

Amendment No. 178

Assembly Amendment to Assembly Bill No. 78	(BDR 34-339)
Proposed by: Assembly Committee on Education	
Amends: Summary: No Title: Yes Preamble: No Joint Sponsorship: No Digest: Yes	

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EXPLANATION: Matter in (1) *blue bold italics* is new language in the original bill; (2) variations of green bold underlining is language proposed to be added in this amendment; (3) ~~red strikethrough~~ is deleted language in the original bill; (4) ~~purple double strikethrough~~ is language proposed to be deleted in this amendment; (5) orange double underlining is deleted language in the original bill proposed to be retained in this amendment.



ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 78—COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

(ON BEHALF OF THE STATE PUBLIC
CHARTER SCHOOL AUTHORITY)

PREFILED NOVEMBER 20, 2018

Referred to Committee on Education

SUMMARY—Revises provisions governing charter schools. (BDR 34-339)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
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; ~~revising provisions relating to the participation of charter schools in the statewide system of accountability; requiring a charter school to release the education records of a pupil to the sponsor of the charter school under certain circumstances; requiring the governing body of a charter school to adopt certain policies relating to English learners, parental involvement and assessments;~~ revising provisions governing the operations of the State Public Charter School Authority; ~~deeming certain records of organizations that provide services relating to the management or governance of charter schools to be public records; requiring certain employees of such organizations to receive background checks and report the abuse or neglect of a child; providing for the monitoring of criminal cases involving such employees who are unlicensed; revising provisions governing the operations and finances of charter schools;~~ abolishing the Achievement School District; requiring an existing achievement charter school to convert to a charter school under the sponsorship of the State Public Charter School Authority or cease operations; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Existing law authorizes the State Public Charter School Authority or a school district or college or university within the Nevada System of Higher Education that is approved by the Department of Education to sponsor a charter school. (NRS 388A.220) ~~Existing law also establishes the statewide system of accountability for public schools, which requires: (1) the board of trustees of each school district and each sponsor of a charter school to report certain information concerning schools within the district or sponsored by the sponsor, as applicable, to the Department; and (2) the State Board of Education to prepare an annual report of accountability for the State that includes certain information concerning each school district, including each charter school located within the district. (NRS 385A.070-385A.520) Section 2 of this bill requires a charter school to provide to its sponsor any information necessary to~~

prepare its annual report. Sections 3-16 of this bill require the annual report of accountability for the state to report information concerning charter schools according to the sponsor of the charter school rather than including those schools within the school district in which the charter school is located. Sections 17-19 of this bill make conforming changes. Sections 20 and 21 of this bill require the Authority, each college or university within the Nevada System of Higher Education that sponsors a charter school and each governing body of a charter school to adopt the program for the collection, maintenance and transfer of accountability data prescribed by the Superintendent.

—Section 22 of this bill requires a charter school to release the education record of a pupil to the sponsor of the charter school under certain circumstances. Sections 23, 24 and 75 of this bill require the governing body of a charter school to adopt policies to teach English to pupils who are English learners and encourage effective involvement and engagement by parents and families. Sections 1 and 13 of this bill make conforming changes.

—Section 27 of this bill authorizes the Authority to investigate a violation of law or regulations related to charter schools by any person affiliated with a charter school sponsored by the Authority. Sections 28 and 78 of this bill require certain organizations that operate or provide services relating to the operation or management of a charter school, including an achievement charter school, to comply with public records laws with regard to records of communications with the staff of a charter school or relating to the business, management or governance of a charter school. Sections 61, 66, 77 and 79 of this bill require employees of such an organization who interact directly with pupils, have access to data concerning pupils or supervise the staff of a charter school, including an achievement charter school, to: (1) receive background checks; and (2) be responsible for reporting the abuse or neglect of a child.

—Sections 31, 33, 34, 37, 38, 41-47, 56 and 58 of this bill replace the term “charter management organization” with the term “network of charter schools.” Section 32 of this bill authorizes a nonprofit organization to act as an educational management organization, which is an entity that provides services relating to the operation and management of charter schools.

—Existing law authorizes the governing body of a charter school, including an achievement charter school, to request that the board of trustees of a school district transfer a pupil with a disability for whom the charter school is unable to provide appropriate services. (NRS 388A.453) Sections 29, 60 and 67 of this bill: (1) authorize such a request to be made only after the charter school has enrolled the pupil and with the approval of the sponsor of the charter school; (2) authorize a governing body to appeal the denial of such a request to the Department; and (3) deem a pupil who is so transferred to be enrolled in the charter school until he or she is disenrolled from the charter school.

—Sections 35, 36 and 80} Existing law requires the Department to adopt regulations, including: (1) the process for the Department to conduct a comprehensive review of sponsors of charter schools every 3 years; and (2) the process for the Department to determine whether to continue or to revoke the authorization of a sponsor to sponsor charter schools. (NRS 388A.105) Existing regulations provide that in conducting a comprehensive review of each sponsor of a charter school to determine whether to continue or revoke the authorization of a sponsor to sponsor charter schools, the Department will: (1) review the annual reports required to be submitted; (2) determine whether the sponsor has complied with applicable state laws; and (3) determine whether the sponsor is authorized to sponsor charter schools. (NAC 388A.205) Section 25 of this bill: (1) codifies into statute these requirements from regulation; and (2) requires the Department to adopt regulations prescribing the criteria to be used in determining whether to continue or revoke the authorization of the sponsor to sponsor charter schools. Section 33.6 of this bill makes a conforming change.

Existing law creates the State Public Charter School Authority and prescribes the membership of the Authority. (NRS 388A.150, 388A.153) Section 34 of this bill revises the membership of the Authority to include two members appointed by the State Board of Education. Section 34.5 of this bill makes a conforming change, and section 80.73 of this bill provides for the appointment and initial terms of the new members. Existing law deems the State Public Charter School Authority a local educational agency for limited purposes. (NRS 388A.159) Section 35 of this bill [revise the circumstances under which] deems the Authority [a charter school sponsored by the Authority or a college or university within the Nevada System of Higher Education is deemed] to be a local educational agency [.]

for all purposes. Section 39 of this bill ~~[authorizes]~~ **requires** the Authority to adopt any regulations ~~[necessary]~~ to carry out ~~[its responsibilities under state and federal law]~~.

~~Existing law authorizes the Executive Director of the Authority to pursue any other business or occupation or hold any other office with the approval of the Authority. (NRS 388A.193) Section 40 of this bill instead requires the approval of the Governor for the Executive Director to engage in such activities. Sections 47, 49, 50, 52 and 54 of this bill authorize or require, depending on the circumstances, the sponsor of a charter school to deny a request to form a charter school, amend a written charter or charter contract or renew a charter contract under certain circumstances relating to the prior performance of an educational management organization with which the governing body contracts or proposes to contract. Sections 48, 53 and 55 of this bill make conforming changes. Section 47 also requires a prospective sponsor to inform an applicant to form a charter school dedicated to providing educational services to certain pupils of any federal funding that the charter school may be ineligible to receive because it does not provide educational services to all pupils. Section 51 of this bill provides that an applicant for the issuance, amendment or renewal of a charter contract or a person who seeks any other affirmative approval of a sponsor is not entitled to the issuance, amendment, renewal or approval. Sections 57 and 77 of this bill prohibit a charter school from requiring the parent, guardian or other family member of a pupil to donate money to or volunteer at the school.~~

~~Existing law requires a charter school to pay to its sponsor a yearly sponsorship fee in a prescribed amount. (NRS 388A.414) Section 59 of this bill instead requires a charter school sponsored by the State Public Charter School Authority to pay a sponsorship fee in an amount determined in accordance with the State Budget Act. (NRS 353.150-353.246)~~

~~Existing law establishes a procedure for responding to criminal cases involving unlicensed teachers and administrators who are employed by a charter school, other than an achievement charter school. (NRS 388A.5332-388A.5342) Sections 62-65 of this bill make this procedure applicable to criminal cases involving unlicensed employees of an educational management organization or network of charter schools who directly interact with pupils, have access to data concerning pupils or supervise the staff of a charter school.~~

~~Sections 68-74 of this bill require a charter school to take certain actions regarding the administration of examinations and assessments.]~~ **provisions relating to charter schools.**

Existing law governs the manner in which applications for enrollment are submitted to the governing body of a charter school and requires a charter school to enroll pupils under certain circumstances. Existing law also authorizes a charter school to transfer a pupil to an appropriate school if the charter school determines it is unable to provide an appropriate special education program and services to such a pupil. (NRS 388A.453) Section 60 of this bill requires a charter school to immediately enroll certain pupils. Additionally, section 60 removes the authorization for a charter school to transfer a pupil if the charter school determines it is unable to provide an appropriate special education program and services to a pupil, as section 35 requires the State Public Charter School Authority, as the local educational agency, to provide such a program and services.

Existing law requires each sponsor of a charter school to submit a written report to the Department on or before October 1 of each year. (NRS 388A.351) Section 59.5 of this bill revises that date to on or before February 15 of each year. Additionally, section 59.5 requires the report to: (1) be submitted on a form created by the Department; (2) be submitted to the State Board of Education on or before April 1 of each year; and (3) be reviewed by the State Board.

Assembly Bill No. 448 of the 2015 Legislative Session established the Achievement School District within the Department of Education, authorized the conversion of certain public schools to achievement charter schools and made various other changes relating to such schools. (Chapter 539, Statutes of Nevada 2015, p. 3775; NRS 388B.010-388B.450) Sections 1-24.9, 32-33.4, 47 and 80.1-80.65 of this bill repeal the statutory provisions added by that bill and make other conforming changes. Section 80.75 of this bill requires the State Public Charter School Authority to administer each existing contract to operate an achievement charter school, beginning on the effective date of this bill.

Section 80.75 requires the governing body of an achievement charter school to enter into a charter contract with the State Public Charter School Authority and operate

under existing law governing charter schools by July 1, 2020. If an achievement charter school does not enter into such a charter contract, section 80.75 provides that the contract to operate the achievement charter school becomes void on that date, thereby requiring the achievement charter school to cease operations.

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

Section 1. NRS 385.005 is hereby amended to read as follows:

385.005 1. The Legislature reaffirms its intent that public education in the State of Nevada is essentially a matter for local control by local school districts. The provisions of this title are intended to reserve to the boards of trustees of local school districts within this state such rights and powers as are necessary to maintain control of the education of the children within their respective districts. These rights and powers may only be limited by other specific provisions of law.

2. The responsibility of establishing a statewide policy of integration or desegregation of public schools is reserved to the Legislature. The responsibility for establishing a local policy of integration or desegregation of public schools consistent with the statewide policy established by the Legislature is delegated to the respective boards of trustees of local school districts and to the governing body of each charter school.

3. The State Board shall, and the State Public Charter School Authority, ~~the Achievement School District,~~ each board of trustees of a local school district, the governing body of each charter school and any other school officer may, advise the Legislature at each regular session of any recommended legislative action to ensure high standards of equality of educational opportunity for all children in the State of Nevada.

Sec. 1.2. NRS 385.007 is hereby amended to read as follows:

385.007 As used in this title, unless the context otherwise requires:

1. ~~["Achievement charter school" means a public school operated by a charter management organization, as defined in NRS 388B.020, an educational management organization, as defined in NRS 388B.030, or other person pursuant to a contract with the Achievement School District pursuant to NRS 388B.210 and subject to the provisions of chapter 388B of NRS.]~~ **"Charter school" means a public school that is formed pursuant to the provisions of chapter 388A of NRS.**

2. "Department" means the Department of Education.

3. "English learner" has the meaning ascribed to it in 20 U.S.C. § 7801(20).

4. "Homeschooled child" means a child who receives instruction at home and who is exempt from compulsory attendance pursuant to NRS 392.070, but does not include an opt-in child.

5. "Local school precinct" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 388G.535.

6. "Opt-in child" means a child for whom an education savings account has been established pursuant to NRS 353B.850, who is not enrolled full-time in a public or private school and who receives all or a portion of his or her instruction from a participating entity, as defined in NRS 353B.750.

7. "Public schools" means all kindergartens and elementary schools, junior high schools and middle schools, high schools, charter schools and any other schools, classes and educational programs which receive their support through public taxation and, except for charter schools, whose textbooks and courses of study are under the control of the State Board.

