

SENATE BILL NO. 314—SENATORS WOODHOUSE, DENIS,
DONDERO LOOP, PARKS; BROOKS AND CANCELA

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Referred to Committee on Education

SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to education.
(BDR 34-730)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: May have Fiscal Impact.
Effect on the State: Yes.

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

AN ACT relating to education; establishing a State Seal of Financial Literacy; requiring the Department of Education to establish a Financial Literacy Month; establishing the State Financial Literacy Advisory Council; establishing provisions relating to obtaining an endorsement to teach courses relating to financial literacy; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Existing law establishes the State Seal of STEM and the State Seal of STEAM. (NRS 388.594-388.5975) **Section 3** of this bill similarly establishes a State Seal of Financial Literacy. **Section 4** of this bill establishes the requirements for earning a State Seal of Financial Literacy.

Section 5 of this bill requires the Department of Education to establish a Financial Literacy Month, to be held once each school year. **Section 5** further requires certain activities to be included in the Financial Literacy Month to the extent money is available. **Section 7** of this bill requires the governing body of each regional training program for the professional development of teachers and administrators to coordinate with the Department of Education to provide an annual summit at the beginning of Financial Literacy Month.

Section 5.5 of this bill establishes the State Financial Literacy Advisory Council. **Section 5.7** of this bill outlines the responsibilities of the Council.

Section 6 of this bill requires the Commission on Professional Standards in Education to establish the requirements for obtaining an endorsement in teaching courses relating to financial literacy. (NRS 391.019) Existing law also requires a regional training program for the professional development of teachers and administrators to provide certain training for educational personnel. (NRS 391A.125) **Section 8** of this bill requires such a regional training program to



provide training and professional development for teachers who obtain an endorsement to teach courses relating to financial literacy.

Existing law authorizes the Board of Regents of the University of Nevada to prescribe courses of study for the Nevada System of Higher Education. (NRS 396.440) **Section 9** of this bill requires that a program of study offered by the System to obtain an endorsement to teach courses relating to financial literacy include certain requirements. **Section 9** also authorizes students to apply for certain scholarships to offset the costs of the program of study.

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

Section 1. Chapter 388 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto the provisions set forth as sections 2 to 5.7, inclusive, of this act.

Sec. 2. (Deleted by amendment.)

Sec. 3. 1. *The Superintendent of Public Instruction shall establish a State Seal of Financial Literacy Program to recognize pupils who graduate from a public high school, including, without limitation, a charter school and a university school for profoundly gifted pupils, who have attained a high level of proficiency in financial literacy.*

2. *The Superintendent of Public Instruction shall:*

(a) *Create a State Seal of Financial Literacy that may be affixed to the diploma and noted on the transcript of a pupil to recognize that the pupil has met the requirements of section 4 of this act; and*

(b) *Deliver the State Seal of Financial Literacy to each school district, charter school and university school for profoundly gifted pupils that participates in the State Seal of Financial Literacy Program.*

3. *Any school district, charter school and university school for profoundly gifted pupils may participate in the State Seal of Financial Literacy Program by notifying the Superintendent of Public Instruction of its intent to participate in the Program.*

4. *Each board of trustees of a school district and governing body of a charter school or university school for profoundly gifted pupils that participates in the State Seal of Financial Literacy Program shall:*

(a) *Identify the pupils who have met the requirements to be awarded the State Seal of Financial Literacy; and*

(b) *Affix the State Seal of Financial Literacy to the diploma and note the receipt of the State Seal of Financial Literacy on the transcript of each pupil who meets those requirements.*

5. *To the extent that money is available, the school districts and the Department of Education shall provide professional*



development training regarding financial literacy to teachers who teach in a subject area in which instruction in financial literacy is provided.

6. The Superintendent of Public Instruction may adopt regulations as necessary to carry out the provisions of this section and section 4 of this act.

Sec. 4. A school district, charter school and university school for profoundly gifted pupils that participates in the State Seal of Financial Literacy Program established pursuant to section 3 of this act must award a pupil, upon graduation from high school, a high school diploma with a State Seal of Financial Literacy if the pupil:

1. Earns at least a 3.25 grade point average, on a 4.0 grading scale, or a 3.85 weighted grade point average, on a grading scale approved by the Superintendent of Public Instruction if a different grading scale is used.

