

Amendment No. 270

Senate Amendment to Senate Bill No. 255	(BDR 34-790)
<b>Proposed by:</b> Senate Committee on Education	
<b>Amends:</b> 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.





SENATE BILL NO. 255—SENATORS HARRIS, DENIS, CANNIZZARO, SPEARMAN, WOODHOUSE; BROOKS, CANCELA, DONDERO LOOP, OHRENSCHALL, PARKS, RATTI AND SCHEIBLE

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Referred to Committee on Education

SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to education. (BDR 34-790)

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 community colleges; authorizing ~~community colleges in~~ the Board of Regents of the Nevada System of Higher Education to award a scholarship to certain students who are enrolled in such colleges; establishing certain requirements to be eligible to receive such a scholarship; making an appropriation; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

#### Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Existing law establishes the Nevada Promise Scholarship Program to award scholarships to graduating high school students to attend community colleges in this State. (NRS 396.961-396.9685) This bill similarly establishes the Nevada Reconnect Scholarship Program for adults to attend community colleges in this State. ~~[Section 10 of this bill requires each community college in the Nevada System of Higher Education to determine whether it will participate in the Nevada Reconnect Scholarship Program.]~~ Section 9 of this bill establishes the Nevada Reconnect Scholarship Account in the State General Fund to pay for the scholarships.

~~[Sections]~~ Section 10 ~~[and 11]~~ of this bill ~~[require a participating community college to perform certain duties, including holding introductory meetings for scholarship applicants and establishing a mentoring program, or to enter into an agreement with a nonprofit organization or governmental entity to perform those duties. Section 12 of this bill sets forth the requirements to serve as a volunteer mentor in such a mentoring program. Sections]~~ requires the Board of Regents of the Nevada System of Higher Education to administer the Program, including adopting certain regulations. Section 13 ~~[and 14]~~ of this bill ~~[set]~~ sets forth the requirements for a student to be eligible to receive ~~[or renew]~~ a Nevada Reconnect Scholarship. The requirements to receive ~~[or renew]~~ a scholarship include a requirement that an applicant complete community service. ~~[Section 15 of this bill: (1) provides that an applicant who knowingly submits false information to a participating community college is ineligible to receive a scholarship; and (2) prescribes additional requirements governing deadlines and community service.]~~ Section 13.5 of this bill authorizes the Board of Regents to grant a student a leave of absence from the Program under certain circumstances and waive certain requirements for eligibility in the Program for a student who has been granted a leave of absence.

Section 16 of this bill prescribes: (1) the process for determining the eligibility of scholarship applicants and awarding scholarships; and (2) the amount of a scholarship for a

recipient. If there is insufficient money available to award a full scholarship to all eligible students, **section 16** sets forth the manner in which money in the Account will be disbursed. **Section 17** of this bill requires the Board of Regents to annually review all scholarships awarded for the previous year and report certain information to the Legislature. ~~{Section 17 also: (1) requires a participating community college to maintain certain records; and (2) authorizes the Board of Regents and the State Treasurer to audit a participating community college or a nonprofit organization or governmental entity with which a participating community college has entered into an agreement to carry out certain duties relating to the scholarship program.}~~ **Section 19** of this bill makes an appropriation for the purpose of awarding Nevada Reconnect Scholarships.

**Section 18** of this bill makes a conforming change.

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

**Section 1.** Chapter 396 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto the provisions set forth as sections 2 to 17, inclusive, of this act.

**Sec. 2.** *As used in sections 2 to 17, inclusive, of this act, unless the context otherwise requires, the words and terms defined in sections ~~3.4~~ 2.5 to ~~5.6~~ 5.7, inclusive, of this act have the meanings ascribed to them in those sections.*

**Sec. 2.5.** *“Academic year” means two consecutive semesters, beginning with a fall semester, and one summer academic term at a community college.*

**Sec. 3.** *“Gift aid” means a federal Pell grant, a Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant, a Governor Guinn Millennium Scholarship awarded pursuant to NRS 396.911 to 396.945, inclusive, a grant awarded under the Silver State Opportunity Grant Program pursuant to NRS 396.950 to 396.960, inclusive, or a Nevada Promise Scholarship awarded pursuant to NRS 396.961 to 396.9685, inclusive.*

**Sec. 4.** ~~*“Local partnering organization” means a nonprofit organization or governmental entity with which a participating community college enters into an agreement pursuant to section 10 of this act.*~~ *(Deleted by amendment.)*

**Sec. 5.** *“Nevada Reconnect Scholarship” means a scholarship awarded by the Board of Regents pursuant to section 16 of this act.*

**Sec. 5.3.** *“Program” means the Nevada Reconnect Scholarship Program created by section 10 of this act.*

**Sec. 5.7.** *“Registration fee and other mandatory fees” means a registration fee assessed per credit and mandatory fees assessed per credit that are approved by the Board of Regents and charged to all students by a community college. The term does not include special course fees or fees charged for specific programs of study, books or supplies even if such fees are considered necessary for enrollment.*

**Sec. 6.** ~~*“Participating community college” means a community college that has elected pursuant to section 10 of this act to participate in the Nevada Reconnect Scholarship Program established by sections 2 to 17, inclusive, of this act for the applicable school year.*~~ *(Deleted by amendment.)*