8. "School bus" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 484A.230.

9. "State Board" means the State Board of Education.

10. "University school for profoundly gifted pupils" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 388C.040.

Sec. 1.4. NRS 385.111 is hereby amended to read as follows:

385.111 1. The State Board shall prepare a plan to improve the achievement of pupils enrolled in the public schools in this State. The plan:

(a) Must be prepared in consultation with:

(1) Employees of the Department;

(2) At least one employee of a school district in a county whose population is 100,000 or more, appointed by the Nevada Association of School Boards;

(3) At least one employee of a school district in a county whose population is less than 100,000, appointed by the Nevada Association of School Boards; and

(4) At least one representative of the Statewide Council for the Coordination of the Regional Training Programs created by NRS 391A.130, appointed by the Council; and

(b) May be prepared in consultation with:

(1) Representatives of institutions of higher education;

(2) Representatives of regional educational laboratories;

(3) Representatives of outside consultant groups;

(4) Representatives of the regional training programs for the professional development of teachers and administrators created by NRS 391A.120;

(5) The Legislative Bureau of Educational Accountability and Program Evaluation; and

(6) Other persons who the State Board determines are appropriate.

2. On or before March 31 of each year, the State Board shall submit the plan or the revised plan, as applicable, to the:

(a) Governor;

(b) Legislative Committee on Education;

(c) Legislative Bureau of Educational Accountability and Program Evaluation;

(d) Board of Regents of the University of Nevada;

(e) Board of trustees of each school district; and

(f) Governing body of each charter school. ~~[-and]~~

~~[(g) Executive Director of the Achievement School District.]~~

[Section 1.] Sec. 1.6. NRS 385.620 is hereby amended to read as follows:

385.620 The Advisory Council shall:

1. Review the policy of parental involvement adopted by the State Board and the policy of parental involvement and family engagement adopted by the board of trustees of each school district ~~[-and the governing body of each charter school]~~ pursuant to NRS 392.457;

2. Review the information relating to communication with and participation, involvement and engagement of parents and families that is included in the annual report of accountability for each school district pursuant to NRS 385A.320 and similar information in the annual report of accountability prepared by the State Public Charter School Authority ~~[-the Achievement School District]~~ and a college or university within the Nevada System of Higher Education that sponsors a charter school pursuant to subsection 3 of NRS 385A.070;

3. Review any effective practices carried out in individual school districts to increase parental involvement and family engagement and determine the feasibility of carrying out those practices on a statewide basis;

4. Review any effective practices carried out in other states to increase parental involvement and family engagement and determine the feasibility of carrying out those practices in this State;

5. Identify methods to communicate effectively and provide outreach to parents, legal guardians and families of pupils who have limited time to become involved in the education of their children for various reasons, including, without limitation, work schedules, single-parent homes and other family obligations;

6. Identify the manner in which the level of parental involvement and family engagement affects the performance, attendance and discipline of pupils;

7. Identify methods to communicate effectively with and provide outreach to parents, legal guardians and families of pupils who are English learners;

8. Determine the necessity for the appointment of a statewide parental involvement and family engagement coordinator or a parental involvement and family engagement coordinator in each school district, or both;

9. Work in collaboration with the Office of Parental Involvement and Family Engagement created by NRS 385.630 to carry out the duties prescribed in NRS 385.635; and

10. On or before February 1 of each year, submit a report to the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for transmission to the Legislature in odd-numbered years and to the Legislative Commission in even-numbered years, describing the activities of the Advisory Council and any recommendations for legislation.

Sec. 2. NRS 385A.070 is hereby amended to read as follows:

385A.070 1. The board of trustees of each school district in this State, in cooperation with associations recognized by the State Board as representing licensed educational personnel in the district, shall adopt a program providing for the accountability of the school district to the residents of the district and to the State Board for the quality of the schools and the educational achievement of the pupils in the district, including, without limitation, pupils enrolled in charter schools sponsored by the school district. The board of trustees of each school district shall report the information required by NRS 385A.070 to 385A.320, inclusive, for each charter school sponsored by the school district. The information for charter schools must be reported separately.

2. The board of trustees of each school district shall, on or before December 31 of each year, prepare for the immediately preceding school year a single annual report of accountability concerning the educational goals and objectives of the school district, the information prescribed by NRS 385A.070 to 385A.320, inclusive, and such other information as is directed by the Superintendent of Public Instruction. A separate reporting for a group of pupils must not be made pursuant to NRS 385A.070 to 385A.320, inclusive, if the number of pupils in that group is insufficient to yield statistically reliable information or the results would reveal personally identifiable information about an individual pupil. The Department shall use the mechanism approved by the United States Department of Education for the statewide system of accountability for public schools for determining the minimum number of pupils that must be in a group for that group to yield statistically reliable information.

3. The State Public Charter School Authority, ~~[the Achievement School District]~~ and each college or university within the Nevada System of Higher Education that sponsors a charter school shall, on or before December 31 of each year, prepare for the immediately preceding school year an annual report of accountability of the charter schools sponsored by the State Public Charter School Authority, ~~[Achievement School District]~~ or institution, as applicable, concerning the accountability information prescribed by the Department pursuant to this section. The Department, in consultation with the State Public Charter School Authority, ~~[the Achievement School District]~~ and each college or university within the Nevada System of Higher Education that sponsors a charter school, shall prescribe by regulation the information that must be prepared by the State Public

Charter School Authority ~~[, the Achievement School District]~~ and institution, as applicable, which must include, without limitation, the information contained in subsection 2 and NRS 385A.070 to 385A.320, inclusive, as applicable to charter schools. The Department shall provide for public dissemination of the annual report of accountability prepared pursuant to this section by posting a copy of the report on the Internet website maintained by the Department.

~~4. [For the purpose of preparing and reporting information pursuant to subsection 3, each charter school sponsored by the State Public Charter School Authority, the Achievement School District or a college or university within the Nevada System of Higher Education shall provide any information requested by the sponsor of the charter school that is necessary for the sponsor to complete the annual report of accountability pursuant to subsection 3 within the time requested by the sponsor.]~~

~~5.~~ The annual report of accountability prepared pursuant to this section must be presented in an understandable and uniform format and, to the extent practicable, provided in a language that parents can understand.

Sec. 3. (Deleted by amendment.)

Sec. 3.2. NRS 385A.080 is hereby amended to read as follows:

385A.080 1. The Superintendent of Public Instruction shall:

(a) Prescribe forms for the reports required pursuant to NRS 385A.070 and provide the forms to the respective school districts, the State Public Charter School Authority ~~[, the Achievement School District]~~ and each college or university within the Nevada System of Higher Education that sponsors a charter school.

(b) Provide statistical information and technical assistance to the school districts, the State Public Charter School Authority ~~[, the Achievement School District]~~ and each college or university within the Nevada System of Higher Education that sponsors a charter school to ensure that the reports provide comparable information with respect to each school in each district, each charter school and among the districts and charter schools throughout this State.

(c) Consult with a representative of the:

- (1) Nevada State Education Association;
- (2) Nevada Association of School Boards;
- (3) Nevada Association of School Administrators;
- (4) Nevada Parent Teacher Association;
- (5) Budget Division of the Office of Finance;
- (6) Legislative Counsel Bureau; and
- (7) Charter School Association of Nevada,

↪ concerning the program adopted pursuant to subsection 1 of NRS 385A.070 and consider any advice or recommendations submitted by the representatives with respect to the program.

2. The Superintendent of Public Instruction may consult with representatives of parent groups other than the Nevada Parent Teacher Association concerning the program adopted pursuant to subsection 1 of NRS 385A.070 and consider any advice or recommendations submitted by the representatives with respect to the program.

Sec. 3.4. NRS 385A.090 is hereby amended to read as follows:

385A.090 1. On or before September 30 of each year:

(a) The board of trustees of each school district, the State Public Charter School Authority ~~[, the Achievement School District]~~ and each college or university within the Nevada System of Higher Education that sponsors a charter school shall provide written notice that the report required pursuant to NRS 385A.070 is available on the Internet website maintained by the school district, State Public Charter School Authority ~~[, the Achievement School District]~~ or institution, if any, or

otherwise provide written notice of the availability of the report. The written notice must be provided to the:

- (1) Governor;
- (2) State Board;
- (3) Department;
- (4) Committee;
- (5) Bureau; and

(6) The Attorney General, with a specific reference to the information that is reported pursuant to paragraph (e) of subsection 1 of NRS 385A.250.

(b) The board of trustees of each school district, the State Public Charter School Authority ~~the Achievement School District~~ and each college or university within the Nevada System of Higher Education that sponsors a charter school shall provide for public dissemination of the annual report of accountability prepared pursuant to NRS 385A.070 by posting a copy of the report on the Internet website maintained by the school district, the State Public Charter School Authority ~~the Achievement School District~~ or the institution, if any. If a school district does not maintain a website, the district shall otherwise provide for public dissemination of the annual report by providing a copy of the report to the schools in the school district, including, without limitation, each charter school sponsored by the district, the residents of the district, and the parents and guardians of pupils enrolled in schools in the district, including, without limitation, each charter school sponsored by the district. If the State Public Charter School Authority ~~the Achievement School District~~ or the institution does not maintain a website, the State Public Charter School Authority ~~the Achievement School District~~ or the institution, as applicable, shall otherwise provide for public dissemination of the annual report by providing a copy of the report to each charter school it sponsors and the parents and guardians of pupils enrolled in each charter school it sponsors.

2. Upon the request of the Governor, the Attorney General, an entity described in paragraph (a) of subsection 1 or a member of the general public, the board of trustees of a school district, the State Public Charter School Authority ~~the Achievement School District~~ or a college or university within the Nevada System of Higher Education that sponsors a charter school, as applicable, shall provide a portion or portions of the report required pursuant to NRS 385A.070.

Sec. 3.6. NRS 385A.240 is hereby amended to read as follows:

385A.240 1. The annual report of accountability prepared pursuant to NRS 385A.070 must include information on the attendance, truancy and transiency of pupils, including, without limitation:

(a) Records of the attendance and truancy of pupils in all grades, including, without limitation:

(1) The average daily attendance of pupils, for each school in the district and the district as a whole, including, without limitation, each charter school sponsored by the district.

(2) For each elementary school, middle school and junior high school in the district, including, without limitation, each charter school sponsored by the district that provides instruction to pupils enrolled in a grade level other than high school, information that compares the attendance of the pupils enrolled in the school with the attendance of pupils throughout the district and throughout this State. The information required by this subparagraph must be provided in consultation with the Department to ensure the accuracy of the comparison.

(b) The number of pupils in each grade who are retained in the same grade pursuant to NRS 392.033, 392.125 or 392.760, for each school in the district and the district as a whole, including, without limitation, each charter school sponsored by the district.

(c) The transiency rate of pupils for each school in the district and the district as a whole, including, without limitation, each charter school sponsored by the district. For the purposes of this paragraph, a pupil is not transient if the pupil is transferred to a different school within the school district as a result of a change in the zone of attendance by the board of trustees of the school district pursuant to NRS 388.040.

(d) The number of habitual truants reported for each school in the district and for the district as a whole, including, without limitation, the number who are:

(1) Reported to an attendance officer, a school police officer or a local law enforcement agency pursuant to paragraph (a) of subsection 2 of NRS 392.144;

(2) Referred to an advisory board to review school attendance pursuant to paragraph (b) of subsection 2 of NRS 392.144; and

(3) Referred for the imposition of administrative sanctions pursuant to paragraph (c) of subsection 2 of NRS 392.144.

2. On or before September 30 of each year:

(a) The board of trustees of each school district shall submit to each advisory board to review school attendance created in the county pursuant to NRS 392.126 the information required by paragraph (a) of subsection 1.

(b) The State Public Charter School Authority ~~[- the Achievement School District]~~ and each college or university within the Nevada System of Higher Education that sponsors a charter school shall submit to each advisory board to review school attendance created in a county pursuant to NRS 392.126 the information regarding the records of the attendance and truancy of pupils enrolled in the charter school located in that county, if any, in accordance with the regulations prescribed by the Department pursuant to subsection 3 of NRS 385A.070.