2. Demonstrates proficiency in financial literacy by earning:
(a) At least 3 credits in a subject area in which instruction on financial literacy is provided; and

(b) Either of the following:
(1) A grade of B or higher in a college-level course in which instruction on financial literacy is provided; or
(2) A score of gold or higher on the ACT National Career Readiness Certificate.

Sec. 5. 1. The Department of Education shall establish a Financial Literacy Month to be held once each school year. To the extent that money is available for that purpose, the Financial Literacy Month must include, without limitation:

(a) A parent and family engagement summit, including, without limitation, programs related to saving and spending, employability skills, applying to and attending college, applying for and receiving financial aid, retirement and investments; and

(b) A Student Smart Week and a Money Week.

2. The Department may adopt regulations as necessary to carry out the provisions of this section and section 7 of this act.

Sec. 5.5. 1. The State Financial Literacy Advisory Council is hereby created. The Council consists of:

(a) The following ex officio members:

(1) The Superintendent of Public Instruction or his or her designee; and

(2) The Chancellor of the Nevada System of Higher Education or his or her designee;

(b) Three members appointed by the Governor;

(c) Two members appointed by the Majority Leader of the Senate;



- (d) Two members appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly;
(e) One member appointed by the Minority Leader of the Senate;
(f) One member appointed by the Minority Leader of the Assembly; and
(g) One member appointed by the Chancellor of the Nevada System of Higher Education who has a background in economics or financial literacy.

2. The Governor, the Majority Leader and the Minority Leader of the Senate, the Speaker and Minority Leader of the Assembly and the Chancellor of the Nevada System of Higher Education shall coordinate their respective appointments of members to the Council to ensure that, to the extent practicable, the members appointed to the Council reflect the gender, ethnic and geographic diversity of this State and that:

(a) Three members of the Council are members of the business community with a background in economics;

(b) One member of the Council is a member of the business community who is employed in the banking industry;

(c) One member of the Council is a member of the business community who is employed by a credit union;

(d) Three members of the Council are teachers who hold a license to teach elementary, middle or junior high school or secondary education, respectively, and who:

(1) Teach in an elementary, middle or junior high or high school, respectively;

(2) Have received training in financial literacy; and

(3) Are responsible for teaching courses relating to financial literacy;

(e) One member of the Council is an administrator of a public school; and

(f) One member of the Council is an administrator of a school district.

3. Any vacancy occurring in the membership of the Council must be filled in the same manner as the original appointment not later than 30 days after the vacancy occurs.

4. The Council shall elect a Chair and Vice Chair from among its members at the first meeting of the Council and at the first meeting of the calendar year each year thereafter. The Chair and Vice Chair serve a term of 1 year.

5. Each member of the Council serves a term of 2 years and may be reappointed.

6. The Council shall meet at least four times a year at the call of the Chair. One meeting of the Council must be held in person and any other meeting may be held by videoconference.



7. A majority of the members of the Council constitutes a quorum for the transaction of business, and a majority of those members present at any meeting is sufficient for any official action taken by the Council.

8. The Chair may appoint such subcommittees of the Council as the Chair determines necessary to carry out the duties of the Council.

9. The members of the Council serve without compensation, except that each member is entitled to receive the per diem allowance and travel expenses provided for state officers and employees generally while engaged in the official business of the Council.

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

11. Any costs associated with employing a substitute teacher while a member of the Council who is a teacher attends a meeting of the Council must be paid by the school district that employs the member.

12. To the extent that money is available, the Department shall provide administrative support to the Council.

Sec. 5.7. The State Financial Literacy Advisory Council created by section 5.5 of this act shall:

1. Develop a strategic plan for the development of educational resources in financial literacy to serve as a foundation for professional development for pupils;

2. Identify learning activities targeted toward the standards and criteria of a curriculum in financial literacy;

3. Develop and facilitate, in coordination with the Department:

(a) The Financial Literacy Month, including, without limitation, Student Smart Week, Money Week and the parent and family engagement summit established pursuant to section 5 of this act; and

(b) The annual summit for educators established pursuant to section 7 of this act;



4. In accordance with section 4 of this act, develop the criteria a pupil must meet to be awarded the State Seal of Financial Literacy;

5. Apply for grants, gifts and donations of money to carry out the objectives of the Council; and

6. Prepare a written report which includes, without limitation, recommendations concerning the instruction and curriculum in financial literacy and the activities of the Council and, on or before January 31 of each even-numbered year, submit a copy of the report to the Superintendent of Public Instruction, the Chancellor of the Nevada System of Higher Education, the Legislative Committee on Education and the Governor.