**Sec. 7.** ~~*“Scholarship recipient” means the recipient of a Nevada Reconnect Scholarship.*~~ *(Deleted by amendment.)*

**Sec. 8.** ~~*“School year” means consecutive fall and spring semesters and does not include the summer semester.*~~ *(Deleted by amendment.)*

1        **Sec. 9. 1. The Nevada Reconnect Scholarship Program Account is hereby**  
2 **created in the State General Fund. The Account must be administered by the**  
3 **State Treasurer.**

4        2. The interest and income earned on:

5        (a) The money in the Account, after deducting any applicable charges; and

6        (b) Unexpended appropriations made to the Account from the State General  
7 Fund,

8        **↪ must be credited to the Account.**

9        3. Any money remaining in the Account at the end of a fiscal year,  
10 including, without limitation, any unexpended appropriations made to the  
11 Account from the State General Fund, does not revert to the State General Fund,  
12 and the balance in the Account must be carried forward to the next fiscal year.

13        4. The State Treasurer may accept gifts and grants of money from any  
14 source for deposit in the Account.

15        5. The money in the Account may only be used to distribute money to  
16 ~~[participating community colleges]~~ **the Board of Regents** for the purpose of  
17 awarding Nevada Reconnect Scholarships to students who are eligible to receive  
18 ~~[or renew]~~ such scholarships under the provisions of ~~[sections]~~ **section 13** ~~[and~~  
19 ~~14]~~ of this act.

20        **Sec. 10. 1. ~~[On or before October 1 of each year, each community college~~**  
21 **~~shall~~**

22 ~~— (a) Determine whether it will participate in the~~ **The Nevada Reconnect**  
23 **Scholarship Program** ~~[established by sections 2 to 17, inclusive, of this act for the~~  
24 ~~immediately following school year; and~~

25 ~~— (b) Post on a publicly accessible Internet website maintained by the~~  
26 ~~community college notice of the determination described in paragraph (a).~~

27 ~~— 2. Each community college that elects to participate in the~~ **is hereby**  
28 **created for the purpose of awarding Nevada Reconnect** ~~[Scholarship Program~~  
29 ~~established by sections 2 to 17, inclusive, of this act for the immediately following~~  
30 ~~school year shall.~~

31 ~~— (a) Conduct the activities required by section 11 of this act or enter into an~~  
32 ~~agreement with one or more local partnering organizations to conduct those~~  
33 ~~activities.~~

34 ~~— (b) Allow an applicant or scholarship recipient]~~ **Scholarships to eligible**  
35 **students to pay for the difference between the amount of the registration fee and**  
36 **other mandatory fees charged to a student by a community college for the**  
37 **academic year and the total amount of any other gift aid received by the student**  
38 **for the academic year.**

39        2. The Board of Regents shall administer the Program.

40        3. In administering the Program, the Board of Regents shall adopt  
41 regulations governing:

42        (a) The procedures and standards for determining the eligibility of a student  
43 for a Nevada Reconnect Scholarship pursuant to section 13 of this act.

44        (b) An application process administered through the community colleges  
45 which allows a student to participate in the Program.

46        (c) Deadlines for a student to satisfy the requirements for eligibility in the  
47 Program.

48        (d) A training program administered through the community colleges which  
49 allows a student to satisfy the requirements of paragraph (g) of subsection 1 of  
50 section 13 of this act.

51        (e) Procedures which allow a student to participate in the mentoring  
52 program established pursuant to NRS 396.9655.

(f) The criteria for completing the community service requirements of paragraph (i) of subsection 1 of section 13 of this act.

(g) Procedures which allow a student to appeal any adverse decision concerning his or her eligibility to receive [or renew] a Nevada Reconnect Scholarship, [under the provisions of section 13 or 14 of this act or request a waiver, for good cause, of the requirements of paragraph (c) of subsection 2 of section 14 of this act concerning continuous enrollment. If the participating community college has established a process by which a student may appeal other decisions, the participating community college must use the same process for appealing an adverse decision described in this subsection.]

3. A participating [  
(h) Procedures for a community college [may] to accept gifts, grants and donations from any source for the purposes of [administering] carrying out its duties under the [Nevada Reconnect Scholarship] Program [established by sections 2 to 17, inclusive, of this act.] as prescribed by the Board of Regents.

4. The Board of Regents may adopt regulations authorizing a community college to enter into an agreement with one or more nonprofit organizations or governmental entities to conduct any activities required by the Board of Regents for a training program which allows a student to satisfy the requirements of paragraph (g) of subsection 1 of section 13 of this act.

5. The Board of Regents may adopt any other regulations necessary to carry out the Program.

Sec. 11. [Each participating community college or local partnering organization shall:

1. Before December 31 of each year, hold at least one training meeting for each mentor who will participate in the mentoring program established pursuant to subsection 5. The meeting must include instruction concerning Nevada Reconnect Scholarships awarded pursuant to sections 2 to 17, inclusive, of this act, appropriate relationships between students and mentors, opportunities for students to obtain financial aid, the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, the college application process and the requirements of section 13 of this act.

2. Before December 31 of each year, hold at least one training meeting for students who plan to apply or have applied for a Nevada Reconnect Scholarship for the immediately following school year. The meeting must include instruction concerning Nevada Reconnect Scholarships awarded pursuant to sections 2 to 17, inclusive, of this act, appropriate relationships between students and mentors, opportunities for students to obtain financial aid, the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, the college application process and the requirements of section 13 of this act.

