlining is deleted language in the original bill proposed to be retained in this amendment.

KRO/JWP



Date: 4/17/2017

A.B. No. 202—Revises provisions relating to the Silver State Opportunity Grant Program. (BDR 34-722)



ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 202—ASSEMBLYMEN
JOINER, ~~H~~, COHEN; SWANK AND THOMPSON

PREFILED FEBRUARY 13, 2017

JOINT SPONSORS: SENATORS CANCELA AND RATTI

Referred to Committee on Education

SUMMARY—~~[Revises provisions relating to the Silver State Opportunity Grant Program.]~~ Requires an interim study concerning the cost and affordability of higher education in this State.
(BDR ~~[34-722]~~ S-722)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
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; ~~[providing for the award of grants under the Silver State Opportunity Grant Program to qualified students enrolled in universities within the Nevada System of Higher Education; providing that money received from a grant awarded under the Program may be used to pay for the cost of education at more than one community college, state college or university within the System;]~~ directing the Legislative Commission to appoint a committee to conduct an interim study concerning the cost and affordability of higher education in this State; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

~~[Existing law creates the Silver State Opportunity Grant Program. Under the Program, the Board of Regents of the University of Nevada is required to award grants to eligible students who are enrolled in community colleges and state colleges that are part of the Nevada System of Higher Education to pay for a portion of the cost of education at such institutions. (NRS 396.952) Sections 1-4 of this bill provide that students who are enrolled in a university that is a part of the System are also eligible for a grant under the Program. Section 2 of this bill additionally provides that money received from a grant awarded under the Program may be used to pay for the cost of education at more than one community college, state college or university within the System.]~~ Section 1 of this bill requires the Legislative Commission to appoint a committee to conduct an interim study concerning the cost and affordability of higher education in this State and prescribes the membership of the committee. Section 1 also requires this committee to: (1) consult with and solicit input from persons and organizations with expertise in matters relevant to the cost of higher education and funding methods for higher education; and (2) submit a report of its findings and any recommendations to the Legislature. Section 3 of this bill requires the Legislative

Counsel Bureau and the Nevada System of Higher Education to provide administrative and technical assistance to the committee at the request of the Chair of the committee.

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

Delete existing sections 1 through 6 of this bill and replace with the following new sections 1 through 4:

Section 1. 1. The Legislative Commission shall appoint a committee to conduct an interim study concerning the cost and affordability of higher education in the State of Nevada for students.

2. The committee must be composed of:

(a) Two voting members of the Legislature appointed by the Majority Leader of the Senate;

(b) Two voting members of the Legislature appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly;

(c) One voting member of the Legislature appointed by the Minority Leader of the Senate;

(d) One voting member of the Legislature appointed by the Minority Leader of the Assembly;

(e) One nonvoting member of the general public who is a faculty member in the Nevada System of Higher Education appointed by the Chair of the Legislative Commission from among the names of nominees submitted by the Board of Regents of the University of Nevada pursuant to subsection 3; and

(f) One nonvoting member of the general public who is a student enrolled in the Nevada System of Higher Education appointed by the Chair of the Legislative Commission from among the names of nominees submitted by the Board of Regents of the University of Nevada pursuant to subsection 3.

3. The Board of Regents of the University of Nevada shall submit to the Legislative Commission the names of at least three:

(a) Faculty members in the Nevada System of Higher Education qualified for membership on the committee.

(b) Students enrolled in the Nevada System of Higher Education qualified for membership on the committee.

4. The Speaker of the Assembly shall appoint a Chair and a Vice Chair of the committee.

5. The committee shall consult with and solicit input from persons and organizations with expertise in matters relevant to the cost of higher education in this State and funding methods for higher education in this State.

6. The committee shall submit a report of its findings, including, without limitation, any recommendations for legislation, to the 80th Session of the Nevada Legislature.

Sec. 2. In studying the cost and affordability of higher education in the State of Nevada, the committee appointed pursuant to section 1 of this act shall:

1. Examine the cost and affordability of higher education in the State of Nevada for students, including, without limitation:

(a) The average cost of higher education for a student relative to the average income earned by a student;

1 (b) The affordability of higher education for a student in this State
2 compared to other states;

3 (c) Options for the creation of a need-based grant program for the
4 purpose of awarding grants to eligible students to pay for a portion of the cost
5 of education at an institution within the Nevada System of Higher Education
6 similar to the Silver State Opportunity Grant Program created by NRS
7 396.952; and

8 (d) Any programs, policies and funding that may make higher education
9 more financially accessible to residents of this State, including, without
10 limitation, an examination of the factors contributing to the current cost of
11 higher education and ways to address them;

12 2. Examine and evaluate the need in this State for existing and potential
13 programs of higher education to ensure economic progress and development
14 and workforce development within this State and to ensure that the
15 educational needs of its residents are being met;

16 3. Identify areas of study which are of high priority and where needs are
17 not currently being met, including, without limitation, the areas of nursing and
18 teaching;

19 4. Determine whether it is feasible to reallocate existing resources within
20 institutions of the Nevada System of Higher Education to meet the critical
21 needs of higher education in the State that are not currently being met;

22 5. Determine whether legislative appropriations and student fee revenues
23 are being efficiently distributed internally at each institution of the Nevada
24 System of Higher Education;

25 6. Examine whether the system of compensation for faculty at each
26 institution of the Nevada System of Higher Education is appropriate in order
27 to recruit and retain quality faculty that further programs of higher education
28 and research; and

29 7. Recommend to the Board of Regents of the University of Nevada and
30 the Legislature such action as may be needed;

31 (a) To address findings relating to the affordability and programs of
32 higher education, including, without limitation, where long-term investments
33 should be made to improve affordability and address workforce needs; and

34 (b) For the efficient and effective operation of higher education in this
35 State if the State is to progress economically and socially.

36 Sec. 3. The Legislative Counsel Bureau and the Nevada System of
37 Higher Education shall provide administrative and technical assistance to the
38 committee appointed pursuant to section 1 of this act as requested by the
39 Chair of the committee.

40 Sec. 4. This act becomes effective on July 1, 2017.