Sec. 6. NRS 391.019 is hereby amended to read as follows:

391.019 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 391.027, the Commission shall adopt regulations:

(a) Prescribing the qualifications for licensing teachers and other educational personnel, including, without limitation, the qualifications for a license to teach middle school or junior high school education, and the procedures for the issuance and renewal of those licenses. The regulations:

(1) Must include, without limitation, the qualifications for licensing teachers and administrators pursuant to an alternative route to licensure which provides that the required education and training may be provided by any qualified provider which has been approved by the Commission, including, without limitation, institutions of higher education and other providers that operate independently of an institution of higher education. The regulations adopted pursuant to this subparagraph must:

(I) Establish the requirements for approval as a qualified provider;

(II) Require a qualified provider to be selective in its acceptance of students;

(III) Require a qualified provider to provide supervised, school-based experiences and ongoing support for its students, such as mentoring and coaching;

(IV) Significantly limit the amount of course work required or provide for the waiver of required course work for students who achieve certain scores on tests;

(V) Allow for the completion in 2 years or less of the education and training required under the alternative route to licensure;

(VI) Provide that a person who has completed the education and training required under the alternative route to licensure and who has satisfied all other requirements for licensure may apply for a regular license pursuant to sub-subparagraph (VII)



1 regardless of whether the person has received an offer of
2 employment from a school district, charter school or private school;
3 and

4 (VII) Upon the completion by a person of the education
5 and training required under the alternative route to licensure and the
6 satisfaction of all other requirements for licensure, provide for the
7 issuance of a regular license to the person pursuant to the provisions
8 of this chapter and the regulations adopted pursuant to this chapter.

9 (2) Must require an applicant for a license to teach middle
10 school or junior high school education or secondary education to
11 demonstrate proficiency in a field of specialization or area of
12 concentration by successfully completing course work prescribed by
13 the Department or completing a subject matter competency
14 examination prescribed by the Department with a score deemed
15 satisfactory.

16 (3) Must not prescribe qualifications which are more
17 stringent than the qualifications set forth in NRS 391.0315 for a
18 licensed teacher who applies for an additional license in accordance
19 with that section.

20 (b) Identifying fields of specialization in teaching which require
21 the specialized training of teachers.

22 (c) Except as otherwise provided in NRS 391.125, requiring
23 teachers to obtain from the Department an endorsement in a field of
24 specialization to be eligible to teach in that field of specialization,
25 including, without limitation, an endorsement to teach English as a
26 second language.

27 (d) Setting forth the educational requirements a teacher must
28 satisfy to qualify for an endorsement in each field of specialization.

29 (e) Setting forth the qualifications and requirements for
30 obtaining a license or endorsement to teach American Sign
31 Language, including, without limitation, being registered with the
32 Aging and Disability Services Division of the Department of Health
33 and Human Services pursuant to NRS 656A.100 to engage in the
34 practice of interpreting in an educational setting.

35 (f) Requiring teachers and other educational personnel to be
36 registered with the Aging and Disability Services Division pursuant
37 to NRS 656A.100 to engage in the practice of interpreting in an
38 educational setting if they:

39 (1) Provide instruction or other educational services; and

40 (2) Concurrently engage in the practice of interpreting, as
41 defined in NRS 656A.060.

42 (g) Providing for the issuance and renewal of a special
43 qualifications license to an applicant who holds a bachelor's degree,
44 a master's degree or a doctoral degree from an accredited degree-



granting postsecondary educational institution in a field for which the applicant will provide instruction in a classroom and who has:

(1) At least 2 years of experience teaching at an accredited degree-granting postsecondary educational institution in a field for which the applicant will provide instruction in a classroom and at least 3 years of experience working in that field; or

(2) At least 5 years of experience working in a field for which the applicant will provide instruction in a classroom.

➤ An applicant for licensure pursuant to this paragraph who holds a bachelor's degree must submit proof of participation in a program of student teaching or mentoring or agree to participate in a program of mentoring or courses of pedagogy for the first 2 years of the applicant's employment as a teacher with a school district or charter school.

(h) Requiring an applicant for a special qualifications license to:

(1) Pass each examination required by NRS 391.021 for the specific subject or subjects in which the applicant will provide instruction; or

(2) Hold a valid license issued by a professional licensing board of any state that is directly related to the subject area of the bachelor's degree, master's degree or doctoral degree held by the applicant.

