

Assembly Bill No. 64—Committee on Ways and Means

CHAPTER.....

AN ACT relating to education; revising provisions governing the calculation of apportionments to charter schools for pupils enrolled full-time in programs of distance education; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**Legislative Counsel's Digest:**

Under existing law, the Superintendent of Public Instruction is required to apportion the State Distributive School Account in the State General Fund among the school districts, charter schools and university schools for profoundly gifted pupils. (NRS 387.124) Existing law provides various formulas for the calculation of the apportionment of funding to certain charter schools. If the apportionment per pupil to a charter school is more than the amount to be apportioned to the school district, existing law requires a school district to pay the difference directly to a charter school. (NRS 387.1241) **Section 1** of this bill instead requires that a school district pay this amount to the Department of Education, which shall then distribute the apportionment to a charter school. **Section 1** also creates formulas for the calculation of the apportionment to charter schools for pupils who are enrolled full-time in a program of distance education, depending on the county in which each pupil resides.

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

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

**Section 1.** NRS 387.1241 is hereby amended to read as follows:

387.1241 Except as otherwise provided in this section and NRS 387.124, 387.1242, 387.1244 and 387.528:

1. The apportionment to a charter school, computed on a yearly basis, is equal to the sum of the basic support per pupil in the county in which the pupil resides plus the amount of local funds available per pupil pursuant to NRS 387.163 and all other funds available for public schools in the county in which the pupil resides minus the sponsorship fee prescribed by NRS 388A.414 and minus all the funds attributable to pupils who are enrolled in the charter school but are concurrently enrolled part-time in a program of distance education provided by a school district or another charter school. If the apportionment per pupil to a charter school is more than the amount to be apportioned to the school district in which a pupil who is enrolled in the charter school resides, the school district in which the pupil resides shall pay the difference ~~directly~~ *to the Department for distribution* to the charter school.



2. The apportionment to a charter school that is sponsored by the State Public Charter School Authority or by a college or university within the Nevada System of Higher Education, computed on a yearly basis, is equal to the sum of the basic support per pupil in the county in which the pupil resides plus the amount of local funds available per pupil pursuant to NRS 387.163 and all other funds available for public schools in the county in which the pupil resides, minus the sponsorship fee prescribed by NRS 388A.414 and minus all funds attributable to pupils who are enrolled in the charter school but are concurrently enrolled part-time in a program of distance education provided by a school district or another charter school.

3. *The apportionment to a charter school, for pupils who are enrolled full-time in a program of distance education and reside in a county school district in which 5,000 or fewer pupils are enrolled, computed on a yearly basis, is equal to the estimated weighted average per pupil basic support guarantee calculated as described in NRS 387.122 and established by law for all the school districts and charter schools within this State plus the amount of local funds available per pupil pursuant to NRS 387.163 and all other funds available for public schools in the county in which the pupil resides, minus the sponsorship fee prescribed by NRS 388A.414 and minus all the funds attributable to pupils who are enrolled in the charter school but are concurrently enrolled part-time in a program of distance education provided by a school district or another charter school. If the apportionment per pupil to such a charter school is more than the amount to be apportioned to the school district in which a pupil who is enrolled in the charter school resides, the school district in which the pupil resides shall pay the difference to the Department for distribution to the charter school.*

4. *The apportionment to a charter school, for pupils who are enrolled full-time in a program of distance education and reside in a county school district in which more than 5,000 pupils are enrolled, computed on a yearly basis, is equal to the sum of the basic support per pupil in the county in which the pupil resides plus the amount of local funds available per pupil pursuant to NRS 387.163 and all other funds available for public schools in the county in which the pupil resides, minus the sponsorship fee prescribed by NRS 388A.414 and minus all the funds attributable to pupils who are enrolled in the charter school but are concurrently enrolled part-time in a program of distance education provided by a school district or another charter school.*



*If the apportionment per pupil to such a charter school is more than the amount to be apportioned to the school district in which a pupil who is enrolled in the charter school resides, the school district in which the pupil resides shall pay the difference to the Department for distribution to the charter school.*

5. The governing body of a charter school may submit a written request to the Superintendent of Public Instruction to receive, in the first year of operation of the charter school, an apportionment 30 days before the apportionment is required to be made pursuant to NRS 387.124. Upon receipt of such a request, the Superintendent of Public Instruction may make the apportionment 30 days before the apportionment is required to be made. A charter school may receive all four apportionments in advance in its first year of operation.