Sec. 4. NRS 385A.400 is hereby amended to read as follows:

385A.400 1. The State Board shall, on or before January 15 of each year, prepare for the immediately preceding school year a single annual report of accountability that includes, without limitation, the information prescribed by NRS 385A.400 to 385A.520, inclusive.

2. A separate reporting for a group of pupils must not be made pursuant to NRS 385A.400 to 385A.520, inclusive, if the number of pupils in that group is insufficient to yield statistically reliable information or the results would reveal personally identifiable information about an individual pupil. The Department shall use the mechanism approved by the United States Department of Education for the statewide system of accountability for public schools for determining the minimum number of pupils that must be in a group for that group to yield statistically reliable information.

3. The annual report of accountability must:

(a) Be prepared in a concise manner; and

(b) Be presented in an understandable and uniform format and, to the extent practicable, provided in a language that parents can understand.

4. On or before January 15 of each year, the State Board shall provide for public dissemination of the annual report of accountability by posting a copy of the report on the Internet website maintained by the Department.

5. Upon the request of the Governor, the Attorney General, the Committee, the Bureau, the Board of Regents of the University of Nevada, the board of trustees of a school district, *the State Public Charter School Authority, a college or university within the Nevada System of Higher Education*, the governing body of a charter school, ~~[- the Executive Director of the Achievement School District]~~ or a member of the general public, the State Board shall provide a portion or portions of the annual report of accountability.

1 Sec. 5. ~~(Deleted by amendment.)~~

2 Sec. 6. ~~(Deleted by amendment.)~~

3 Sec. 7. ~~(Deleted by amendment.)~~

4 Sec. 8. ~~(Deleted by amendment.)~~

5 Sec. 9. ~~(Deleted by amendment.)~~

6 Sec. 10. ~~(Deleted by amendment.)~~

7 Sec. 11. ~~(Deleted by amendment.)~~

8 Sec. 12. ~~(Deleted by amendment.)~~

9 Sec. 13. ~~(Deleted by amendment.)~~

10 Sec. 14. ~~(Deleted by amendment.)~~

11 Sec. 15. ~~(Deleted by amendment.)~~

12 Sec. 16. ~~(Deleted by amendment.)~~

13 Sec. 17. ~~(Deleted by amendment.)~~

14 Sec. 18. ~~(Deleted by amendment.)~~

15 Sec. 19. ~~(Deleted by amendment.)~~

16 Sec. 20. ~~(Deleted by amendment.)~~

17 Sec. 21. ~~(Deleted by amendment.)~~

18 Sec. 22. ~~(Deleted by amendment.)~~

19 Sec. 23. ~~(Deleted by amendment.)~~

20 Sec. 24. ~~(Deleted by amendment.)~~

21 Sec. 24.1. NRS 385A.670 is hereby amended to read as follows:

22 385A.670 1. On or before July 31 of each year, the Department shall
23 determine whether each public school is meeting the school achievement targets
24 and performance targets established pursuant to the statewide system of
25 accountability for public schools.

26 2. The determination pursuant to subsection 1 for a public school, including,
27 without limitation, a charter school sponsored by the board of trustees of the school
28 district, must be made in consultation with the board of trustees of the school
29 district in which the public school is located. If a charter school is sponsored by the
30 State Public Charter School Authority ~~[, the Achievement School District]~~ or a
31 college or university within the Nevada System of Higher Education, the
32 Department shall make a determination for the charter school in consultation with
33 the State Public Charter School Authority ~~[, the Achievement School District]~~ or
34 the institution within the Nevada System of Higher Education that sponsors the
35 charter school, as applicable. The determination made for each school must be
36 based only upon the information and data for those pupils who are enrolled in the
37 school for a full academic year. On or before July 31 of each year, the Department
38 shall transmit:

39 (a) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (b) ~~[,] or (c) , [for (d)]~~ the
40 determination made for each public school to the board of trustees of the school
41 district in which the public school is located.

42 (b) To the State Public Charter School Authority the determination made for
43 each charter school that is sponsored by the State Public Charter School Authority.

44 (c) ~~[The determination made for the charter school to the Achievement School~~
45 ~~District if the charter school is sponsored by the Achievement School District.~~

46 ~~—(d)]~~ The determination made for the charter school to the institution that
47 sponsors the charter school if a charter school is sponsored by a college or
48 university within the Nevada System of Higher Education.

49 3. If the number of pupils in a particular group who are enrolled in a public
50 school is insufficient to yield statistically reliable information:

51 (a) The Department shall not determine that the school has failed to meet the
52 performance targets established pursuant to the statewide system of accountability
53 for public schools based solely upon that particular group.

1 (b) The pupils in such a group must be included in the overall count of pupils
2 enrolled in the school who took the examinations.

3 ➤ The Department shall use the mechanism approved by the United States
4 Department of Education for the statewide system of accountability for public
5 schools for determining the number of pupils that must be in a group for that group
6 to yield statistically reliable information.

7 4. If an irregularity in testing administration or an irregularity in testing
8 security occurs at a school and the irregularity invalidates the test scores of pupils,
9 those test scores must be included in the scores of pupils reported for the school, the
10 attendance of those pupils must be counted towards the total number of pupils who
11 took the examinations and the pupils must be included in the total number of pupils
12 who were required to take the examinations.

13 5. As used in this section:

14 (a) "Irregularity in testing administration" has the meaning ascribed to it in
15 NRS 390.255.

16 (b) "Irregularity in testing security" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS
17 390.260.

18 **Sec. 24.2. NRS 385A.720 is hereby amended to read as follows:**

19 385A.720 1. Based upon the information received from the Department
20 pursuant to NRS 385A.670, the board of trustees of each school district shall, on or
21 before August 15 of each year, issue a preliminary rating for each public school in
22 the school district in accordance with the statewide system of accountability for
23 public schools, excluding charter schools sponsored by the State Public Charter
24 School Authority ~~[, the Achievement School District]~~ or a college or university
25 within the Nevada System of Higher Education. The board of trustees shall make
26 preliminary ratings for all charter schools that are sponsored by the board of
27 trustees. The Department shall make preliminary ratings for all charter schools
28 sponsored by the State Public Charter School Authority ~~[, all charter schools~~
29 ~~sponsored by the Achievement School District]~~ and all charter schools sponsored
30 by a college or university within the Nevada System of Higher Education.

31 2. Before making a final rating for a school, the board of trustees of the
32 school district or the Department, as applicable, shall provide the school an
33 opportunity to review the data upon which the preliminary rating is based and to
34 present evidence. If the school is a public school of the school district or a charter
35 school sponsored by the board of trustees, the board of trustees of the school district
36 shall, in consultation with the Department, make a final determination concerning
37 the rating for the school on September 15. If the school is a charter school
38 sponsored by the State Public Charter School Authority ~~[, the Achievement School~~
39 ~~District]~~ or a college or university within the Nevada System of Higher Education,
40 the Department shall make a final determination concerning the rating for the
41 school on September 15.

42 3. On or before September 15 of each year, the Department shall post on the
43 Internet website maintained by the Department the determinations and final ratings
44 made for all schools in this State.

45 **Sec. 24.3. NRS 387.067 is hereby amended to read as follows:**

46 387.067 1. The State Board may accept and adopt regulations or establish
47 policies for the disbursement of money appropriated and apportioned to the State of
48 Nevada, the school districts or the charter schools of the State of Nevada by the
49 Congress of the United States for purposes of elementary and secondary education.

50 2. The Superintendent of Public Instruction shall deposit the money with the
51 State Treasurer, who shall make disbursements therefrom on warrants of the State
52 Controller issued upon the order of the Superintendent of Public Instruction.

3. The State Board, any school district within this State, ~~[the Achievement School District]~~ and any governing body of any charter school in this State may, within the limits provided in this section, make such applications, agreements and assurances to the Federal Government, and conduct such programs as may be required as a condition precedent to the receipt of money appropriated by any Act of Congress for purposes of elementary and secondary education. Such an agreement or assurance must not require this State, or a school district or governing body to provide money above the amount appropriated or otherwise lawfully available for that purpose.

Sec. 24.4. NRS 387.080 is hereby amended to read as follows:

387.080 1. The Director may enter into agreements with any agency of the Federal Government, the Department, the State Board, ~~[the Achievement School District]~~, any board of trustees of a school district, any governing body of a charter school or any other entity or person. The Director may establish policies and prescribe regulations, authorize the employment of such personnel and take such other action as it considers necessary to provide for the establishment, maintenance, operation and expansion of any program of nutrition operated by a school district or of any other such program for which state or federal assistance is provided.

2. The State Treasurer shall disburse federal, state and other money designated for a program of nutrition on warrants of the State Controller issued upon the order of the Director pursuant to regulations or policies of the State Department of Agriculture.

3. The Director may:

(a) Give technical advice and assistance to any person or entity in connection with the establishment and operation of any program of nutrition.

(b) Assist in training personnel engaged in the operation of any program of nutrition.

Sec. 24.5. NRS 387.090 is hereby amended to read as follows:

387.090 Except as otherwise provided in NRS 387.114 to 387.1175, inclusive, the board of trustees of each school district ~~[the Executive Director of the Achievement School District]~~ and the governing body of each charter school may:

1. Operate or provide for the operation of programs of nutrition in the public schools under their jurisdiction.

2. Use therefor money disbursed to them pursuant to the provisions of NRS 387.068 to 387.1175, inclusive, gifts, donations and other money received from the sale of food under those programs.

3. Deposit the money in one or more accounts in one or more banks or credit unions within the State.

4. Contract with respect to food, services, supplies, equipment and facilities for the operation of the programs.

Sec. 24.6. NRS 387.1223 is hereby amended to read as follows:

387.1223 1. On or before October 1, January 1, April 1 and July 1, each school district shall report to the Department, in the form prescribed by the Department, the average daily enrollment of pupils pursuant to this section for the immediately preceding quarter of the school year.

2. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, basic support of each school district must be computed by:

(a) Multiplying the basic support guarantee per pupil established for that school district for that school year by the sum of:

(1) The count of pupils enrolled in kindergarten and grades 1 to 12, inclusive, based on the average daily enrollment of those pupils during the quarter, including, without limitation, the count of pupils who reside in the county and are

1 enrolled in any charter school and the count of pupils who are enrolled in a
2 university school for profoundly gifted pupils located in the county.

3 (2) The count of pupils not included under subparagraph (1) who are
4 enrolled full-time in a program of distance education provided by that school
5 district, a charter school located within that school district or a university school for
6 profoundly gifted pupils, based on the average daily enrollment of those pupils
7 during the quarter.

8 (3) The count of pupils who reside in the county and are enrolled:

9 (I) In a public school of the school district and are concurrently
10 enrolled part-time in a program of distance education provided by another school
11 district or a charter school or receiving a portion of his or her instruction from a
12 participating entity, as defined in NRS 353B.750, based on the average daily
13 enrollment of those pupils during the quarter.

14 (II) In a charter school and are concurrently enrolled part-time in a
15 program of distance education provided by a school district or another charter
16 school or receiving a portion of his or her instruction from a participating entity, as
17 defined in NRS 353B.750, based on the average daily enrollment of those pupils
18 during the quarter.

19 (4) The count of pupils not included under subparagraph (1), (2) or (3),
20 who are receiving special education pursuant to the provisions of NRS 388.417 to
21 388.469, inclusive, and 388.5251 to 388.5267, inclusive, based on the average daily
22 enrollment of those pupils during the quarter and excluding the count of pupils who
23 have not attained the age of 5 years and who are receiving special education
24 pursuant to NRS 388.435.

25 (5) Six-tenths the count of pupils who have not attained the age of 5 years
26 and who are receiving special education pursuant to NRS 388.435, based on the
27 average daily enrollment of those pupils during the quarter.

28 (6) The count of children detained in facilities for the detention of children,
29 alternative programs and juvenile forestry camps receiving instruction pursuant to
30 the provisions of NRS 388.550, 388.560 and 388.570, based on the average daily
31 enrollment of those pupils during the quarter.