3. Before May 1 of each year, hold at least one training meeting for students who have applied for a Nevada Reconnect Scholarship for the immediately following school year. The meeting must include instruction concerning orientation at the participating community college, making the transition to college, the requirements of sections 13 and 14 of this act concerning community service and the manner in which a student will be informed of important information relating to his or her scholarship, including, without limitation, whether the student qualifies for a Nevada Reconnect Scholarship and the amount of the scholarship awarded.

4. If a scholarship applicant is unable to attend a meeting held pursuant to subsection 2 or 3 because he or she is required to attend a school sponsored activity, work or religious observance or for a documented medical reason, arrange for the applicant to receive the training provided in that meeting as soon as practicable and before the deadline prescribed by subsection 2 or 3, as

~~applicable. If the scholarship applicant is unable to receive the training before the applicable deadline, the applicant must not receive a Nevada Reconnect Scholarship.~~

~~5. Establish a mentoring program for scholarship applicants and scholarship recipients that maintains a ratio of at least one mentor for every 10 applicants or recipients and, before December 31 of each year, assign a mentor who meets the requirements of section 12 of this act to each applicant and recipient. If a person serving as a mentor resigns from the mentoring program or cannot serve as a mentor for at least one semester, the participating community college or local partnering organization shall assign another mentor to each scholarship applicant or scholarship recipient for whom the person served as a mentor. The participating community college or local partnering organization shall not assign a person to serve as a mentor to a scholarship applicant or a scholarship recipient.~~

~~(a) Whom the person employs; or~~

~~(b) To whom the person is related by consanguinity or affinity within the third degree.~~

~~6. Maintain a list of community service opportunities available to scholarship applicants and scholarship recipients to allow them to satisfy the requirements of sections 13 and 14 of this act concerning the completion of community service.~~

~~7. Post the list maintained pursuant to subsection 6 on a publicly available Internet website maintained by the participating community college or local partnering organization.~~ **(Deleted by amendment.)**

**Sec. 12.** ~~[1. A person who serves as a mentor in a mentoring program established pursuant to section 11 of this act may not be compensated. A mentor may be an employee of the participating community college or local partnering organization, but must not receive additional compensation for serving as a mentor.~~

~~2. Each person who serves as a mentor in a mentoring program established pursuant to section 11 of this act and is not employed by the participating community college:~~

~~(a) Must be at least 21 years of age;~~

~~(b) Shall, before serving as a mentor, submit to the participating community college the information requested by the participating community college and written permission authorizing the community college to use the information to obtain a report on the criminal history of the prospective mentor. If the participating community college has entered into an agreement with a local partnering organization pursuant to section 10 of this act, the participating community college shall transmit the report on the criminal history of the prospective mentor to the local partnering organization.~~

~~3. A participating community college or local partnering organization shall not allow a person to serve as a mentor if the participating community college receives information pursuant to subsection 2 that the person has entered a plea of guilty, guilty but mentally ill or nolo contendere to, been found guilty or guilty but mentally ill of, or been convicted of a felony in this State or any other jurisdiction.~~ **(Deleted by amendment.)**

**Sec. 13.** ~~[A student is]~~

**1. To be eligible to receive a Nevada Reconnect Scholarship** ~~[for the first school year in which the student is enrolled at a participating community college if the]~~ **, a student** ~~;~~

**1. Is] must:**

1 (a) Be a bona fide resident of this State, as construed in NRS 396.540 . ~~, and~~  
2 ~~has~~

3 (b) Have not previously been awarded an associate's degree or a bachelor's  
4 degree.

5 ~~— 2. Has~~

6 (c) Have obtained a high school diploma or ~~a general equivalent diploma or~~  
7 ~~equivalent document.~~

8 ~~— 3. Is not in default on any federal student loan and does not owe a refund to~~  
9 ~~any federal program to provide aid to students.~~

10 ~~— 4. Before November 1 immediately preceding the school year for which the~~  
11 ~~student wishes to receive a~~ have successfully completed the high school  
12 equivalency assessment selected by the State Board pursuant to NRS 390.055.

13 (d) Complete the application for the Nevada Reconnect Scholarship  ~~,~~  
14 ~~submits an application in the form prescribed by the participating community~~  
15 ~~college.~~

16 ~~— 5. On or before April 1 immediately preceding the school year for which the~~  
17 ~~student wishes to receive a Nevada Reconnect Scholarship, completes~~ Program  
18 in accordance with the regulations prescribed by the Board of Regents.

19 (e) Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid provided for by 20  
20 U.S.C. § 1090  ~~,~~

21 ~~— 6. Is~~ for each academic year of participation in the Program on or before  
22 the deadline prescribed by the Board of Regents.

23 (f) Be considered an independent student on the student's Free Application  
24 for Federal Student Aid provided for by 20 U.S.C. § 1090.