(i) Setting forth the subject areas that may be taught by a person who holds a special qualifications license, based upon the subject area of the bachelor's degree, master's degree or doctoral degree held by that person.

(j) Providing for the issuance and renewal of a special qualifications license to an applicant who:

(1) Holds a bachelor's degree or a graduate degree from an accredited college or university in the field for which the applicant will be providing instruction;

(2) Is not licensed to teach public school in another state;

(3) Has at least 5 years of experience teaching with satisfactory evaluations at a school that is accredited by a national or regional accrediting agency recognized by the United States Department of Education; and

(4) Submits proof of participation in a program of student teaching or mentoring or agrees to participate in a program of mentoring for the first year of the applicant's employment as a teacher with a school district or charter school if the applicant holds a graduate degree or, if the applicant holds a bachelor's degree, submits proof of participation in a program of student teaching or mentoring or agrees to participate in a program of mentoring or courses of pedagogy for the first 2 years of his or her employment as a teacher with a school district or charter school.



➤ An applicant for licensure pursuant to this paragraph is exempt from each examination required by NRS 391.021 if the applicant successfully passed the examination in another state.

(k) Prescribing course work on parental involvement and family engagement. The Commission shall work in cooperation with the Office of Parental Involvement and Family Engagement created by NRS 385.630 in developing the regulations required by this paragraph.

(l) Establishing the requirements for obtaining an endorsement on the license of a teacher, administrator or other educational personnel in cultural competency.

(m) Establishing the requirements for obtaining an endorsement on the license of a teacher, administrator or other educational personnel in teaching courses relating to financial literacy.

2. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 391.027, the Commission may adopt such other regulations as it deems necessary for its own government or to carry out its duties.

3. Any regulation which increases the amount of education, training or experience required for licensing:

(a) Must, in addition to the requirements for publication in chapter 233B of NRS, be publicized before its adoption in a manner reasonably calculated to inform those persons affected by the change.

(b) Must not become effective until at least 1 year after the date it is adopted by the Commission.

(c) Is not applicable to a license in effect on the date the regulation becomes effective.

4. A person who is licensed pursuant to paragraph (g) or (j) of subsection 1:

(a) Shall comply with all applicable statutes and regulations.

(b) Except as otherwise provided by specific statute, is entitled to all benefits, rights and privileges conferred by statutes and regulations on licensed teachers.

(c) Except as otherwise provided by specific statute, if the person is employed as a teacher by the board of trustees of a school district or the governing body of a charter school, is entitled to all benefits, rights and privileges conferred by statutes and regulations on the licensed employees of a school district or charter school, as applicable.

Sec. 7. Chapter 391A of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

The governing body of each regional training program shall coordinate with the Department to provide an annual summit at the beginning of the Financial Literacy Month established



pursuant to section 5 of this act. To the extent that money is available, the Department shall administer the annual summit.

Sec. 8. NRS 391A.125 is hereby amended to read as follows:

391A.125 1. Based upon the priorities of programs prescribed by the State Board pursuant to subsection 4 of NRS 391A.505 and the assessment of needs for training within the region and priorities of training adopted by the governing body pursuant to NRS 391A.175, each regional training program shall provide:

(a) Training for teachers and other licensed educational personnel in the:

(1) Standards established by the Council to Establish Academic Standards for Public Schools pursuant to NRS 389.520;

(2) Curriculum and instruction required for the standards adopted by the State Board;

(3) Curriculum and instruction recommended by the Teachers and Leaders Council of Nevada; and

(4) Culturally relevant pedagogy, taking into account cultural diversity and demographic differences throughout this State.

(b) Through the Nevada Early Literacy Intervention Program established for the regional training program, training for teachers who teach kindergarten and grades 1, 2 or 3 on methods to teach fundamental reading skills, including, without limitation:

(1) Phonemic awareness;

(2) Phonics;

(3) Vocabulary;

(4) Fluency;

(5) Comprehension; and

(6) Motivation.

(c) Training for administrators who conduct the evaluations required pursuant to NRS 391.685, 391.690, 391.705 and 391.710 relating to the manner in which such evaluations are conducted. Such training must be developed in consultation with the Teachers and Leaders Council of Nevada created by NRS 391.455.

(d) Training for teachers, administrators and other licensed educational personnel relating to correcting deficiencies and addressing recommendations for improvement in performance that are identified in the evaluations conducted pursuant to NRS 391.685, 391.690, 391.705 or 391.710.