32 (7) The count of pupils who are enrolled in classes for at least one semester
33 pursuant to subsection 1 of NRS 388A.471, subsection 1 of NRS 388A.474 ~~or~~ or
34 ~~subsection 1 of NRS 392.074, or subsection 1 of NRS 388B.280 or any~~
35 ~~regulations adopted pursuant to NRS 388B.060 that authorize a child who is~~
36 ~~enrolled at a public school of a school district or a private school or a~~
37 ~~homeschooled child to participate in a class at an achievement charter school,~~
38 based on the average daily enrollment of pupils during the quarter and expressed as
39 a percentage of the total time services are provided to those pupils per school day in
40 proportion to the total time services are provided during a school day to pupils who
41 are counted pursuant to subparagraph (1).

42 (b) Adding the amounts computed in paragraph (a).

43 3. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 4, if the enrollment of pupils in
44 a school district or a charter school that is located within the school district based
45 on the average daily enrollment of pupils during the quarter of the school year is
46 less than or equal to 95 percent of the enrollment of pupils in the same school
47 district or charter school based on the average daily enrollment of pupils during the
48 same quarter of the immediately preceding school year, the enrollment of pupils
49 during the same quarter of the immediately preceding school year must be used for
50 purposes of making the quarterly apportionments from the State Distributive School
51 Account to that school district or charter school pursuant to NRS 387.124.

52 4. If the Department determines that a school district or charter school
53 deliberately causes a decline in the enrollment of pupils in the school district or

1 charter school to receive a higher apportionment pursuant to subsection 3,
2 including, without limitation, by eliminating grades or moving into smaller
3 facilities, the enrollment number from the current school year must be used for
4 purposes of apportioning money from the State Distributive School Account to that
5 school district or charter school pursuant to NRS 387.124.

6 5. The Department shall prescribe a process for reconciling the quarterly
7 reports submitted pursuant to subsection 1 to account for pupils who leave the
8 school district or a public school during the school year.

9 6. Pupils who are excused from attendance at examinations or have completed
10 their work in accordance with the rules of the board of trustees must be credited
11 with attendance during that period.

12 7. Pupils who are incarcerated in a facility or institution operated by the
13 Department of Corrections must not be counted for the purpose of computing basic
14 support pursuant to this section. The average daily attendance for such pupils must
15 be reported to the Department of Education.

16 8. Pupils who are enrolled in courses which are approved by the Department
17 as meeting the requirements for an adult to earn a high school diploma must not be
18 counted for the purpose of computing basic support pursuant to this section.

19 **Sec. 24.7. NRS 387.123 is hereby amended to read as follows:**

20 387.123 1. The count of pupils for apportionment purposes includes all
21 pupils who are enrolled in programs of instruction of the school district, including,
22 without limitation, a program of distance education provided by the school district,
23 pupils who reside in the county in which the school district is located and are
24 enrolled in any charter school, including, without limitation, a program of distance
25 education provided by a charter school, and pupils who are enrolled in a university
26 school for profoundly gifted pupils located in the county, for:

27 (a) Pupils in the kindergarten department.

28 (b) Pupils in grades 1 to 12, inclusive.

29 (c) Pupils not included under paragraph (a) or (b) who are receiving special
30 education pursuant to the provisions of NRS 388.417 to 388.469, inclusive, and
31 388.5251 to 388.5267, inclusive.

32 (d) Pupils who reside in the county and are enrolled part-time in a program of
33 distance education provided pursuant to NRS 388.820 to 388.874, inclusive.

34 (e) Children detained in facilities for the detention of children, alternative
35 programs and juvenile forestry camps receiving instruction pursuant to the
36 provisions of NRS 388.550, 388.560 and 388.570.

37 (f) Pupils who are enrolled in classes pursuant to subsection 1 of NRS
38 388A.471 ~~and~~ and pupils who are enrolled in classes pursuant to subsection 1 of
39 NRS 388A.474. ~~and pupils who are enrolled in classes pursuant to subsection 1 of~~
40 ~~NRS 388B.280 or any regulations adopted pursuant to NRS 388B.060 that~~
41 ~~authorize a child who is enrolled at a public school of a school district or a private~~
42 ~~school or a homeschooled child to participate in a class at an achievement charter~~
43 ~~school.]~~

44 (g) Pupils who are enrolled in classes pursuant to subsection 1 of NRS
45 392.074.

46 (h) Pupils who are enrolled in classes and taking courses necessary to receive a
47 high school diploma, excluding those pupils who are included in paragraphs (d), (f)
48 and (g).

49 2. The State Board shall establish uniform regulations for counting enrollment
50 and calculating the average daily attendance of pupils. Except as otherwise
51 provided in this subsection, in establishing such regulations for the public schools,
52 the State Board:

1 (a) May divide the pupils in grades 1 to 12, inclusive, into categories composed
2 respectively of those enrolled in elementary schools and those enrolled in
3 secondary schools.

4 (b) Shall prohibit the counting of any pupil specified in subsection 1 more than
5 once.

6 (c) Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph, shall prohibit the counting
7 of a pupil enrolled in grade 12 as a full-time pupil if the pupil is not prepared for
8 college and career success, as defined by the Department. Such a pupil may be
9 counted as a full-time pupil if he or she is enrolled in a minimum of six courses or
10 the equivalent of six periods per day or the superintendent of the school district has
11 approved enrollment in fewer courses for good cause.

12 **Sec. 24.75. NRS 388.020 is hereby amended to read as follows:**

13 388.020 1. An elementary school is a public school in which grade work is
14 not given above that included in the eighth grade, according to the regularly
15 adopted state course of study.

16 2. A junior high or middle school is a public school in which the sixth,
17 seventh, eighth and ninth grades are taught under a course of study prescribed and
18 approved by the State Board. The school is an elementary or secondary school for
19 the purpose of the licensure of teachers.

20 3. A high school is a public school in which subjects above the eighth grade,
21 according to the state course of study, may be taught. The school is a secondary
22 school for the purpose of the licensure of teachers.

23 4. A special school is an organized unit of instruction operating with approval
24 of the State Board.

25 5. A charter school is a public school that is formed pursuant to the provisions
26 of chapter 388A of NRS ~~for an achievement charter school that is formed pursuant~~
27 ~~to chapter 388B of NRS.~~

28 6. A university school for profoundly gifted pupils is a public school
29 established pursuant to chapter 388C of NRS.

30 **Sec. 24.8. NRS 388.795 is hereby amended to read as follows:**

31 388.795 1. The Commission shall establish a plan for the use of educational
32 technology in the public schools of this State. In preparing the plan, the
33 Commission shall consider:

34 (a) Plans that have been adopted by the Department and the school districts and
35 charter schools in this State;

36 (b) Plans that have been adopted in other states;

37 (c) The information reported pursuant to NRS 385A.310 and similar
38 information included in the annual report of accountability information prepared by
39 the State Public Charter School Authority ~~[, the Achievement School District]~~ and a
40 college or university within the Nevada System of Higher Education that sponsors a
41 charter school pursuant to subsection 3 of NRS 385A.070;

42 (d) The results of the assessment of needs conducted pursuant to subsection 6;
43 and

44 (e) Any other information that the Commission or the Committee deems
45 relevant to the preparation of the plan.

46 2. The plan established by the Commission must include recommendations
47 for methods to:

48 (a) Incorporate educational technology into the public schools of this State;

49 (b) Increase the number of pupils in the public schools of this State who have
50 access to educational technology;

51 (c) Increase the availability of educational technology to assist licensed
52 teachers and other educational personnel in complying with the requirements of

continuing education, including, without limitation, the receipt of credit for college courses completed through the use of educational technology;

(d) Facilitate the exchange of ideas to improve the achievement of pupils who are enrolled in the public schools of this State; and

(e) Address the needs of teachers in incorporating the use of educational technology in the classroom, including, without limitation, the completion of training that is sufficient to enable the teachers to instruct pupils in the use of educational technology.

3. The Department shall provide:

(a) Administrative support;

(b) Equipment; and

(c) Office space,

as is necessary for the Commission to carry out the provisions of this section.

4. The following entities shall cooperate with the Commission in carrying out the provisions of this section:

(a) The State Board.

(b) The board of trustees of each school district.

(c) The superintendent of schools of each school district.

(d) The Department.

5. The Commission shall:

(a) Develop technical standards for educational technology and any electrical or structural appurtenances necessary thereto, including, without limitation, uniform specifications for computer hardware and wiring, to ensure that such technology is compatible, uniform and can be interconnected throughout the public schools of this State.

(b) Allocate money to the school districts from the Trust Fund for Educational Technology created pursuant to NRS 388.800 and any money appropriated by the Legislature for educational technology, subject to any priorities for such allocation established by the Legislature.

(c) Establish criteria for the board of trustees of a school district that receives an allocation of money from the Commission to:

(1) Repair, replace and maintain computer systems.

(2) Upgrade and improve computer hardware and software and other educational technology.

(3) Provide training, installation and technical support related to the use of educational technology within the district.

(d) Submit to the Governor, the Committee and the Department its plan for the use of educational technology in the public schools of this State and any recommendations for legislation.

(e) Review the plan annually and make revisions as it deems necessary or as directed by the Committee or the Department.

(f) In addition to the recommendations set forth in the plan pursuant to subsection 2, make further recommendations to the Committee and the Department as the Commission deems necessary.

6. During the spring semester of each even-numbered school year, the Commission shall conduct an assessment of the needs of each school district relating to educational technology. In conducting the assessment, the Commission shall consider:

(a) The recommendations set forth in the plan pursuant to subsection 2;

(b) The plan for educational technology of each school district, if applicable;

(c) Evaluations of educational technology conducted for the State or for a school district, if applicable; and

(d) Any other information deemed relevant by the Commission.

1 ↪ The Commission shall submit a final written report of the assessment to the
2 Superintendent of Public Instruction on or before April 1 of each even-numbered
3 year.

4 7. The Superintendent of Public Instruction shall prepare a written
5 compilation of the results of the assessment conducted by the Commission and
6 transmit the written compilation on or before June 1 of each even-numbered year to
7 the Legislative Committee on Education and to the Director of the Legislative
8 Counsel Bureau for transmission to the next regular session of the Legislature.

9 8. The Commission may appoint an advisory committee composed of
10 members of the Commission or other qualified persons to provide
11 recommendations to the Commission regarding standards for the establishment,
12 coordination and use of a telecommunications network in the public schools
13 throughout the various school districts in this State. The advisory committee serves
14 at the pleasure of the Commission and without compensation unless an
15 appropriation or other money for that purpose is provided by the Legislature.

16 9. As used in this section, "public school" includes the Caliente Youth Center,
17 the Nevada Youth Training Center and any other state facility for the detention of
18 children that is operated pursuant to title 5 of NRS.

19 **Sec. 24.9. NRS 388.880 is hereby amended to read as follows:**

20 388.880 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, if any person who
21 knows or has reasonable cause to believe that another person has made a threat of
22 violence against a school official, school employee or pupil reports in good faith
23 that threat of violence to a school official, teacher, school police officer, local law
24 enforcement agency or potential victim of the violence that is threatened, the person
25 who makes the report is immune from civil liability for any act or omission relating
26 to that report. Such a person is not immune from civil liability for any other act or
27 omission committed by the person as a part of, in connection with or as a principal,
28 accessory or conspirator to the violence, regardless of the nature of the other act or
29 omission.

30 2. The provisions of this section do not apply to a person who:

31 (a) Is acting in his or her professional or occupational capacity and is required
32 to make a report pursuant to NRS 200.5093, 200.50935, 392.303 or 432B.220.

33 (b) Is required to make a report concerning the commission of a violent or
34 sexual offense against a child pursuant to NRS 202.882.

35 3. As used in this section:

36 (a) "Reasonable cause to believe" means, in light of all the surrounding facts
37 and circumstances which are known, a reasonable person would believe, under
38 those facts and circumstances, that an act, transaction, event, situation or condition
39 exists, is occurring or has occurred.

40 (b) "School employee" means a licensed or unlicensed person who is
41 employed by:

42 (1) A board of trustees of a school district pursuant to NRS 391.100 or
43 391.281; or

44 (2) The governing body of a charter school. ~~for~~

45 ~~(3) The Achievement School District.~~

46 (c) "School official" means:

47 (1) A member of the board of trustees of a school district.

48 (2) A member of the governing body of a charter school.

49 (3) An administrator employed by the board of trustees of a school district
50 or the governing body of a charter school.