25 ~~— 7. Attends at least~~

26 (g) Before enrolling in a community college, participate in one training  
27 meeting ~~[held by a participating community college or local partnering~~  
28 ~~organization pursuant to subsection 2 of section 11 of this act and at least one~~  
29 ~~such meeting held pursuant to subsection 3 of that section, or arranges to receive~~  
30 ~~the training provided in those meetings at an alternate time pursuant to~~  
31 ~~subsection 4 of that section.~~

32 ~~— 8. Before May 1 immediately preceding the school year for which the~~  
33 ~~student wishes to receive a Nevada Reconnect Scholarship.~~

34 ~~— (a) Has met at least once with the mentor assigned to the student pursuant to~~  
35 section 11 of this act.

36 ~~— (b) Completes~~ related to financial aid, the Free Application for Federal  
37 Student Aid and college orientation, as prescribed by the Board of Regents by  
38 regulation.

39 (h) Have met at least once with an academic counselor before enrollment for  
40 the first semester of enrollment at a community college and at least once for each  
41 semester while participating in the Program.

42 (i) Complete at least ~~[20]~~ 8 hours of community service ~~[that meets the~~  
43 ~~requirements of section 15 of this act and submits to the participating]~~ before the  
44 first semester of enrollment at a community college ~~[verification of the~~  
45 ~~completion of that]~~ and at least 8 hours of community service  ~~. The verification~~  
46 ~~must include:~~

47 ~~— (1) A description of the community]~~ each semester thereafter, not  
48 including summer academic terms, while participating in the Program.  
49 Community service performed  ~~,~~

50 ~~— (2) The dates on which the service was performed and the number of~~  
51 hours off to satisfy the requirements of this paragraph must not include religious  
52 proselytizing or service ~~[performed on each date]~~



~~(3) The name of the organization for which the service was performed, and~~

~~(4) The name of a person employed by the organization whom the participating community college may contact to verify the information contained in the verification.~~

~~(c) Submits for which the student receives any type of compensation or which directly benefits a member of the family of the student.~~

~~(j) Submits all information deemed necessary by the participating community college Board of Regents to determine the applicant's student's eligibility for gift aid.~~

~~[ 9. 1a ]~~

~~(k) Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, be enrolled in for plans to enroll in at least [2] 6 semester credit hours in [an associate's degree] a program [a bachelor's] of study leading to a recognized degree [program] or [a] certificate [of achievement program] at a [participating] community college for each fall and spring semester [of the school year] beginning with the first semester for which the student received a Nevada Reconnect Scholarship, not including summer academic terms. A student who is on schedule to graduate at:~~

~~(1) The end of a semester may enroll in the number of semester credit hours required to graduate.~~

~~(2) The end of a fall semester is not required to enroll in credit hours for the spring semester.~~

~~(l) Meet satisfactory academic progress, as defined by federal requirements established pursuant to Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, 20 U.S.C. §§ 1001 et seq., and determined by the community college in which the student is enrolled.~~

~~2. The Board of Regents shall establish criteria with respect to students who have a documented physical or mental disability or who were previously subject to an individualized education program under the Individuals with Disabilities Act, 20 U.S.C. §§ 1400 et seq., or a plan under Title V of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, 29 U.S.C. §§ 791 et seq. The criteria must provide an exemption for those students from:~~

~~(a) The limitation on eligibility for a Nevada Reconnect Scholarship set forth in paragraph (b) of subsection 3; and~~

~~(b) The minimum number of credits prescribed in paragraph (k) of subsection 1.~~

~~3. A student who meets the requirements of subsection 1 is eligible for a Nevada Reconnect Scholarship from the Program until the occurrence of the first of the following events:~~

~~(a) The student is awarded an associate's degree or bachelor's degree; or~~

~~(b) Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, the student has:~~

~~(1) Completed 6 semesters towards earning an associate's degree or certificate; or~~

~~(2) Completed 12 semesters towards earning a bachelor's degree.~~

~~Sec. 13.5. 1. The Board of Regents may grant a leave of absence from the Program to a student upon request. A student may request a leave of absence for:~~

~~(a) An illness or serious medical problem of the student or a member of the student's immediate family;~~

~~(b) Extreme financial hardship for the student or a member of the student's immediate family;~~

~~(c) Engaging in any activity required or encouraged for members of the student's religious faith;~~

(d) Mobilization of the student's unit of the Armed Forces of the United States or National Guard; or

(e) Any other extraordinary circumstances beyond the control of the student that would create a substantial hardship for the student, as determined by the Board of Regents.

2. If the Board of Regents grants a leave of absence to a student, the Board of Regents shall:

(a) Make a determination in accordance with regulations adopted by the Board of Regents as to which requirements for eligibility in the Program set forth in section 13 of this act are appropriated to waive for the student; and

(b) Waive requirements for eligibility as determined pursuant to paragraph (a) for the student for the length of the leave of absence.

3. The Board of Regents shall adopt regulations establishing:

(a) Procedures for a student to request a leave of absence pursuant to subsection 1; and

(b) Criteria for determining appropriate requirements for eligibility to waive for a student who has been granted a leave of absence pursuant to subsection 2.