**Sec. 2.** NRS 387.185 is hereby amended to read as follows:

387.185 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2 and NRS 387.528, unless the Superintendent of Public Instruction authorizes a withholding pursuant to NRS 387.1244, all school money due each county school district must be paid over by the State Treasurer to the county treasurer on August 1, November 1, February 1 and May 1 of each year or as soon thereafter as the county treasurer may apply for it, upon the warrant of the State Controller drawn in conformity with the apportionment of the Superintendent of Public Instruction as provided in NRS 387.124.

2. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 387.528, unless the Superintendent of Public Instruction authorizes a withholding pursuant to NRS 387.1244, if the board of trustees of a school district establishes and administers a separate account pursuant to the provisions of NRS 354.603, all school money due that school district must be paid over by the State Treasurer to the school district on August 1, November 1, February 1 and May 1 of each year or as soon thereafter as the school district may apply for it, upon the warrant of the State Controller drawn in conformity with the apportionment of the Superintendent of Public Instruction as provided in NRS 387.124.

3. No county school district may receive any portion of the public school money unless that school district has complied with the provisions of this title and regulations adopted pursuant thereto.

4. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, unless the Superintendent of Public Instruction authorizes a withholding pursuant to NRS 387.1244, all school money due each charter school must be paid over by the State Treasurer to the governing body of the charter school on August 1, November 1, February 1



and May 1 of each year or as soon thereafter as the governing body may apply for it, upon the warrant of the State Controller drawn in conformity with the apportionment of the Superintendent of Public Instruction as provided in NRS 387.124. If the Superintendent of Public Instruction has approved, pursuant to subsection ~~3~~ 5 of NRS 387.1241, a request for payment of an apportionment 30 days before the apportionment is otherwise required to be made, the money due to the charter school must be paid by the State Treasurer to the governing body of the charter school on July 1, October 1, January 1 or April 1, as applicable.

5. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, unless the Superintendent of Public Instruction authorizes a withholding pursuant to NRS 387.1244, all school money due each university school for profoundly gifted pupils must be paid over by the State Treasurer to the governing body of the university school on August 1, November 1, February 1 and May 1 of each year or as soon thereafter as the governing body may apply for it, upon the warrant of the State Controller drawn in conformity with the apportionment of the Superintendent of Public Instruction as provided in NRS 387.124. If the Superintendent of Public Instruction has approved, pursuant to NRS 387.1242, a request for payment of an apportionment 30 days before the apportionment is otherwise required to be made, the money due to the university school must be paid by the State Treasurer to the governing body of the university school on July 1, October 1, January 1 or April 1, as applicable.

**Sec. 3.** NRS 388A.417 is hereby amended to read as follows:

388A.417 1. To determine the amount of money for distribution to a charter school in its first year of operation, the count of pupils who are enrolled in the charter school must initially be determined 30 days before the beginning of the school year of the school district, based on the number of pupils whose applications for enrollment have been approved by the charter school.

2. The count of pupils who are enrolled in the charter school must be revised each quarter based on the average daily enrollment of pupils in the charter school that is reported for that quarter pursuant to NRS 387.1223.

3. Pursuant to subsection ~~3~~ 5 of NRS 387.1241, the governing body of a charter school may request that the apportionments made to the charter school in its first year of operation be paid to the charter school 30 days before the apportionments are otherwise required to be made.



4. If a charter school ceases to operate as a charter school during a school year, the remaining apportionments that would have been made to the charter school pursuant to NRS 387.124 and 387.1241 for that year must be paid on a proportionate basis to the school districts where the pupils who were enrolled in the charter school reside.

**Sec. 4.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2019.