51 ~~[(4) The Executive Director of the Achievement School District.]~~

52 (d) "Teacher" means a person employed by the:

(1) Board of trustees of a school district to provide instruction or other educational services to pupils enrolled in public schools of the school district.

(2) Governing body of a charter school to provide instruction or other educational services to pupils enrolled in the charter school.

Sec. 25. Chapter 388A of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto ~~the provisions set forth as sections 26 to 29, inclusive, of this act.~~ a new section to read as follows:

1. At least once every 3 years, the Department shall conduct a comprehensive review of each sponsor of a charter school that the Department has approved for sponsorship pursuant to NRS 388A.220.

2. In conducting a comprehensive review of a sponsor, the Department shall:

(a) Review the annual reports submitted to the Department by the sponsor pursuant to NRS 388A.351;

(b) Determine whether the sponsor has complied with all applicable statutes and regulations; and

(c) Determine whether the sponsor applies nationally recognized best practices, as described in regulation by the Department, in carrying out its duties as a sponsor.

3. The Department may obtain the assistance of any entity or person the Department deems necessary or appropriate to carry out the review.

4. After completing the comprehensive review, the Department shall determine whether to continue or revoke the authorization of a sponsor to sponsor charter schools.

5. The Department shall adopt by regulation the criteria to apply when determining whether to continue or revoke the authorization of a sponsor to charter schools pursuant to subsection 4.

Sec. 26. (Deleted by amendment.)

Sec. 27. (Deleted by amendment.)

Sec. 28. (Deleted by amendment.)

Sec. 29. (Deleted by amendment.)

Sec. 30. (Deleted by amendment.)

Sec. 31. (Deleted by amendment.)

Sec. 32. NRS 388A.030 is hereby amended to read as follows:

388A.030 "Educational management organization" means a for-profit corporation, business, organization or other entity that provides services relating to the operation and management of charter schools. ~~[and achievement charter schools.]~~

Sec. 33. (Deleted by amendment.)

Sec. 33.2. NRS 388A.075 is hereby amended to read as follows:

388A.075 The Legislature declares that by authorizing the formation of charter schools it is not authorizing:

1. ~~[Except as otherwise provided in NRS 388B.200, the]~~ The conversion of an existing public school, homeschool or other program of home study to a charter school.

2. A means for providing financial assistance for private schools or programs of home study. The provisions of this subsection do not preclude:

(a) A private school from ceasing to operate as a private school and reopening as a charter school in compliance with the provisions of this chapter.

(b) The payment of money to a charter school for the enrollment of children in classes at the charter school pursuant to subsection 1 of NRS 388A.471 who are enrolled in a public school of a school district or a private school or who are homeschooled.

3. The formation of charter schools on the basis of a single race, religion or ethnicity.

Sec. 33.4. NRS 388A.080 is hereby amended to read as follows:

388A.080 The provisions of this chapter do not authorize an existing public school, homeschool or other program of home study to convert to a charter school. ~~[except as otherwise provided in NRS 388B.290.]~~

Sec. 33.6. NRS 388A.105 is hereby amended to read as follows:

388A.105 The Department shall adopt regulations that prescribe:

1. The process for submission of an application pursuant to NRS 388A.220 by the board of trustees of a school district or a college or university within the Nevada System of Higher Education to the Department for authorization to sponsor charter schools, the contents of the application, the process for the Department to review the application and the timeline for review;

~~2. [The process for the Department to conduct a comprehensive review of the sponsors of charter schools that it has approved for sponsorship pursuant to NRS 388A.220 at least once every 3 years];~~

~~3. The process for the Department to determine whether to continue or to revoke the authorization of a board of trustees of a school district or a college or university within the Nevada System of Higher Education to sponsor charter schools;~~

~~4.]~~ The process for submission of an application to form a charter school to the board of trustees of a school district and a college or university within the Nevada System of Higher Education, and the contents of the application;

~~5.]~~ 3. The process for submission of an application to renew a charter contract to the board of trustees of a school district and a college or university within the Nevada System of Higher Education, and the contents of the application;

~~6.]~~ 4. The criteria and type of investigation that must be applied by the board of trustees of a school district and a college or university within the Nevada System of Higher Education in determining whether to approve an application to form a charter school, an application to renew a charter contract or a request for an amendment of a written charter or a charter contract;

~~7.]~~ 5. The process for submission of an amendment of a written charter or a charter contract to the board of trustees of a school district and a college or university within the Nevada System of Higher Education pursuant to NRS 388A.276 and the contents of the application; and

~~8.]~~ 6. In consultation with the State Public Charter School Authority, other sponsors of charter schools, governing bodies of charter schools and persons who may be affected:

(a) Requirements for the annual independent audits of charter schools, including, without limitation, required training for prospective auditors on the expectations and scope of the audits; and

(b) Ethics requirements for the governing bodies of charter schools.

Sec. 34. NRS 388A.153 is hereby amended to read as follows:

388A.153 1. The State Public Charter School Authority consists of ~~[seven]~~ nine members. The membership of the State Public Charter School Authority consists of:

(a) Two members appointed by the Governor in accordance with subsection 2;

(b) Two members, who must not be Legislators, appointed by the Majority Leader of the Senate in accordance with subsection 2;

(c) Two members, who must not be Legislators, appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly in accordance with subsection 2; ~~[and]~~

(d) Two members appointed by the State Board of Education; and

1 (e) One member appointed by the Charter School Association of Nevada or its
2 successor organization.

3 2. The Governor, the Majority Leader of the Senate, ~~and~~ the Speaker of the
4 Assembly and the State Board of Education shall ensure that the membership of
5 the State Public Charter School Authority:

6 (a) Includes persons with a demonstrated understanding of charter schools and
7 a commitment to using charter schools as a way to strengthen public education in
8 this State;

9 (b) Includes a parent or legal guardian of a pupil enrolled in a charter school in
10 this State;

11 (c) Includes persons with specific knowledge of:

12 (1) Issues relating to elementary and secondary education;

13 (2) School finance or accounting, or both;

14 (3) Management practices;

15 (4) Assessments required in elementary and secondary education;

16 (5) Educational technology; and

17 (6) The laws and regulations applicable to charter schools;

18 (d) Insofar as practicable, reflects the ethnic and geographical diversity of this
19 State; and

20 (e) Insofar as practicable, consists of persons who are experts on best practices
21 for authorizing charter schools and developing and operating high-quality charter
22 schools and ~~networks of~~ charter management organizations, ~~schools,~~

23 3. Each member of the State Public Charter School Authority must be a
24 resident of this State.

25 4. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 5, a member of the State Public
26 Charter School Authority must not be actively engaged in business with or hold a
27 direct pecuniary interest relating to charter schools, including, without limitation,
28 serving as a vendor, contractor, employee, officer, director or member of the
29 governing body of a charter school, educational management organization or
30 ~~network of~~ charter management organization, ~~schools,~~

31 5. Not more than two members of the State Public Charter School Authority
32 may be teachers or administrators who are employed by a charter school or
33 ~~network of~~ charter management organization ~~schools~~ in this State. For a teacher
34 or administrator employed by a charter school or ~~network of~~ charter management
35 organization ~~schools~~ to be eligible to serve as a member of the State Public
36 Charter School Authority, the charter school or ~~network of~~ charter management
37 organization ~~schools~~ which employs the teacher or administrator must not have
38 ever received an annual rating established as one of the three lowest ratings of
39 performance pursuant to the statewide system of accountability for public schools.

40 6. After the initial terms, the term of each member of the State Public Charter
41 School Authority is 3 years, commencing on July 1 of the year in which he or she is
42 appointed. A vacancy in the membership of the State Public Charter School
43 Authority must be filled for the remainder of the unexpired term in the same
44 manner as the original appointment. A member shall continue to serve on the State
45 Public Charter School Authority until his or her successor is appointed.

46 7. The members of the State Public Charter School Authority shall select a
47 Chair and Vice Chair from among its members. After the initial selection of those
48 officers, each of those officers holds the position for a term of 2 years commencing
49 on July 1 of each odd-numbered year. If a vacancy occurs in the Chair or Vice
50 Chair, the vacancy must be filled in the same manner as the original selection for
51 the remainder of the unexpired term.

52 8. Each member of the State Public Charter School Authority is entitled to
53 receive:

(a) For each day or portion of a day during which he or she attends a meeting of the State Public Charter School Authority a salary of not more than \$80, as fixed by the State Public Charter School Authority; and

(b) For each day or portion of a day during which he or she attends a meeting of the State Public Charter School Authority or is otherwise engaged in the business of the State Public Charter School Authority the per diem allowance and travel expenses provided for state officers and employees generally.

Sec. 34.5. NRS 388A.156 is hereby amended to read as follows:

388A.156 1. The members of the State Public Charter School Authority shall meet throughout the year at the times and places specified by a call of the Chair or a majority of the members.

2. ~~Four~~ Five members of the State Public Charter School Authority constitute a quorum, and a quorum may exercise all the power and authority conferred on the State Public Charter School Authority.

Sec. 35. NRS 388A.159 is hereby amended to read as follows:

388A.159 1. Except as otherwise provided in ~~subsection 2 and~~ NRS 388A.161, the State Public Charter School Authority is hereby deemed a local educational agency for ~~the purpose of directing~~ all purposes, including, without limitation:

(a) The provision of a free and appropriate public education to each pupil enrolled in a charter school sponsored by the State Public Charter School Authority;

(b) The provision of special education and related services provided by a charter school sponsored by the State Public Charter School Authority; and

(c) Directing the proportionate share of any money available from federal and state categorical grant programs to charter schools which are sponsored by the State Public Charter School Authority or a college or university within the Nevada System of Higher Education that are eligible to receive such money.

2. A college or university within the Nevada System of Higher Education that sponsors a charter school shall enter into an agreement with the State Public Charter School Authority for the provision of any necessary functions of a local educational agency. A charter school that receives money pursuant to such a grant program shall comply with any applicable reporting requirements to receive the grant.

~~2.~~ 3. As used in this section, "local educational agency" has the meaning ascribed to it in 20 U.S.C. § 7801(30)(A). ~~Each charter school:~~

~~(a) Sponsored by the State Public Charter School Authority is hereby deemed a local educational agency for the purpose of complying with any requirement of federal law or regulations that applies to local educational agencies.~~

~~(b) Sponsored by a college or university within the Nevada System of Higher Education is hereby deemed to be a local educational agency for the purpose of reporting information pertaining to a local educational agency.~~

Sec. 36. (Deleted by amendment.)

Sec. 37. (Deleted by amendment.)

Sec. 38. (Deleted by amendment.)

Sec. 39. NRS 388A.168 is hereby amended to read as follows:

388A.168 ~~It~~ The State Public Charter School Authority shall adopt such regulations ~~that prescribe:~~

~~1. (a) The process for submission to the State Public Charter School Authority of an application to form a charter school, and the contents of such an application;~~

~~2. (b) The process for submission to the State Public Charter School Authority of an application to renew a charter contract, and the contents of such an application;~~

~~3. (c) The process for submission to the State Public Charter School Authority of an amendment to a written charter or charter contract pursuant to NRS 388A.276 and the contents of the application;~~

~~4. (d) The procedure for the investigation that the State Public Charter School Authority will conduct of an application to form a charter school, an application to renew a charter contract or an application to request an amendment of a written charter or charter contract, and the criteria that the State Public Charter School Authority will use to evaluate such applications;~~

~~5. (e) The process for evaluating the overall performance of a teacher, which must include, without limitation, the criteria for determining whether the overall performance of a teacher is ineffective, developing, effective or highly effective; and~~

~~6. (f) The qualifications for employment as a paraprofessional by a charter school;~~

~~2. The State Public Charter School Authority may adopt any other regulations as it deems necessary to carry out its responsibilities under the provisions of this chapter, for any other state or federal law or regulation, including, without limitation, provisions relating to its duties as a sponsor of charter schools or a local educational agency. Such regulations may provide for the State Public Charter School Authority to appoint a hearing officer to conduct a hearing on any matter before the State Public Charter School Authority.~~

Sec. 40. (Deleted by amendment.)

Sec. 41. (Deleted by amendment.)

Sec. 42. (Deleted by amendment.)

Sec. 43. (Deleted by amendment.)