Sec. 14. ~~[1. A Nevada Reconnect Scholarship must be renewed for each school year for which the scholarship recipient wishes to receive a scholarship so long as such student is progressing towards receiving a degree or certificate of achievement.~~

~~2. A scholarship recipient is eligible to renew a Nevada Reconnect Scholarship if the scholarship recipient:~~

~~(a) Has not been awarded an associate's degree or a bachelor's degree.~~

~~(b) Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph, is enrolled in or plans to enroll in at least 3 semester credit hours in an associate's degree program, a bachelor's degree program or a certificate of achievement program at a participating community college for each semester of the school year for which the student wishes to renew the scholarship. A student who is on schedule to graduate at the end of the fall semester is not required to enroll in credit hours for the spring semester.~~

~~(c) Has enrolled in and successfully completed at least 3 semester credit hours in an associate's degree program, a bachelor's degree program or a certificate of achievement program at a participating community college for each fall and spring semester beginning with the first semester for which the student received a scholarship, unless the student has received a waiver pursuant to section 10 of this act.~~

~~(d) Maintains at least a 2.5 grade point average, on a 4.0 grading scale, or the equivalent of a 2.5 grade point average if a different grading scale is used, for all classes for which the student has been awarded credit at a participating community college, or makes adequate academic progress, as determined by the participating community college.~~

~~(e) Completes the Free Application for Federal Student Aid provided for by 20 U.S.C. § 1090 on or before April 1 immediately preceding the school year for which the student wishes to renew the scholarship and is considered an independent student on the student's Free Application for Federal Student Aid.~~

~~(f) Is not in default on any federal student loan and does not owe a refund to any federal program to provide aid to students.~~

~~(g) On or before May 1 immediately preceding the school year for which the student wishes to renew the scholarship:~~

~~(1) Completes 20 hours of community service that meets the requirements of section 15 of this act and submits to the participating community~~

~~college verification of the completion of that community service. The verification must include:~~

~~(I) A description of the community service performed;~~

~~(II) The dates on which the service was performed and the number of hours of service performed on each date;~~

~~(III) The name of the organization for which the service was performed; and~~

~~(IV) The name of a person employed by the organization whom the participating community college may contact to verify the information contained in the verification.~~

~~(2) Meets at least twice with the mentor assigned to the student pursuant to section 11 of this act.~~

~~(3) Submits to the participating community college all documentation deemed necessary by the participating community college to determine the applicant's eligibility for financial aid.~~

~~(h) Before November 1 immediately preceding the school year for which the student wishes to renew the scholarship, submits an application in the form prescribed by the participating community college and all information deemed necessary by the participating community college to determine the applicant's eligibility for gift aid.] (Deleted by amendment.)~~

**Sec. 15.** ~~[1. An applicant who knowingly submits false or misleading information to a participating community college or local partnering organization pursuant to section 13 or 14 of this act is ineligible to receive a Nevada Reconnect Scholarship.~~

~~2. If a deadline prescribed by section 13 or 14 of this act falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday, the deadline is the next business day.~~

~~3. Community service performed to satisfy the requirements of section 13 or 14 of this act must not include religious proselytizing or service for which the student receives any type of compensation or which directly benefits a member of the family of the applicant or student, as applicable.] (Deleted by amendment.)~~

**Sec. 16.** 1. [Each participating community college] The Board of Regents shall award Nevada Reconnect Scholarships in accordance with this section to students who are enrolled at [the participating] a community college and are eligible to [review or renew] receive such scholarships under the provisions of [sections] section 13 [and 14] of this act.

2. [On or before July 1 of each year, a participating community college] For each eligible student, the Board of Regents shall:

(a) [Review all timely applications received pursuant to sections 13 and 14 of this act to determine the eligibility of each applicant for] Calculate the maximum amount of a Nevada Reconnect Scholarship [and for gift aid] which the student is eligible to receive based on criteria established by regulation pursuant to this section.

(b) [Review information submitted by each eligible applicant to determine the amount of] Determine the actual amount of the Nevada Reconnect Scholarship, if any, which will be awarded to the student, which must not exceed the maximum amount calculated pursuant to paragraph (a), but which may be in a lesser amount if the Board of Regents receives notice from the State Treasurer pursuant to subsection 3 that the money available in the Nevada Reconnect Scholarship [the student would receive under the provisions of subsection 6 and notify each applicant whether the applicant is] Account for any semester is insufficient to award to all eligible [to receive] students the maximum amount of a Nevada Reconnect Scholarship [for the immediately following school year, and] which each student is eligible to receive.

~~(c) After reviewing applications pursuant to paragraph (a), submit to the State Treasurer the number of students whose applications have been approved and the amount of money that will be required to fund a scholarship for each eligible student pursuant to subsection 6 if no student receives additional gift aid. If the student is to receive a Nevada Reconnect Scholarship, award the student a Nevada Reconnect Scholarship in the amount determined pursuant to paragraph (b). The Board of Regents shall disburse the amount of the Nevada Reconnect Scholarship awarded to the student, on behalf of the student, directly to the community college in which the student is enrolled.~~

~~3. [On the date prescribed by regulation of the State Treasurer, a participating community college]~~ The Board of Regents shall submit a request for a disbursement from the Nevada Reconnect Scholarship Account created by section 9 of this act [in] for the maximum amount [prescribed by subsection 6] of money that will be required to fund a scholarship for each eligible student.

