

SENATE BILL NO. 548—COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

JUNE 1, 2017

Referred to Committee on Finance

SUMMARY—Provides for the establishment of the Nevada Institute on Teaching and Educator Preparation. (BDR 34-1232)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: Contains Appropriation not included in Executive Budget.

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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 establishment of the Nevada Institute on Teaching and Educator Preparation; making an appropriation; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

1 Existing law requires the Board of Regents of the University of Nevada to
2 establish a program of student teaching and practicum. (NRS 396.519) Existing law
3 also establishes the Teach Nevada Scholarship Program, which provides
4 scholarships for students to complete a teaching program offered by a university,
5 college or other provider of an alternative licensure program in this State. (NRS
6 391A.550-391A.590) This bill authorizes a college or university within the Nevada
7 System of Higher Education to apply to the State Board of Education for a grant of
8 money to establish the Nevada Institute on Teaching and Educator Preparation. The
9 Institute will: (1) establish a highly selective program for the education and training
10 of teachers; (2) conduct research concerning approaches and methods used to
11 educate and train teachers and to teach pupils; and (3) evaluate, develop and
12 disseminate approaches to teaching.



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

Section 1. Chapter 396 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

1. A college or university within the System is eligible to apply to the State Board for a grant of money to establish the Nevada Institute on Teaching and Educator Preparation.

2. The Nevada Institute on Teaching and Educator Preparation shall:

(a) Establish a highly selective program for the education and training of teachers that:

(1) Recruits promising students pursuing teaching degrees from inside and outside this State;

(2) Upon completion of the program, makes a student eligible to obtain a license to teach kindergarten, any grade from grades 1 through 12 or in the subject area of special education in this State;

(3) Is thorough and rigorous and provides a student with increasing professional autonomy and responsibility;

(4) Allows a student to obtain experience in schools that serve high populations of pupils with disabilities or who are at risk or have other significant needs;

(5) Provides, in a manner that is aligned to the demographics of pupils in this State, the skills and knowledge necessary to teach the diverse population of pupils in this State; and

(6) Provides instruction concerning the most contemporary and effective pedagogies, curricula, technology and behavior management techniques for teaching;

(b) Conduct innovative and extensive research concerning approaches and methods used to educate and train teachers and to teach pupils, including, without limitation, pupils with disabilities or pupils who are at risk or have other significant needs; and

(c) Continually evaluate, develop and disseminate approaches to teaching that address the variety of settings in which pupils in this State are educated.

3. An application to establish the Nevada Institute on Teaching and Educator Preparation pursuant to subsection 1 must demonstrate the ability of the applicant to:

(a) Meet the requirements of subsection 2;

(b) Provide additional money for the establishment and operation of the Institute that matches the grant of money awarded by the State Board; and

(c) Sustain and expand the Institute over time.



1 **4. As used in this section, “pupil ‘at risk’” has the meaning**
2 **ascribed to it in NRS 388A.045.**

3 **Sec. 2.** 1. There is hereby appropriated from the State
4 General Fund to the State Board of Education for the purpose of
5 awarding a grant of money to a college or university within the
6 Nevada System of Higher Education pursuant to section 1 of this
7 act:

8 For the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 \$500,000

9 For the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 \$500,000

10 2. The sums appropriated by subsection 1 are available for
11 either fiscal year. Any remaining balance of those sums must not be
12 committed for expenditure after June 30, 2019, by the entity to
13 which the appropriation is made or any entity to which money from
14 the appropriation is granted or otherwise transferred in any manner,
15 and any portion of the appropriated money remaining must not be
16 spent for any purpose after September 20, 2019, by either the entity
17 to which the money was appropriated or the entity to which the
18 money was subsequently granted or transferred, and must be
19 reverted to the State General Fund on or before September 20, 2019.

20 **Sec. 3.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2017.