Sec. 44. (Deleted by amendment.)

Sec. 45. (Deleted by amendment.)

Sec. 46. (Deleted by amendment.)

Sec. 47. NRS 388A.249 is hereby amended to read as follows:

388A.249 1. A committee to form a charter school or ~~a network of~~ charter management organization ~~[schools]~~ may submit the application to the proposed sponsor of the charter school. ~~[Except as otherwise provided in NRS 388B.200, if]~~ If an application proposes to convert an existing public school, homeschool or other program of home study into a charter school, the proposed sponsor shall deny the application.

2. ~~[If an application proposes to form a charter school to serve only certain pupils as described in subsection 8 of NRS 388A.453, the proposed sponsor must inform the applicant whether the proposed charter school may not be eligible for any federal funding for which the proposed charter school would otherwise qualify because the charter school does not provide educational services to all pupils.]~~

~~3.]~~ The proposed sponsor of a charter school shall, in reviewing an application to form a charter school:

(a) Assemble a team of reviewers, which may include, without limitation, natural persons from different geographic areas of the United States who possess the appropriate knowledge and expertise with regard to the academic, financial and organizational experience of charter schools, to review and evaluate the application;

(b) Conduct a thorough evaluation of the application, which includes an in-person interview with the applicant designed to elicit any necessary clarifications or additional information about the proposed charter school and determine the ability of the applicants to establish a high-quality charter school;

(c) Base its determination on documented evidence collected through the process of reviewing the application; and

(d) Adhere to the policies and practices developed by the proposed sponsor pursuant to subsection 2 of NRS 388A.223.

~~3. 4.4~~ The proposed sponsor of a charter school may approve an application to form a charter school only if the proposed sponsor determines that:

(a) The application:

(1) Complies with this chapter and the regulations applicable to charter schools; and

(2) Is complete in accordance with the regulations of the Department and the policies and practices of the sponsor; and

(b) The applicant has demonstrated competence in accordance with the criteria for approval prescribed by the sponsor pursuant to subsection 2 of NRS 388A.223 that will likely result in a successful opening and operation of the charter school.

~~4. 5. In addition to any other reason to deny an application to form a charter school, the proposed sponsor of a charter school may deny such an application if the applicant proposes to contract with an educational management organization that provided services to a charter school in another state or the District of Columbia for which the sponsor terminated or refused to renew the charter contract or other document of authority to operate the charter school within the immediately preceding 6 years.~~

~~6. The proposed sponsor of a charter school shall deny an application to form a charter school if the applicant proposes to contract with an educational management organization that:~~

~~(a) Within the immediately preceding 6 years, has provided services to a charter school in this State for which the sponsor revoked the written charter, terminated the charter contract or refused to renew the written charter or charter contract; or~~

~~(b) Provided services to a charter school in this State and a charter school in another state or the District of Columbia for which the sponsor terminated or refused to renew the charter contract or other document of authority to operate both charter schools, if the most recent termination or refusal to renew occurred within the immediately preceding 12 years.~~

~~7.4~~ On or before January 1 of each odd-numbered year, the Superintendent of Public Instruction shall submit a written report to the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for transmission to the next regular session of the Legislature. The report must include:

(a) A list of each application to form a charter school that was submitted to the board of trustees of a school district, the State Public Charter School Authority, a college or a university during the immediately preceding biennium;

(b) The educational focus of each charter school for which an application was submitted;

(c) The current status of the application; and

(d) If the application was denied, the reasons for the denial.

Sec. 48. (Deleted by amendment.)

Sec. 49. (Deleted by amendment.)

Sec. 50. (Deleted by amendment.)

Sec. 51. (Deleted by amendment.)

Sec. 52. (Deleted by amendment.)

Sec. 53. (Deleted by amendment.)

Sec. 54. (Deleted by amendment.)

Sec. 55. (Deleted by amendment.)

Sec. 56. (Deleted by amendment.)

Sec. 57. (Deleted by amendment.)

Sec. 58. (Deleted by amendment.)

1 **Sec. 59. (Deleted by amendment.)**

2 **Sec. 59.5. NRS 388A.351 is hereby amended to read as follows:**

3 388A.351 1. On or before ~~{October 1}~~ February 15 of each year, the
4 sponsor of a charter school shall submit a written report to the Department ~~{on a~~
5 form prescribed by the Department. The written report must include:

6 ~~{(a)}~~ (a) For each charter school that it sponsors with a written charter, an
7 evaluation of the progress of each such charter school in achieving the educational
8 goals and objectives of the written charter.

9 ~~{(b)}~~ (b) For each charter school that it sponsors with a charter contract, a
10 summary evaluating the academic, financial and organizational performance of the
11 charter school, as measured by the performance indicators, measures and metrics
12 set forth in the performance framework for the charter school.

13 ~~{(c)}~~ (c) An identification of each charter school approved by the sponsor:

14 ~~{(1)}~~ (1) Which has not opened and the scheduled time for opening, if any;

15 ~~{(2)}~~ (2) Which is open and in operation;

16 ~~{(3)}~~ (3) Which has transferred sponsorship;

17 ~~{(4)}~~ (4) Whose written charter has been revoked or whose charter contract has
18 been terminated by the sponsor;

19 ~~{(5)}~~ (5) Whose charter contract has not been renewed by the sponsor; and

20 ~~{(6)}~~ (6) Which has voluntarily ceased operation.

21 ~~{(d)}~~ (d) A description of the strategic vision of the sponsor for the charter
22 schools that it sponsors and the progress of the sponsor in achieving that vision.

23 ~~{(e)}~~ (e) A description of the services provided by the sponsor pursuant to a
24 service agreement entered into with the governing body of the charter school
25 pursuant to NRS 388A.381, including an itemized accounting of the actual costs of
26 those services.

27 ~~{(f)}~~ (f) The amount of any money from the Federal Government that was
28 distributed to the charter school, any concerns regarding the equity of such
29 distributions and any recommendations on how to improve access to and
30 distribution of money from the Federal Government.

31 **2. On or before April 1 of each year, the Department shall submit to the**
32 **State Board the report required pursuant to this section, to be reviewed by the**
33 **State Board.**

34 **Sec. 60. NRS 388A.453 is hereby amended to read as follows:**

35 388A.453 1. An application for enrollment in a charter school may be
36 submitted annually to the governing body of the charter school by the parent or
37 legal guardian of any child who resides in this State.

38 2. Except as otherwise provided in subsections 1 to 5, inclusive, NRS
39 388A.336, ~~{and}~~ subsections 1 and 2 of NRS 388A.456, and any applicable
40 federal law, including, without limitation, 42 U.S.C. §§ 11301 et seq., a charter
41 school shall enroll pupils who are eligible for enrollment in the order in which the
42 applications are received.

43 3. If the board of trustees of the school district in which the charter school is
44 located has established zones of attendance pursuant to NRS 388.040, the charter
45 school shall, if practicable, ensure that the racial composition of pupils enrolled in
46 the charter school does not differ by more than 10 percent from the racial
47 composition of pupils who attend public schools in the zone in which the charter
48 school is located.

49 4. If a charter school is sponsored by the board of trustees of a school district
50 located in a county whose population is 100,000 or more, except for a program of
51 distance education provided by the charter school, the charter school shall enroll
52 pupils who are eligible for enrollment who reside in the school district in which the

1 charter school is located before enrolling pupils who reside outside the school
2 district.

3 5. Except as otherwise provided in subsections 1 and 2 of NRS 388A.456, if
4 more pupils who are eligible for enrollment apply for enrollment in the charter
5 school than the number of spaces which are available, the charter school shall
6 determine which applicants to enroll pursuant to subsections 1 to 4, inclusive, on
7 the basis of a lottery system.

8 6. Except as otherwise provided in subsection ~~9.~~ 8, a charter school shall not
9 accept applications for enrollment in the charter school or otherwise discriminate
10 based on the:

- 11 (a) Race;
- 12 (b) Gender;
- 13 (c) Religion;
- 14 (d) Ethnicity;
- 15 (e) Disability;
- 16 (f) Sexual orientation; or
- 17 (g) Gender identity or expression,

18 ➤ of a pupil.

19 7. A lottery held pursuant to subsection 5 must be held not sooner than 45
20 days after the date on which a charter school begins accepting applications for
21 enrollment unless the sponsor of the charter school determines there is good cause
22 to hold it sooner.

23 8. ~~If the governing body of a charter school determines that the charter~~
24 ~~school is unable to provide an appropriate special education program and related~~
25 ~~services for a particular disability of a pupil who is enrolled in the charter school,~~
26 ~~the governing body may request that the board of trustees of the school district of~~
27 ~~the county in which the pupil resides transfer that pupil to an appropriate school.~~

28 ~~—9.~~ This section does not preclude the formation of a charter school that is
29 dedicated to provide educational services exclusively to pupils:

30 (a) With disabilities;

31 (b) Who pose such severe disciplinary problems that they warrant a specific
32 educational program, including, without limitation, a charter school specifically
33 designed to serve a single gender that emphasizes personal responsibility and
34 rehabilitation; or

35 (c) Who are at risk or, for a charter school that is eligible to be rated using the
36 alternative performance framework pursuant to subsection 4 of NRS 385A.740,
37 who are described in subparagraphs (1) to (6), inclusive, of paragraph (a) of
38 subsection 3 of NRS 385A.740.

39 ➤ If more eligible pupils apply for enrollment in such a charter school than the
40 number of spaces which are available, the charter school shall determine which
41 applicants to enroll pursuant to this subsection on the basis of a lottery system.

42 Sec. 61. (Deleted by amendment.)

43 Sec. 62. (Deleted by amendment.)

44 Sec. 63. (Deleted by amendment.)

45 Sec. 64. (Deleted by amendment.)

46 Sec. 65. (Deleted by amendment.)

47 Sec. 66. (Deleted by amendment.)

48 Sec. 67. (Deleted by amendment.)

49 Sec. 68. (Deleted by amendment.)

50 Sec. 69. (Deleted by amendment.)

51 Sec. 70. (Deleted by amendment.)

52 Sec. 71. (Deleted by amendment.)

53 Sec. 72. (Deleted by amendment.)

1 Sec. 73. (Deleted by amendment.)

2 Sec. 74. (Deleted by amendment.)

3 Sec. 75. (Deleted by amendment.)

4 Sec. 76. (Deleted by amendment.)

5 Sec. 77. (Deleted by amendment.)

6 Sec. 78. (Deleted by amendment.)

7 Sec. 79. (Deleted by amendment.)

8 Sec. 80. (Deleted by amendment.)

9 Sec. 80.1. NRS 388G.050 is hereby amended to read as follows:

10 388G.050 1. There is hereby established a Program of Empowerment
11 Schools for public schools within this State. The Program does not include a
12 university school for profoundly gifted pupils. ~~[for an achievement charter school.]~~

13 2. The board of trustees of a school district which is located:

14 (a) In a county whose population is less than 100,000 may approve public
15 schools located within the school district to operate as empowerment schools.

16 (b) In a county whose population is 100,000 or more but less than 700,000
17 shall approve not less than 5 percent of the schools located within the school district
18 to operate as empowerment schools.

19 3. The board of trustees of a school district which participates in the Program
20 of Empowerment Schools shall, on or before September 1 of each year, provide
21 notice to the Department of the number of schools within the school district that are
22 approved to operate as empowerment schools for that school year.

23 4. The board of trustees of a school district that participates in the Program of
24 Empowerment Schools may create a design team for the school district. If such a
25 design team is created, the membership of the design team must consist of the
26 following persons appointed by the board of trustees:

27 (a) At least one representative of the board of trustees;

28 (b) The superintendent of the school district, or the superintendent's designee;

29 (c) Parents and legal guardians of pupils enrolled in public schools in the
30 school district;

31 (d) Teachers and other educational personnel employed by the school district,
32 including, without limitation, school administrators;

33 (e) Representatives of organizations that represent teachers and other
34 educational personnel;

35 (f) Representatives of the community in which the school district is located and
36 representatives of businesses within the community; and

37 (g) Such other members as the board of trustees determines are necessary.

38 5. If a design team is created for a school district, the design team shall:

39 (a) Recommend policies and procedures relating to empowerment schools to
40 the board of trustees of the school district; and

41 (b) Advise the board of trustees on issues relating to empowerment schools.