~~[ 4. A participating community college shall use the money disbursed pursuant to subsection 5 to pay the difference between the amount of the registration fee and other mandatory fees charged to the student by the participating community college for the school year, excluding any amount of those fees that is waived by the participating community college, and the total amount of any other gift aid received by the student for the school year. The community college shall not refund to a student any money disbursed to the participating community college pursuant to subsection 5.~~

~~—5.] Within the limits of money available in the Nevada Reconnect Scholarship Account, the State Treasurer shall disburse [to a participating community college] the amount requested [pursuant to subsection 3.] to the Board of Regents for disbursement to each community college. If there is insufficient money in the Account to disburse that amount to each [participating] community college [;~~

~~(a) The] , the State Treasurer shall [determine whether there is sufficient money in the Account to disburse the amount requested for all students who applied to renew a Nevada Reconnect Scholarship and disburse the available money in the Account to each participating college in the following manner:~~

~~(1) If there is insufficient money in the Account to disburse the amount requested for all students who applied to renew a Nevada Reconnect Scholarship, the State Treasurer shall not disburse any amount requested for first time recipients of a Nevada Reconnect Scholarship and shall disburse money to each participating community college to fund a scholarship for each student who applied to renew a Nevada Reconnect Scholarship, in the order in which applications were received by the participating community college, until the money in the Account is exhausted; and~~

~~(2) If there is sufficient money in the Account to disburse the amount requested for all students who applied to renew a Nevada Reconnect Scholarship, the State Treasurer shall first disburse the money requested by each participating community college for all students who applied to renew a Nevada Reconnect Scholarship and then disburse money to each participating community college to fund a scholarship for each student who applied for the first time to receive a Nevada Reconnect Scholarship, in the order in which the applications were received by the participating community college, until the money in the Account is exhausted.~~

~~(b) The State Treasurer shall] provide notice that insufficient money remains in the Nevada Reconnect Scholarship Account to the [Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for transmittal to the Legislative Committee on Education, the Legislative Commission and the next regular session of the Legislature.~~

~~(c) A participating community college. Board of Regents. The State Treasurer shall include in the notice the amount of money available for the award of Nevada Reconnect Scholarships in accordance with the provisions of paragraph (a) in a manner that gives priority first to students applying for renewal of a Nevada Reconnect Scholarship and then to applications received by the participating community college pursuant to section 13 of this act, in the order in which they were received.~~

~~6. Within the limits of money available in the~~ for the academic year and request that a new request be submitted.

4. The Board of Regents shall adopt regulations prescribing:

(a) The criteria for determining the maximum amount of a Nevada Reconnect Scholarship ~~Account, the amount of money awarded to a scholarship recipient pursuant to this section must be~~ for an eligible student which is equal to the difference between the amount of the registration fee and other mandatory fees charged to the student by the ~~participating~~ community college in which the student is enrolled for the ~~school~~ academic year, excluding any amount of those fees that is waived by the ~~participating~~ community college ~~in which the student is enrolled, and the total amount of any other gift aid received by the student for the ~~school~~ academic year.~~

(b) The procedures for submitting a request for disbursement from the Nevada Reconnect Scholarship Account.

(c) The procedures and standards for determining the actual amount of the Nevada Reconnect Scholarship which will be awarded to each student upon receiving notice that there is insufficient money to award all eligible students the maximum amount of the scholarship which each student is eligible to receive. Such procedures and standards may include, without limitation, administration of the Program on a first-come, first-served basis for all students eligible to participate in the Program.

(d) Procedures to ensure that all money from a Nevada Reconnect Scholarship awarded to a student that is refunded in whole or in part for any reason is refunded to the Nevada Promise Scholarship Account and not the student.

**Sec. 17. 1. On or before August 1 of each year, the Board of Regents shall:**

**(a) Review all Nevada Reconnect Scholarships awarded for the immediately preceding** ~~school~~ **academic year;**

**(b) Compile a report for the immediately preceding** ~~school~~ **academic year, which must include the number of students who applied for a scholarship, the number of students who received a scholarship, recipients, the total cost associated with the award of Nevada Reconnect Scholarships, the total number of hours of community service performed pursuant to** ~~sections~~ **section 13** ~~and 14~~ **of this act, the** ~~overall~~ **graduation rate of students who received a scholarship** ~~recipients, the graduation rate of scholarship recipients enrolled at each participating community college, and the~~ ~~overall~~ **scholarship retention rate, and the scholarship retention rate for students at each participating community college, and**

**(c) Submit the report to the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for transmittal to:**

**(1) In even-numbered years, the next regular session of the Legislature; and**

**(2) In odd-numbered years, the Legislative Committee on Education.**

2. ~~A participating community college shall maintain a record for each scholarship recipient for at least 3 years after the end of the final school year for which he or she receives a scholarship. Such a record must include:~~

- ~~(a) The name of the scholarship recipient;~~
- ~~(b) The total amount of money awarded to the scholarship recipient each school year;~~
- ~~(c) The courses in which the scholarship recipient enrolled and the courses completed by the scholarship recipient;~~
- ~~(d) The grades received by the scholarship recipient;~~
- ~~(e) Whether the scholarship recipient is currently enrolled in the participating community college and, if not, whether he or she earned an associate's degree, a bachelor's degree or a certificate of achievement; and~~
- ~~(f) The records of community service submitted by the scholarship recipient pursuant to sections 13 and 14 of this act.~~

3. ~~Except as otherwise provided in this section, the Board of Regents and the State Treasurer may at any time audit the practices used by a participating community college or local partnering organization to carry out the provisions of sections 2 to 17, inclusive, of this act. The Board of Regents and the State Treasurer shall not conduct an audit less than 6 months after the most recently conducted audit.~~

