

SENATE BILL NO. 86—SENATOR GUSTAVSON

PREFILED JANUARY 27, 2017

Referred to Committee on Education

SUMMARY—Authorizes the provision of instruction in cursive handwriting to pupils enrolled in elementary school. (BDR 34-200)

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; authorizing the provision of instruction in cursive handwriting in all public elementary schools in this State; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

1 Existing law establishes the academic subjects, standards and courses of study
2 for the public schools in this State. (Chapter 389 of NRS) This bill authorizes the
3 board of trustees of a school district and the governing body of a charter school that
4 operates as an elementary school to ensure that instruction in cursive handwriting is
5 provided to pupils enrolled in elementary school. If provided, the instruction must
6 be designed to ensure that a pupil will be able to create readable documents through
7 legible cursive handwriting by the completion of the third grade.

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

1 **Section 1.** Chapter 389 of NRS is hereby amended by adding
2 thereto a new section to read as follows:

3 *1. The board of trustees of each school district and the*
4 *governing body of each charter school that operates as an*
5 *elementary school may ensure that instruction in cursive*
6 *handwriting is provided to pupils enrolled in each elementary*
7 *school within the school district or in the charter school, as*
8 *applicable. If provided, the instruction must be designed to ensure*



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1 *that a pupil is able to create readable documents through legible*
2 *cursive handwriting by the completion of the third grade.*

3 *2. The State Board may adopt regulations prescribing*
4 *standards for the instruction in cursive handwriting required by*
5 *subsection 1.*

6 **Sec. 2.** This act becomes effective upon passage and approval
7 for the purpose of adopting regulations and performing any other
8 preparatory administrative tasks necessary to carry out the
9 provisions of this act, and on January 1, 2018, for all other purposes.

