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AN ACT relating to education; creating the Nevada State Teacher Recruitment and Retention Advisory Task Force; providing for the membership, powers and duties of the Task Force; making an appropriation; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

This bill creates the Nevada State Teacher Recruitment and Retention Advisory Task Force for the purpose of addressing the challenges with attracting and retaining teachers throughout this State. **Sections 3 and 5** of this bill set forth the membership, powers and duties of the Task Force. **Section 3** requires the Task Force to meet quarterly and, in its fourth meeting in even-numbered years, present its findings and recommendations to the Legislative Committee on Education. **Section 5** requires the Task Force to: (1) evaluate the challenges in attracting and retaining teachers throughout this State; (2) make recommendations to the Legislative Committee on Education to attract and retain teachers; and (3) submit a report of the findings and recommendations of the Task Force to the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for transmittal to the Legislature. **Section 4** of this bill establishes certain requirements for membership on the Task Force. **Section 5.5** of this bill makes an appropriation.

EXPLANATION – Matter in ***bolded italics*** is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

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

Section 1. Chapter 391 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto the provisions set forth as sections 2 to 5, inclusive, of this act.

Sec. 2. *As used in sections 2 to 5, inclusive, of this act, “Task Force” means the Nevada State Teacher Recruitment and Retention Advisory Task Force created by section 3 of this act.*

Sec. 3. 1. *There is hereby created the Nevada State Teacher Recruitment and Retention Advisory Task Force consisting of the following members:*

(a) One licensed teacher employed by each school district located in a county whose population is less than 100,000, appointed by the Legislative Committee on Education;

(b) Two licensed teachers employed by each school district located in a county whose population is 100,000 or more but less than 700,000, appointed by the Legislative Committee on Education; and



(c) Three licensed teachers employed by each school district located in a county whose population is 700,000 or more, appointed by the Legislative Committee on Education.

2. After the initial terms, each member of the Task Force serves a term of 2 years and may be reappointed to one additional 2-year term following his or her initial term. If any member of the Task Force ceases to be qualified for the position to which he or she was appointed, the position shall be deemed vacant and the Legislative Committee on Education shall appoint a replacement for the remainder of the unexpired term. A vacancy must be filled in the same manner as the original appointment.

3. The Task Force shall, at its first meeting and each odd-numbered year thereafter, elect a Chair from among its members.

4. The Task Force shall meet at least quarterly and may meet at other times upon the call of the Chair or a majority of the members of the Task Force. In even-numbered years, the Task Force shall have three meetings before the final meeting of the Legislative Committee on Education. In even-numbered years, the fourth meeting of the Task Force must be a presentation to the Legislative Committee on Education of the findings and recommendations of the Task Force made pursuant to section 5 of this act.

5. Ten members of the Task Force constitute a quorum, and a quorum may exercise all the power and authority conferred on the Task Force.

6. Members of the Task Force serve without compensation, except that for each day or portion of a day during which a member of the Task Force attends a meeting of the Task Force or is otherwise engaged in the business of the Task Force, the member is entitled to receive the per diem allowance and travel expenses provided for state officers and employees generally.

7. Each member of the Task Force who is an officer or employee of the State or a local government must be relieved from his or her duties without loss of his or her regular compensation so that the member may prepare for and attend meetings of the Task Force and perform any work necessary to carry out the duties of the Task Force in the most timely manner practicable. A state agency or local government shall not require an officer or employee who is a member of the Task Force to make up the time the member is absent from work to carry out his or her duties as a member, and shall not require the member to take annual vacation or compensatory time for the absence.



8. *The Department shall provide administrative support to the Task Force.*

Sec. 4. 1. *Each member of the Task Force must:*

(a) *Be a licensed teacher with at least 5 consecutive years of experience teaching in a public school in this State;*

(b) *Be currently employed as a teacher and actively teaching in a public school in this State, and remain employed as a teacher in a public school in this State for the duration of the member's term; and*

(c) *Not be currently serving on any other education-related board, commission, council, task force or similar governmental entity.*

2. *On or before December 1, 2019, the Department shall prescribe a uniform application for a teacher to use to apply to serve on the Task Force.*

3. *A teacher who wishes to serve on the Task Force must submit an application prescribed pursuant to subsection 2 to the Legislative Committee on Education on or before January 15 of an even-numbered year. On or before February 1 of each even-numbered year, the Legislative Committee on Education shall select one or more teachers, as applicable, to serve as a member of the Task Force.*

Sec. 5. *The Task Force shall:*

1. *Evaluate the challenges in attracting and retaining teachers throughout this State;*

2. *Make recommendations to the Legislative Committee on Education to address the challenges in attracting and retaining teachers throughout this State, including, without limitation, providing incentives to attract and retain teachers; and*

3. *On or before February 1 of each odd-numbered year, submit a report to the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for transmission to the Legislature describing the findings and recommendations of the Task Force.*

Sec. 5.5. 1. There is hereby appropriated from the State General Fund to the Department of Education for per diem allowance and travel expenses for members of the Nevada State Teacher Recruitment and Retention Advisory Task Force created by section 3 of this act the following sums:

For the Fiscal Year 2019-2020..... \$7,692

For the Fiscal Year 2020-2021..... \$7,692

2. Any balance of the sums appropriated by subsection 1 remaining at the end of the respective fiscal years must not be committed for expenditure after June 30 of the respective fiscal



years by the entity to which the appropriation is made or any entity to which money from the appropriation is granted or otherwise transferred in any manner, and any portion of the appropriated money remaining must not be spent for any purpose after September 18, 2020, and September 17, 2021, respectively, by either the entity to which the money was appropriated or the entity to which the money was subsequently granted or transferred, and must be reverted to the State General Fund on or before September 18, 2020, and September 17, 2021, respectively.

Sec. 6. The provisions of subsection 1 of NRS 218D.380 do not apply to any provision of this act which adds or revises a requirement to submit a report to the Legislature.

Sec. 7. This act becomes effective on July 1, 2019.