4. ~~A participating community college shall provide the Board of Regents and the State Treasurer with access to the records maintained pursuant to subsection 2 for the purposes of an annual report compiled pursuant to subsection 1 or an audit conducted pursuant to subsection 3. Those records are otherwise confidential and are not public records.~~

5. ~~As used in this section, "scholarship retention rate" means the percentage of students who received a scholarship [recipients] for the [school] academic year immediately preceding the [school] academic year to which a report compiled pursuant to subsection 1 pertains who did not graduate by the end of that [school] academic year and who also received a Nevada Reconnect Scholarship for the [school] academic year to which the report pertains.~~

Sec. 18. ~~[NRS 239.010 is hereby amended to read as follows:~~

~~239.010 1. Except as otherwise provided in this section and NRS 1.4683, 1.4687, 1A.110, 3.2203, 41.071, 49.095, 49.203, 62D.420, 62D.440, 62E.516, 62E.620, 62H.025, 62H.030, 62H.170, 62H.220, 62H.320, 75A.100, 75A.150, 76.160, 78.152, 80.113, 81.850, 82.183, 86.246, 86.54615, 87.515, 87.5413, 87A.200, 87A.580, 87A.640, 88.3355, 88.5927, 88.6067, 88A.345, 88A.7345, 89.045, 89.251, 90.730, 91.160, 116.757, 116A.270, 116B.880, 118B.026, 119.260, 119.265, 119.267, 119.280, 119A.280, 119A.653, 119B.370, 119B.382, 120A.690, 125.130, 125B.140, 126.141, 126.161, 126.163, 126.730, 127.007, 127.057, 127.130, 127.140, 127.2817, 128.090, 130.312, 130.712, 136.050, 159.044, 159A.044, 172.075, 172.245, 176.01249, 176.015, 176.0625, 176.09129, 176.156, 176A.630, 178.39801, 178.4715, 178.5691, 179.495, 179A.070, 179A.165, 179D.630, 200.3771, 200.3772, 200.5095, 200.604, 202.3662, 205.4651, 209.392, 209.3925, 209.419, 209.521, 211A.140, 213.010, 213.040, 213.095, 213.131, 217.105, 217.110, 217.464, 217.475, 218A.350, 218E.625, 218F.150, 218G.130, 218G.240, 218G.350, 228.270, 228.450, 228.495, 228.570, 231.069, 231.1473, 233.190, 237.300, 239.0105, 239.0113, 239B.030, 239B.040, 239B.050, 239C.140, 239C.210, 239C.230, 239C.250, 239C.270, 240.007, 241.020, 241.030, 241.039, 242.105, 244.264, 244.335, 247.540, 247.550, 247.560, 250.087, 250.130, 250.140, 250.150, 268.095, 268.490, 268.910, 271A.105, 281.195, 281.805, 281A.350, 281A.680, 281A.685, 281A.750, 281A.755, 281A.780, 284.4068, 286.110, 287.0438, 289.025, 289.080, 289.387, 289.830, 293.4855, 293.5002, 293.503,~~



