

SENATE BILL NO. 143—SENATOR HARRIS

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Referred to Committee on Education

SUMMARY—Requires each public school in a school district to establish and maintain a school library. (BDR 34-59)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: May have Fiscal Impact.
Effect on the State: Yes.

CONTAINS UNFUNDED MANDATE (§ 1)
(NOT REQUESTED BY AFFECTED LOCAL GOVERNMENT)

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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; requiring each public school in a school district to establish and maintain a school library that meets certain standards; requiring the State Board of Education to adopt regulations prescribing the minimum standards for a school library; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Existing law requires the board of trustees of a school district to purchase all new library books which are necessary and have been approved by the State Board of Education to carry out the mandates of the school curriculum to be used by the pupils of the school district. (NRS 393.170) With certain exceptions, existing law also requires a school district to spend in each school year a certain amount of money on library books. (NRS 387.207)

This bill requires each public school in a school district to establish and maintain a school library that has a licensed librarian and provides library services to the pupils, teachers and administrators of the school. This bill also requires the State Board of Education to adopt regulations that prescribe the minimum requirements for a school library.



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

Section 1. Chapter 393 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

1. Each public school in a school district shall establish and maintain a school library that:

(a) Has a librarian who is licensed by the Superintendent of Public Instruction;

(b) Provides library services to the pupils, teachers and administrators of the school; and

(c) Meets or exceeds any minimum requirements established by regulation by the State Board.

2. The State Board shall adopt regulations that prescribe the minimum requirements for a school library established pursuant to subsection 1. The regulations must include, without limitation:

(a) The minimum number of books, computers and other equipment that must be maintained at the library; and

(b) The type of facilities and the minimum amount of space that must be reserved for the library.

3. As used in this section:

(a) "Library services" means lending library books and other materials for use inside and outside of a school for a reasonable period of time at no charge.

(b) "School library" means an area or group of areas inside a school containing library books and other materials, including, without limitation, paperback and hardcover books.

Sec. 2. The provisions of NRS 354.599 do not apply to any additional expenses of a local government that are related to the provisions of this act.

Sec. 3. This act becomes effective:

1. Upon passage and approval for the purpose of adopting regulations and performing any other preparatory administrative tasks that are necessary to carry out the provisions of this act; and

2. On July 1, 2017, for all other purposes.