42 6. The board of trustees of a school district may accept gifts, grants and
43 donations from any source for the support of the empowerment schools within the
44 school district.

45 Sec. 80.15. NRS 390.265 is hereby amended to read as follows:

46 390.265 "School official" means:

47 1. A member of a board of trustees of a school district;

48 2. A member of a governing body of a charter school; or

49 3. A licensed or unlicensed person employed by the board of trustees of a
50 school district ~~[]~~ or the governing body of a charter school. ~~[for the Achievement~~
51 ~~School District.]~~

52 Sec. 80.2. NRS 390.270 is hereby amended to read as follows:

390.270 1. The Department shall, by regulation or otherwise, adopt and enforce a plan setting forth procedures to ensure the security of examinations that are administered to pupils pursuant to NRS 390.105 and the college and career readiness assessment administered pursuant to NRS 390.610.

2. A plan adopted pursuant to subsection 1 must include, without limitation:

(a) Procedures pursuant to which pupils, school officials and other persons may, and are encouraged to, report irregularities in testing administration and testing security.

(b) Procedures necessary to ensure the security of test materials and the consistency of testing administration.

(c) Procedures that specifically set forth the action that must be taken in response to a report of an irregularity in testing administration or testing security and the actions that must be taken during an investigation of such an irregularity. For each action that is required, the procedures must identify:

(1) By category, the employees of the school district, ~~[Achievement School District]~~, charter school or Department, or any combination thereof, who are responsible for taking the action; and

(2) Whether the school district, ~~[Achievement School District]~~, charter school or Department, or any combination thereof, is responsible for ensuring that the action is carried out successfully.

(d) Objective criteria that set forth the conditions under which a school, including, without limitation, a charter school or a school district, or both, is required to file a plan for corrective action in response to an irregularity in testing administration or testing security for the purposes of NRS 390.295.

3. The Department shall post a copy of the plan adopted pursuant to this section and the procedures set forth therein on the Internet website maintained by the Department.

Sec. 80.25. NRS 390.380 is hereby amended to read as follows:

390.380 "School official" means:

1. A member of a board of trustees of a school district;

2. A member of a governing body of a charter school; or

3. A licensed or unlicensed person employed by the board of trustees of a school district ~~[]~~ or the governing body of a charter school ~~[for the Achievement School District]~~.

Sec. 80.3. NRS 391.180 is hereby amended to read as follows:

391.180 1. As used in this section, "employee" means any employee of a school district or charter school in this State.

2. A school month in any public school in this State consists of 4 weeks of 5 days each.

3. Nothing contained in this section prohibits the payment of employees' compensation in 12 equal monthly payments for 9 or more months' work.

4. The per diem deduction from the salary of an employee because of absence from service for reasons other than those specified in this section is that proportion of the yearly salary which is determined by the ratio between the duration of the absence and the total number of contracted workdays in the year.

5. Boards of trustees shall either prescribe by regulation or negotiate pursuant to chapter 288 of NRS, with respect to sick leave, accumulation of sick leave, payment for unused sick leave, sabbatical leave, personal leave, professional leave, military leave and such other leave as they determine to be necessary or desirable for employees. In addition, boards of trustees may either prescribe by regulation or negotiate pursuant to chapter 288 of NRS with respect to the payment of unused sick leave to licensed teachers in the form of purchase of service pursuant to

subsection 4 of NRS 286.300. The amount of service so purchased must not exceed the number of hours of unused sick leave or 1 year, whichever is less.

6. The salary of any employee unavoidably absent because of personal illness, accident or motor vehicle crash, or because of serious illness, accident, motor vehicle crash or death in the family, may be paid up to the number of days of sick leave accumulated by the employee. An employee may not be credited with more than 15 days of sick leave in any 1 school year. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, if an employee takes a position with another school district or charter school, all sick leave that the employee has accumulated must be transferred from the employee's former school district or charter school to his or her new school district or charter school. The amount of sick leave so transferred may not exceed the maximum amount of sick leave which may be carried forward from one year to the next according to the applicable negotiated agreement or the policy of the district or charter school into which the employee transferred. Unless the applicable negotiated agreement or policy of the employing district or charter school provides otherwise, such an employee:

(a) Shall first use the sick leave credited to the employee from the district or charter school into which the employee transferred before using any of the transferred leave; and

(b) Is not entitled to compensation for any sick leave transferred pursuant to this subsection.

7. Subject to the provisions of subsection 8:

(a) If an intermission of less than 6 days is ordered by the board of trustees of a school district or the governing body of a charter school for any good reason, no deduction of salary may be made therefor.

(b) If, on account of sickness, epidemic or other emergency in the community, a longer intermission is ordered by the board of trustees of a school district, the governing body of a charter school or a board of health and the intermission or closing does not exceed 30 days at any one time, there may be no deduction or discontinuance of salaries.

8. If the board of trustees of a school district or the governing body of a charter school orders an extension of the number of days of school to compensate for the days lost as the result of an intermission because of those reasons contained in paragraph (b) of subsection 7, an employee may be required to render his or her services to the school district or charter school during that extended period. If the salary of the employee was continued during the period of intermission as provided in subsection 7, the employee is not entitled to additional compensation for services rendered during the extended period.

9. If any subject referred to in this section is included in an agreement or contract negotiated by:

(a) The board of trustees of a school district pursuant to chapter 288 of NRS; or

(b) The governing body of a charter school pursuant to NRS 388A.533, ~~for 388B.400 to 388B.450, inclusive;~~

the provisions of the agreement or contract regarding that subject supersede any conflicting provisions of this section or of a regulation of the board of trustees.

Sec. 80.35. NRS 392.128 is hereby amended to read as follows:

392.128 1. Each advisory board to review school attendance created pursuant to NRS 392.126 shall:

(a) Review the records of the attendance and truancy of pupils submitted to the advisory board to review school attendance by the board of trustees of the school district or the State Public Charter School Authority, ~~the Achievement School District~~ or a college or university within the Nevada System of Higher Education that sponsors a charter school pursuant to subsection 2 of NRS 385A.240;

(b) Identify factors that contribute to the truancy of pupils in the school district;
(c) Establish programs to reduce the truancy of pupils in the school district, including, without limitation, the coordination of services available in the community to assist with the intervention, diversion and discipline of pupils who are truant;

(d) At least annually, evaluate the effectiveness of those programs;

(e) Establish a procedure for schools and school districts for the reporting of the status of pupils as habitual truants; and

(f) Inform the parents and legal guardians of the pupils who are enrolled in the schools within the district of the policies and procedures adopted pursuant to the provisions of this section.

2. The chair of an advisory board may divide the advisory board into subcommittees. The advisory board may delegate one or more of the duties of the advisory board to a subcommittee of the advisory board, including, without limitation, holding hearings pursuant to NRS 392.147. If the chair of an advisory board divides the advisory board into subcommittees, the chair shall notify the board of trustees of the school district of this action. Upon receipt of such a notice, the board of trustees shall establish rules and procedures for each such subcommittee. A subcommittee shall abide by the applicable rules and procedures when it takes action or makes decisions.

3. An advisory board to review school attendance may work with a family resource center or other provider of community services to provide assistance to pupils who are truant. The advisory board shall identify areas within the school district in which community services are not available to assist pupils who are truant. As used in this subsection, "family resource center" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 430A.040.

4. An advisory board to review school attendance created in a county pursuant to NRS 392.126 may use money appropriated by the Legislature and any other money made available to the advisory board for the use of programs to reduce the truancy of pupils in the school district. The advisory board to review school attendance shall, on a quarterly basis, provide to the board of trustees of the school district an accounting of the money used by the advisory board to review school attendance to reduce the truancy of pupils in the school district.

Sec. 80.4. NRS 41.0305 is hereby amended to read as follows:

41.0305 As used in NRS 41.0305 to 41.039, inclusive, the term "political subdivision" includes an organization that was officially designated as a community action agency pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 2790 before that section was repealed and is included in the definition of an "eligible entity" pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 9902, the Nevada Rural Housing Authority, an airport authority created by special act of the Legislature, a regional transportation commission and a fire protection district, an irrigation district, a school district, ~~[the Achievement School District,]~~ the governing body of a charter school, any other special district that performs a governmental function, even though it does not exercise general governmental powers, and the governing body of a university school for profoundly gifted pupils.

Sec. 80.45. NRS 288.150 is hereby amended to read as follows:

288.150 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 4 and NRS 354.6241, every local government employer shall negotiate in good faith through one or more representatives of its own choosing concerning the mandatory subjects of bargaining set forth in subsection 2 with the designated representatives of the recognized employee organization, if any, for each appropriate bargaining unit among its employees. If either party so requests, agreements reached must be reduced to writing.

2. The scope of mandatory bargaining is limited to:

- 1 (a) Salary or wage rates or other forms of direct monetary compensation.
- 2 (b) Sick leave.
- 3 (c) Vacation leave.
- 4 (d) Holidays.
- 5 (e) Other paid or nonpaid leaves of absence consistent with the provisions of
6 this chapter.
- 7 (f) Insurance benefits.
- 8 (g) Total hours of work required of an employee on each workday or
9 workweek.
- 10 (h) Total number of days' work required of an employee in a work year.
- 11 (i) Except as otherwise provided in subsections 6 and ~~10,~~ 9, discharge and
12 disciplinary procedures.
- 13 (j) Recognition clause.
- 14 (k) The method used to classify employees in the bargaining unit.
- 15 (l) Deduction of dues for the recognized employee organization.
- 16 (m) Protection of employees in the bargaining unit from discrimination
17 because of participation in recognized employee organizations consistent with the
18 provisions of this chapter.
- 19 (n) No-strike provisions consistent with the provisions of this chapter.
- 20 (o) Grievance and arbitration procedures for resolution of disputes relating to
21 interpretation or application of collective bargaining agreements.
- 22 (p) General savings clauses.
- 23 (q) Duration of collective bargaining agreements.
- 24 (r) Safety of the employee.
- 25 (s) Teacher preparation time.
- 26 (t) Materials and supplies for classrooms.
- 27 (u) Except as otherwise provided in subsections 7 ~~and 9,~~ and 9, ~~and 10,~~ the
28 policies for the transfer and reassignment of teachers.
- 29 (v) Procedures for reduction in workforce consistent with the provisions of this
30 chapter.
- 31 (w) Procedures consistent with the provisions of subsection 4 for the reopening
32 of collective bargaining agreements for additional, further, new or supplementary
33 negotiations during periods of fiscal emergency.
- 34 3. Those subject matters which are not within the scope of mandatory
35 bargaining and which are reserved to the local government employer without
36 negotiation include:
 - 37 (a) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (u) of subsection 2, the right to
38 hire, direct, assign or transfer an employee, but excluding the right to assign or
39 transfer an employee as a form of discipline.
 - 40 (b) The right to reduce in force or lay off any employee because of lack of
41 work or lack of money, subject to paragraph (v) of subsection 2.
 - 42 (c) The right to determine:
 - 43 (1) Appropriate staffing levels and work performance standards, except for
44 safety considerations;
 - 45 (2) The content of the workday, including without limitation workload
46 factors, except for safety considerations;
 - 47 (3) The quality and quantity of services to be offered to the public; and
 - 48 (4) The means and methods of offering those services.
 - 49 (d) Safety of the public.
- 50 4. Notwithstanding the provisions of any collective bargaining agreement
51 negotiated pursuant to this chapter, a local government employer is entitled to:
 - 52 (a) Reopen a collective bargaining agreement for additional, further, new or
53 supplementary negotiations relating to compensation or monetary benefits during a

1 period of fiscal emergency. Negotiations must begin not later than 21 days after the
2 local government employer notifies the employee organization that a fiscal
3 emergency exists. For the purposes of this section, a fiscal emergency shall be
4 deemed to exist:

5 (1) If the amount of revenue received by the general fund of the local
6 government employer during the last preceding fiscal year from all sources, except
7 any nonrecurring source, declined by 5 percent or more from the amount of revenue
8 received by the general fund from all sources, except any nonrecurring source,
9 during the next preceding fiscal year, as reflected in the reports of the annual audits
10 conducted for those fiscal years for the local government employer pursuant to
11 NRS 354.624; or

12 (2) If the local government employer has budgeted an unreserved ending
13 fund balance in its general fund for the current fiscal year in an amount equal to 4
14 percent or less of the actual expenditures from the general fund for the last
15 preceding fiscal year, and the local government employer has provided a written
16 explanation of the budgeted ending fund balance to the Department of Taxation that
17 includes the reason for the ending fund balance and the manner in which the local
18 government employer plans to increase the ending fund balance.