~~293.504, 293.558, 293.906, 293.908, 293.910, 293B.135, 293D.510, 331.110, 332.061, 332.351, 333.333, 333.335, 338.070, 338.1379, 338.1593, 338.1725, 338.1727, 348.420, 349.597, 349.775, 353.205, 353A.049, 353A.085, 353A.100, 353C.240, 360.240, 360.247, 360.255, 360.755, 361.044, 361.610, 365.138, 366.160, 368A.180, 370.257, 370.327, 372A.080, 378.290, 378.300, 379.008, 379.1495, 385A.830, 385B.100, 387.626, 387.631, 388.1455, 388.259, 388.501, 388.503, 388.513, 388.750, 388A.247, 388A.249, 391.035, 391.120, 391.925, 392.029, 392.147, 392.264, 392.271, 392.315, 392.317, 392.325, 392.327, 392.335, 392.850, 394.167, 394.1698, 394.447, 394.460, 394.465, 396.2295, 396.405, 396.525, 396.535, 396.9685, 398A.115, 408.3885, 408.3886, 408.3888, 408.5484, 412.153, 416.070, 422.2749, 422.305, 422A.342, 422A.350, 425.400, 427A.1236, 427A.872, 432.028, 432.205, 432B.175, 432B.280, 432B.290, 432B.407, 432B.430, 432B.560, 432B.5902, 433.534, 433A.360, 437.145, 439.840, 439B.420, 440.170, 441A.195, 441A.220, 441A.230, 442.330, 442.395, 442.735, 445A.665, 445B.570, 449.209, 449.245, 449A.112, 450.140, 453.164, 453.720, 453A.610, 453A.700, 458.055, 458.280, 459.050, 459.3866, 459.555, 459.7056, 459.846, 463.120, 463.15993, 463.240, 463.2403, 463.2407, 463.790, 467.1005, 480.265, 480.940, 481.063, 481.091, 481.093, 482.170, 482.5536, 483.340, 483.363, 483.575, 483.659, 483.800, 484E.070, 485.316, 501.344, 503.452, 522.040, 534A.031, 561.285, 571.160, 584.655, 587.877, 598.0964, 598.098, 598A.110, 599B.090, 603.070, 603A.210, 604A.710, 612.265, 616B.012, 616B.015, 616B.315, 616B.350, 618.341, 618.425, 622.310, 623.131, 623A.137, 624.110, 624.265, 624.327, 625.425, 625A.185, 628.418, 628B.230, 628B.760, 629.047, 629.069, 630.133, 630.30665, 630.336, 630A.555, 631.368, 632.121, 632.125, 632.405, 633.283, 633.301, 633.524, 634.055, 634.214, 634A.185, 635.158, 636.107, 637.085, 637B.288, 638.087, 638.089, 639.2485, 639.570, 640.075, 640A.220, 640B.730, 640C.400, 640C.600, 640C.620, 640C.745, 640C.760, 640D.190, 640E.340, 641.090, 641.325, 641A.191, 641A.289, 641B.170, 641B.460, 641C.760, 641C.800, 642.524, 643.189, 644A.870, 645.180, 645.625, 645A.050, 645A.082, 645B.060, 645B.092, 645C.220, 645C.225, 645D.130, 645D.135, 645E.300, 645E.375, 645G.510, 645H.320, 645H.330, 647.0945, 647.0947, 648.033, 648.197, 649.065, 649.067, 652.228, 654.110, 656.105, 661.115, 665.130, 665.133, 669.275, 669.285, 669A.310, 671.170, 673.450, 673.480, 675.380, 676A.340, 676A.370, 677.243, 679B.122, 679B.152, 679B.159, 679B.190, 679B.285, 679B.690, 680A.270, 681A.440, 681B.260, 681B.410, 681B.540, 683A.0873, 685A.077, 686A.289, 686B.170, 686C.306, 687A.110, 687A.115, 687C.010, 688C.230, 688C.480, 688C.490, 689A.696, 692A.117, 692C.190, 692C.3507, 692C.3536, 692C.3538, 692C.354, 692C.420, 693A.480, 693A.615, 696B.550, 696C.120, 703.196, 704B.320, 704B.325, 706.1725, 706A.230, 710.159, 711.600, and section 17 of this act, sections 35, 38 and 41 of chapter 478, Statutes of Nevada 2011 and section 2 of chapter 391, Statutes of Nevada 2013 and unless otherwise declared by law to be confidential, all public books and public records of a governmental entity must be open at all times during office hours to inspection by any person, and may be fully copied or an abstract or memorandum may be prepared from those public books and public records. Any such copies, abstracts or memoranda may be used to supply the general public with copies, abstracts or memoranda of the records or may be used in any other way to the advantage of the governmental entity or of the general public. This section does not supersede or in any manner affect the federal laws governing copyrights or enlarge, diminish or affect in any other manner the rights of a person in any written book or record which is copyrighted pursuant to federal law.~~

~~2. A governmental entity may not reject a book or record which is copyrighted solely because it is copyrighted.~~

~~2. A governmental entity that has legal custody or control of a public book or record shall not deny a request made pursuant to subsection 1 to inspect or copy or receive a copy of a public book or record on the basis that the requested public book or record contains information that is confidential if the governmental entity can redact, delete, conceal or separate the confidential information from the information included in the public book or record that is not otherwise confidential.~~

~~4. A person may request a copy of a public record in any medium in which the public record is readily available. An officer, employee or agent of a governmental entity who has legal custody or control of a public record:~~

~~(a) Shall not refuse to provide a copy of that public record in a readily available medium because the officer, employee or agent has already prepared or would prefer to provide the copy in a different medium;~~

~~(b) Except as otherwise provided in NRS 239.020, shall, upon request, prepare the copy of the public record and shall not require the person who has requested the copy to prepare the copy himself or herself.] (Deleted by amendment.)~~

**Sec. 19.** There is hereby appropriated from the State General Fund to the Nevada Reconnect Scholarship Account created by section 9 of this act for the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 the sum of \$1,750,000 for the purpose of awarding Nevada Reconnect Scholarships pursuant to sections 2 to 17, inclusive, of this act.

**Sec. 20.** 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 17 of this act, the initial report compiled by the Board of Regents of the University of Nevada pursuant to subsection 1 of section 17 of this act:

(a) Must be submitted on or before August 1, 2021, and must provide information concerning the 2019-2020 school year; and

(b) Is not required to include the overall graduation rate of scholarship recipients, the graduation rate of scholarship recipients ~~enrolled at each participating community college,~~ the overall scholarship retention rate or the scholarship retention rate for students ~~at each participating community college.~~

~~2. As used in this section, "participating community college" has the meaning ascribed to it in section 6 of this act.]~~

**Sec. 21.** The provisions of subsection 1 of NRS 218D.380 do not apply to any provision of this act which adds or revises a requirement to submit a report to the Legislature.

**Sec. 22.** 1. This section and sections 2 to 15, inclusive, 17, 18, 20 and 21 of this act become effective upon passage and approval for the purpose of adopting regulations and performing any other preparatory administrative tasks that are necessary to carry out the provisions of this act and on July 1, 2019, for all other purposes.

2. Section 19 of this act becomes effective on July 1, 2019.

3. Section 16 of this act becomes effective upon passage and approval for the purpose of adopting regulations and performing any other preparatory administrative tasks that are necessary to carry out the provisions of this act and on July 1, 2020, for all other purposes.