

SENATE BILL NO. 497—COMMITTEE ON  
LEGISLATIVE OPERATIONS AND ELECTIONS

(ON BEHALF OF THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE  
ON EDUCATION)

MARCH 27, 2017

Referred to Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections

SUMMARY—Creates the Advisory Task Force on School Leader  
Management. (BDR S-332)

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

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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; creating the Advisory Task Force on  
School Leader Management; requiring the Task Force to  
conduct a study concerning the evaluation, preparation,  
licensure, recruitment, professional development and  
compensation of educational administrators; and  
providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**Legislative Counsel's Digest:**

- 1 This bill creates the Advisory Task Force on School Leader Management to  
2 conduct a study during the 2017-2018 legislative interim. The study must consider:  
3 (1) the statewide performance evaluation system as it relates to administrators; (2)  
4 systems of school leader preparation; (3) the qualifications for licensure of  
5 administrators; (4) the recruitment of administrators; (5) professional development  
6 for administrators; and (6) the compensation of administrators. The Task Force is  
7 required to submit a report of its activities, findings and recommendations to certain  
8 specified persons and entities on or before May 31, 2018.

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

- 1 **Section 1.** 1. The Advisory Task Force on School Leader  
2 Management is hereby created consisting of:



(a) Two members of the State Board of Education, appointed by the President of the Board;

(b) Two members who may be Senators, one of whom is appointed by the Majority Leader of the Senate and one of whom is appointed by the Minority Leader of the Senate;

(c) Two members who may be members of the Assembly, one of whom is appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly and one of whom is appointed by the Minority Leader of the Assembly;

(d) One member who is a school administrator, appointed by the Nevada Association of School Administrators, or its successor organization;

(e) One member who is a licensed teacher, appointed by the Nevada State Education Association, or its successor organization;

(f) One member who is the superintendent of schools of a school district, appointed by the Nevada Association of School Superintendents, or its successor organization;

(g) One member who is the dean of a college of education at one of the universities of the Nevada System of Higher Education or a representative of such a college of education nominated by such a dean, appointed by the Chancellor of the System;

(h) One member who is the parent of a pupil enrolled in a public school in this State, appointed by the Legislative Commission from a list of nominees submitted by the Nevada Parent Teacher Association;

(i) One member appointed by the Teachers and Leaders Council of Nevada created by NRS 391.455 from among its members; and

(j) One member who represents the business community in this State, appointed by the Legislative Commission.

2. The Task Force shall study:

(a) The statewide performance evaluation system adopted by the State Board of Education pursuant to NRS 391.465 as it relates to administrators;

(b) Systems of school leader preparation, as approved by the State Board of Education pursuant to NRS 391.038 or by the Commission on Professional Standards in Education pursuant to NRS 391.019;

(c) The qualifications for licensure of administrators prescribed by the Commission on Professional Standards in Education pursuant to NRS 391.019;

(d) The recruitment of administrators;

(e) Professional development for administrators, as provided by a school district, regional training program for the professional development of teachers and administrators or other entity; and

(f) The compensation of administrators pursuant to chapter 288 of NRS and any program of performance pay and enhanced



1 compensation established by a school district pursuant to  
2 NRS 391A.450.

3 3. The Task Force may make recommendations concerning any  
4 matter relating to the study to ensure that all areas of the study are  
5 aligned statewide so that school leaders are adequately prepared to  
6 ensure the college and career readiness of all pupils, including,  
7 without limitation, recommendations concerning:

- 8 (a) Budgets;
- 9 (b) Proposed legislation;
- 10 (c) Proposed regulations; and
- 11 (d) Policies.

12 4. At the first meeting of the Task Force, the members of the  
13 Task Force shall elect a Chair and a Vice Chair by majority vote.

14 5. The Task Force shall hold its first meeting not later than  
15 August 31, 2017, and shall meet not less than four times before  
16 June 30, 2018.

17 6. A majority of the members of the Task Force constitutes a  
18 quorum for the transaction of business, and a majority of those  
19 members present at any meeting is sufficient for any official action  
20 taken by the Task Force.

21 7. The Department of Education shall provide the Task Force  
22 with such staff as is necessary for the Task Force to carry out its  
23 duties.

24 8. A member of the Task Force who is an officer or employee  
25 of this State or a political subdivision of this State must be relieved  
26 from his or her duties without loss of regular compensation so that  
27 the person may prepare for and attend meetings of the Task Force  
28 and perform any work necessary to carry out the duties of the Task  
29 Force in the most timely manner practicable. A state agency or  
30 political subdivision of this State shall not require an officer or  
31 employee who is a member of the Task Force to make up the time  
32 he or she is absent from work to carry out his or her duties as a  
33 member of the Task Force or take annual leave or compensatory  
34 time for the absence.

35 9. Any costs associated with employing a substitute teacher to  
36 enable a member of the Task Force who is a teacher to attend a  
37 meeting of the Task Force must be paid by the school district or  
38 charter school that employs the member.

39 10. A Legislator who is a member of the Task Force is entitled  
40 to receive the salary provided for a majority of the members of the  
41 Legislature during the first 60 days of the preceding regular session  
42 for each day's attendance at a meeting of the Task Force, the per  
43 diem allowance provided for state officers generally and travel  
44 expenses provided pursuant to NRS 218A.655. The compensation,



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1 per diem allowances and travel expenses of the legislative members  
2 of the Task Force, if any, must be paid from the Legislative Fund.

3 11. While engaged in the business of the Task Force, to the  
4 extent that money is available for that purpose, the members of the  
5 Task Force who are not Legislators are entitled to receive the per  
6 diem allowance and travel expenses provided for state officers and  
7 employees generally.

8 12. The Task Force shall, on or before May 31, 2018, prepare  
9 and submit a report outlining the activities, findings and  
10 recommendations of the Task Force to:

11 (a) The Governor;

12 (b) The Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for  
13 transmittal to the next regular session of the Legislature;

14 (c) The State Board of Education;

15 (d) The Commission on Professional Standards in Education;  
16 and

17 (e) The Teachers and Leaders Council of Nevada.

18 13. As used in this section, "administrator" means an  
19 administrator who provides primarily administrative services at the  
20 school level or an administrator at the district level who provides  
21 direct supervision of the principal of a school.

22 **Sec. 2.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2017, and expires  
23 by limitation on June 30, 2018.