19 (b) Take whatever actions may be necessary to carry out its responsibilities in
20 situations of emergency such as a riot, military action, natural disaster or civil
21 disorder. Those actions may include the suspension of any collective bargaining
22 agreement for the duration of the emergency.

23 ➤ Any action taken under the provisions of this subsection must not be construed
24 as a failure to negotiate in good faith.

25 5. The provisions of this chapter, including without limitation the provisions
26 of this section, recognize and declare the ultimate right and responsibility of the
27 local government employer to manage its operation in the most efficient manner
28 consistent with the best interests of all its citizens, its taxpayers and its employees.

29 6. If the sponsor of a charter school reconstitutes the governing body of a
30 charter school pursuant to NRS 388A.330, the new governing body may terminate
31 the employment of any teachers or other employees of the charter school, and any
32 provision of any agreement negotiated pursuant to this chapter that provides
33 otherwise is unenforceable and void.

34 7. The board of trustees of a school district in which a school is designated as
35 a turnaround school pursuant to NRS 388G.400 or the principal of such a school, as
36 applicable, may take any action authorized pursuant to NRS 388G.400, including,
37 without limitation:

38 (a) Reassigning any member of the staff of such a school; or

39 (b) If the staff member of another public school consents, reassigning that
40 member of the staff of the other public school to such a school.

41 8. Any provision of an agreement negotiated pursuant to this chapter which
42 differs from or conflicts in any way with the provisions of subsection 7 or imposes
43 consequences on the board of trustees of a school district or the principal of a
44 school for taking any action authorized pursuant to subsection 7 is unenforceable
45 and void.

46 9. ~~[The board of trustees of a school district may reassign any member of the~~
47 ~~staff of a school that is converted to an achievement charter school pursuant to NRS~~
48 ~~388B.200 to 388B.230, inclusive, and any provision of any agreement negotiated~~
49 ~~pursuant to this chapter which provides otherwise is unenforceable and void.~~

50 ~~10.]~~ The board of trustees of a school district or the governing body of a
51 charter school or university school for profoundly gifted pupils may use a
52 substantiated report of the abuse or neglect of a child or a violation of NRS
53 201.540, 201.560, 392.4633 or 394.366 obtained from the Statewide Central

Registry for the Collection of Information Concerning the Abuse or Neglect of a Child established by NRS 432.100 or an equivalent registry maintained by a governmental agency in another jurisdiction for the purposes authorized by NRS 388A.515, 388C.200, 391.033, 391.104 or 391.281, as applicable. Such purposes may include, without limitation, making a determination concerning the assignment, discipline or termination of an employee. Any provision of any agreement negotiated pursuant to this chapter which conflicts with the provisions of this subsection is unenforceable and void.

~~10.~~ 10. This section does not preclude, but this chapter does not require, the local government employer to negotiate subject matters enumerated in subsection 3 which are outside the scope of mandatory bargaining. The local government employer shall discuss subject matters outside the scope of mandatory bargaining but it is not required to negotiate those matters.

~~11.~~ 11. Contract provisions presently existing in signed and ratified agreements as of May 15, 1975, at 12 p.m. remain negotiable.

~~12.~~ 12. As used in this section ~~f~~
~~(a) "Abuse"~~, "abuse" or neglect of a child" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 392.281.

~~(b) "Achievement charter school" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 385.007.~~

Sec. 80.5. NRS 332.185 is hereby amended to read as follows:

332.185 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2 and NRS 244.1505 and 334.070, all sales of personal property of the local government must be made, as nearly as possible, under the same conditions and limitations as required by this chapter in the purchase of personal property. The governing body or its authorized representative may dispose of personal property of the local government by any manner, including, without limitation, at public auction, if the governing body or its authorized representative determines that the property is no longer required for public use and deems such action desirable and in the best interests of the local government.

2. The board of trustees of a school district may donate surplus personal property of the school district to any other school district in this State ~~[, to the Achievement School District]~~ or to a charter school that is located within the school district without regard to:

- (a) The provisions of this chapter; or
- (b) Any statute, regulation, ordinance or resolution that requires:
 - (1) The posting of notice or public advertising.
 - (2) The inviting or receiving of competitive bids.
 - (3) The selling or leasing of personal property by contract or at a public auction.

3. The provisions of this chapter do not apply to the purchase, sale, lease or transfer of real property by the governing body.

Sec. 80.55. NRS 361.065 is hereby amended to read as follows:

361.065 All lots, buildings and other school property owned by any legally created school district ~~[, the Achievement School District]~~ or a charter school within the State and devoted to public school purposes are exempt from taxation.

Sec. 80.6. Chapter 656A of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

"Charter school" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 385.007.

Sec. 80.65. NRS 656A.020 is hereby amended to read as follows:

656A.020 As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires, the words and terms defined in NRS 656A.025 to 656A.065, inclusive, and section 80.6 of this act have the meanings ascribed to them in those sections.

1 Sec. 80.7. The provisions of subsection 1 of NRS 218D.380 do not apply
2 to any provision of this act which adds or revises a requirement to submit a
3 report to the Legislature.

4 Sec. 80.73. As soon as practicable after the effective date of this act but
5 not later than July 1, 2019, the State Board of Education shall appoint to the
6 State Public Charter School Authority pursuant to NRS 388A.153, as amended
7 by section 34 of this act:

8 1. One member to a term that expires June 30, 2021; and

9 2. One member to a term that expires June 30, 2022.

10 Sec. 80.75. 1. On the effective date of this act, the governing body of an
11 achievement charter school shall be deemed to be approved by the State Public
12 Charter School Authority to operate a charter school sponsored by the State
13 Public Charter School Authority.

14 2. As soon as possible after the effective date of this act, the governing
15 body of an achievement charter school shall enter into a charter contract
16 pursuant to NRS 388A.270 with the State Public Charter School Authority.
17 Upon the execution of such a contract, the school shall be deemed a charter
18 school for all purposes and is subject to the provisions of chapter 388A of NRS.
19 A contract to operate the achievement charter school entered into pursuant to
20 paragraph (d) of subsection 1 of NRS 388B.210 before the effective date of this
21 act is void on the date on which the charter contract is executed or on July 1,
22 2020, whichever occurs sooner.

23 3. Until a charter contract is entered into pursuant to subsection 2 or the
24 contract to operate an achievement charter school is void pursuant to
25 subsection 2, the State Public Charter Authority shall be deemed the sponsor
26 of the achievement charter school and shall assume the duties prescribed for
27 the Executive Director of the Achievement School District in any contract to
28 operate the achievement charter school entered into pursuant to paragraph (d)
29 of subsection 1 of NRS 388B.210, as that section existed before the effective
30 date of this act.

31 4. As used in this section:

32 (a) "Achievement charter school" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS
33 385.007, as that section existed before the effective date of this act.

34 (b) "Charter school" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 385.007, as
35 amended by section 1.2 of this act.

36 Sec. 80.8. Notwithstanding the selection of any school before the effective
37 date of this act for conversion to an achievement charter school pursuant to
38 NRS 388B.200 beginning with the 2020-2021 school year, no action may be
39 taken on or after the effective date of this act to complete the conversion or
40 operate the school as an achievement charter school and any contract entered
41 into to operate the school as an achievement charter school is void.

42 Sec. 80.85. 1. Any regulations adopted by the Department of Education
43 pursuant to NRS 388B.060 are void. The Legislative Counsel shall remove
44 those regulations from the Nevada Administrative Code as soon as practicable
45 after the effective date of this act.

46 2. The Legislative Counsel shall, in preparing supplements to the Nevada
47 Administrative Code, appropriately change any references to an officer,
48 agency or other entity whose name is changed or whose responsibilities are
49 transferred pursuant to the provisions of this act to refer to the appropriate
50 officer, agency or other entity.

51 Sec. 80.9. NRS 0.0302, 0.0307, 388A.025, 388B.010, 388B.020, 388B.030,
52 388B.040, 388B.050, 388B.060, 388B.100, 388B.110, 388B.120, 388B.200,
53 388B.210, 388B.220, 388B.230, 388B.240, 388B.250, 388B.260, 388B.270,

388B.280, 388B.290, 388B.400, 388B.410, 388B.420, 388B.430, 388B.440 and 388B.450 are hereby repealed.

Sec. 81. ~~[[] This [section and section 80 of this] act [become] becomes~~ effective ~~for~~ upon passage and approval.

~~2. Sections 1 to 22, inclusive, 25 to 47, inclusive, 49 to 52, inclusive, [54, 56 to 61, inclusive, 66, 67, 68 and 70 to 79, inclusive, of this act become effective;~~

~~(a) Upon passage and approval, for the purpose of adopting any regulations and performing any other preparatory administrative tasks that are necessary to carry out the provisions of those sections; and~~

~~(b) On July 1, 2019, for all other purposes;~~

~~3. Sections 23, 24 and 62 to 65, inclusive, of this act become effective;~~

~~(a) Upon passage and approval, for the purpose of adopting any regulations and performing any other preparatory administrative tasks that are necessary to carry out the provisions of those sections; and~~

~~(b) On January 1, 2020, for all other purposes;~~

~~4. Section 69 of this act becomes effective on January 1, 2020.~~

~~5. Sections 48, 53 and 55 of this act become effective on January 1, 2026.]~~

LEADLINES OF REPEALED SECTIONS

0.0302 "Achievement School District" defined.

0.0307 "Charter school" defined.

388A.025 "Charter school" defined.

388B.010 Definitions.

388B.020 "Charter management organization" defined.

388B.030 "Educational management organization" defined.

388B.040 "Executive Director" defined.

388B.050 "Public school" defined.

388B.060 Regulations.

388B.100 Creation; employees.

388B.110 Executive Director: Appointment; powers and duties.

388B.120 Account for the Achievement School District: Creation; administration; use; deposit of gifts, grants and bequests; claims.

388B.200 Conversion to achievement charter school: Eligibility; approval by State Board; selection of school; notification to school.

388B.210 Duties of Executive Director concerning conversion of school to achievement charter school; regulations that prescribe process to apply to operate achievement charter school; approval of application to operate more than one achievement charter school.

388B.220 Sponsor; appointment of governing body; Executive Director authorized to terminate contract to operate achievement charter school before expiration of contract.

388B.230 Selection and duties of principal; retention and reassignment of employees; requirement to operate in same building; building costs and expenses; capital projects; enrollment requirement; limitation on loans, advances and other monetary charges.

388B.240 Achievement charter school deemed local educational agency; Department to pay special education program units to eligible achievement charter school.

388B.250 Applicability of charter school provisions to achievement charter schools; waiver of certain requirements concerning operation.

388B.260 Board of trustees to provide services and facilities upon request of Executive Director; donation of surplus property of school district; authorization to acquire or purchase buildings, structures or property and engage in certain financial transactions.

388B.270 Application for money for facilities; certain achievement charter schools required to submit quarterly report of financial status.

388B.280 Participation by pupils in class or activity of school district in which pupil resides; revocation of approval to participate.

388B.290 Evaluation of achievement charter school during sixth year of operation; actions taken based upon results of evaluation; actions required if school that has not made adequate progress continues to operate as achievement school district; conversion to public school or charter school.

388B.400 Leave of absence from school district to accept or continue employment with achievement charter school; return of licensed employee to school district.

388B.410 Employees deemed to be public employees; terms and conditions of employment; transfer of employment records with school district to governing body.

388B.420 Reassignment of licensed employees upon termination of contract or cessation of operation as achievement charter school.

388B.430 Governing body to transmit employment record to school district upon request of board of trustees; investigation into misconduct during leave of absence.

388B.440 Eligibility for benefits of licensed employee on leave of absence; effect of leave of absence; eligibility of employee of achievement charter school for benefits.

388B.450 Determination of appropriate level of contribution toward retirement benefits; participation in plan of group insurance offered to employees of school district.