(e) At least one of the following types of training:

(1) Training for teachers and school administrators in the assessment and measurement of pupil achievement and the effective methods to analyze the test results and scores of pupils to improve the achievement and proficiency of pupils.



(2) Training for teachers in specific content areas to enable the teachers to provide a higher level of instruction in their respective fields of teaching. Such training must include instruction in effective methods to teach in a content area provided by teachers who are considered masters in that content area.

(3) In addition to the training provided pursuant to paragraph (b), training for teachers in the methods to teach basic skills to pupils, such as providing instruction in reading with the use of phonics and providing instruction in basic skills of mathematics computation.

(f) In accordance with the program established by the Statewide Council pursuant to paragraph (b) of subsection 2 of NRS 391A.135 training for:

(1) Teachers on how to engage parents and families, including, without limitation, disengaged families, in the education of their children and to build the capacity of parents and families to support the learning and academic achievement of their children.

(2) Training for teachers and paraprofessionals on working with parent liaisons in public schools to carry out strategies and practices for effective parental involvement and family engagement.

(g) Training and continuing professional development for teachers who receive an endorsement to teach courses relating to financial literacy pursuant to NRS 391.019 and section 9 of this act.

2. The training required pursuant to subsection 1 must:

(a) Include the activities set forth in 20 U.S.C. § 7801(42), as deemed appropriate by the governing body for the type of training offered.

(b) Include appropriate procedures to ensure follow-up training for teachers and administrators who have received training through the program.

(c) Incorporate training that addresses the educational needs of:

(1) Pupils with disabilities who participate in programs of special education; and

(2) Pupils who are English learners.

3. The governing body of each regional training program shall prepare and maintain a list that identifies programs for the professional development of teachers and administrators that successfully incorporate:

(a) The standards of content and performance established by the Council to Establish Academic Standards for Public Schools pursuant to NRS 389.520;

(b) Fundamental reading skills; and

(c) Other training listed in subsection 1.



1 ➤ The governing body shall provide a copy of the list on an annual
2 basis to school districts for dissemination to teachers and
3 administrators.

4 4. A regional training program may include model classrooms
5 that demonstrate the use of educational technology for teaching and
6 learning.

7 5. A regional training program may contract with the board of
8 trustees of a school district that is served by the regional training
9 program as set forth in NRS 391A.120 to provide professional
10 development to the teachers and administrators employed by the
11 school district that is in addition to the training required by this
12 section. Any training provided pursuant to this subsection must
13 include the activities set forth in 20 U.S.C. § 7801(42), as deemed
14 appropriate by the governing body for the type of training offered.

15 6. To the extent money is available from legislative
16 appropriation or otherwise, a regional training program may provide
17 training to paraprofessionals.

18 7. *To the extent that money is available, the Department shall*
19 *administer the training required pursuant to paragraph (g) of*
20 *subsection 1.*

21 8. As used in this section, "paraprofessional" has the meaning
22 ascribed to it in NRS 391.008.

23 **Sec. 9.** Chapter 396 of NRS is hereby amended by adding
24 thereto a new section to read as follows:

25 1. *If the System offers a course of study for obtaining an*
26 *endorsement to teach courses relating to financial literacy, the*
27 *course must require students in the course of study to create a*
28 *personal finance portfolio or transition plan, which must include,*
29 *without limitation, details relating to housing, health insurance*
30 *and postsecondary education and financial aid resources.*

31 2. *A student in a course of study offered pursuant to*
32 *subsection 1 may apply for a Teach Nevada Scholarship from a*
33 *university, college or other provider of an alternative licensure*
34 *program that receives a grant from the Teach Nevada Scholarship*
35 *Program Account created pursuant to NRS 391A.575 to offset the*
36 *costs of completing a course of study offered pursuant to*
37 *subsection 1.*

38 3. *The System may award a student money received from a*
39 *grant provided to a university, college or other provider of an*
40 *alternative licensure program pursuant to NRS 391A.510 to offset*
41 *the costs of completing a course of study offered pursuant to*
42 *subsection 1.*

43 **Sec. 10.** (Deleted by amendment.)

44 **Sec. 10.5.** (Deleted by amendment.)



- 1 **Sec. 10.7.** The provisions of subsection 1 of NRS 218D.380
2 do not apply to any provision of this act which adds or revises a
3 requirement to submit a report to the Legislature.
4 **Sec. 11.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2019.

