

SENATE BILL NO. 321—SENATORS DONDERO LOOP,  
WOODHOUSE, DENIS; BROOKS AND PARKS

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JOINT SPONSOR: ASSEMBLYMAN THOMPSON

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Referred to Committee on Education

SUMMARY—Abolishes the Achievement School District.  
(BDR 34-682)

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.

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AN ACT relating to education; 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:**

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 1-35** of this bill effectively rescind Assembly Bill No. 448 by repealing the new provisions added by that bill and reverting the various statutes to the former language. **Section 37** 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.

Existing law requires the governing body of a charter school to enter into a charter contract with the sponsor of the charter school. (NRS 388A.270) **Section 37** 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 37** provides that the



17 contract to operate the achievement charter school becomes void on that date,  
18 thereby requiring the achievement charter school to cease operations.

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

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

2     385.005 1. The Legislature reaffirms its intent that public  
3 education in the State of Nevada is essentially a matter for local  
4 control by local school districts. The provisions of this title are  
5 intended to reserve to the boards of trustees of local school districts  
6 within this state such rights and powers as are necessary to maintain  
7 control of the education of the children within their respective  
8 districts. These rights and powers may only be limited by other  
9 specific provisions of law.

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

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

24     **Sec. 2.** NRS 385.007 is hereby amended to read as follows:

25     385.007 As used in this title, unless the context otherwise  
26 requires:

27 1. ~~["Achievement charter school" means a public school~~  
28 ~~operated by a charter management organization, as defined in NRS~~  
29 ~~388B.020, an educational management organization, as defined in~~  
30 ~~NRS 388B.030, or other person pursuant to a contract with the~~  
31 ~~Achievement School District pursuant to NRS 388B.210 and subject~~  
32 ~~to the provisions of chapter 388B of NRS.] "Charter school"~~  
33 *means a public school that is formed pursuant to the provisions of*  
34 *chapter 388A of NRS.*

35 2. "Department" means the Department of Education.

36 3. "English learner" has the meaning ascribed to it in 20 U.S.C.  
37 § 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. 3.** 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



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

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

5 (a) Governor;

6 (b) Legislative Committee on Education;

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

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

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

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

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

13 **Sec. 4.** NRS 385.620 is hereby amended to read as follows:

14 385.620 The Advisory Council shall:

15 1. Review the policy of parental involvement adopted by the  
16 State Board and the policy of parental involvement and family  
17 engagement adopted by the board of trustees of each school district  
18 pursuant to NRS 392.457;

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

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

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

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

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

43 7. Identify methods to communicate effectively with and  
44 provide outreach to parents, legal guardians and families of pupils  
45 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. 5.** 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



1 immediately preceding school year an annual report of  
2 accountability of the charter schools sponsored by the State Public  
3 Charter School Authority ~~[, the Achievement School District]~~ or  
4 institution, as applicable, concerning the accountability information  
5 prescribed by the Department pursuant to this section. The  
6 Department, in consultation with the State Public Charter School  
7 Authority ~~[, the Achievement School District]~~ and each college or  
8 university within the Nevada System of Higher Education that  
9 sponsors a charter school, shall prescribe by regulation the  
10 information that must be prepared by the State Public Charter  
11 School Authority ~~[, the Achievement School District]~~ and institution, as  
12 applicable, which must include, without limitation, the information  
13 contained in subsection 2 and NRS 385A.070 to 385A.320,  
14 inclusive, as applicable to charter schools. The Department shall  
15 provide for public dissemination of the annual report of  
16 accountability prepared pursuant to this section by posting a copy of  
17 the report on the Internet website maintained by the Department.

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

22 **Sec. 6.** NRS 385A.080 is hereby amended to read as follows:

23 385A.080 1. The Superintendent of Public Instruction shall:

24 (a) Prescribe forms for the reports required pursuant to NRS  
25 385A.070 and provide the forms to the respective school districts,  
26 the State Public Charter School Authority ~~[, the Achievement~~  
27 ~~School District]~~ and each college or university within the Nevada  
28 System of Higher Education that sponsors a charter school.

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

36 (c) Consult with a representative of the:

- 37 (1) Nevada State Education Association;  
38 (2) Nevada Association of School Boards;  
39 (3) Nevada Association of School Administrators;  
40 (4) Nevada Parent Teacher Association;  
41 (5) Budget Division of the Office of Finance;  
42 (6) Legislative Counsel Bureau; and  
43 (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. 7.** 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



1 State Public Charter School Authority ~~[, the Achievement School~~  
2 ~~District]~~ or the institution, as applicable, shall otherwise provide for  
3 public dissemination of the annual report by providing a copy of the  
4 report to each charter school it sponsors and the parents and  
5 guardians of pupils enrolled in each charter school it sponsors.

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

14 **Sec. 8.** NRS 385A.240 is hereby amended to read as follows:

15 385A.240 1. The annual report of accountability prepared  
16 pursuant to NRS 385A.070 must include information on the  
17 attendance, truancy and transiency of pupils, including, without  
18 limitation:

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

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

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

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

37 (c) The transiency rate of pupils for each school in the district  
38 and the district as a whole, including, without limitation, each  
39 charter school sponsored by the district. For the purposes of this  
40 paragraph, a pupil is not transient if the pupil is transferred to a  
41 different school within the school district as a result of a change in  
42 the zone of attendance by the board of trustees of the school district  
43 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. 9.** 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 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.

**Sec. 10.** NRS 385A.670 is hereby amended to read as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

~~—(d)]~~ The determination made for the charter school to the institution that sponsors the charter school if a charter school is



sponsored by a college or university within the Nevada System of Higher Education.

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

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

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

➔ 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 number of pupils that must be in a group for that group to yield statistically reliable information.

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

5. As used in this section:

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

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

**Sec. 11.** NRS 385A.720 is hereby amended to read as follows:

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



2. Before making a final rating for a school, the board of trustees of the school district or the Department, as applicable, shall provide the school an opportunity to review the data upon which the preliminary rating is based and to present evidence. If the school is a public school of the school district or a charter school sponsored by the board of trustees, the board of trustees of the school district shall, in consultation with the Department, make a final determination concerning the rating for the school on September 15. If the school is a 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, the Department shall make a final determination concerning the rating for the school on September 15.

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

**Sec. 12.** NRS 387.067 is hereby amended to read as follows:

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

2. The Superintendent of Public Instruction shall deposit the money with the State Treasurer, who shall make disbursements therefrom on warrants of the State 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. 13.** 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



1 establishment, maintenance, operation and expansion of any  
2 program of nutrition operated by a school district or of any other  
3 such program for which state or federal assistance is provided.

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

8 3. The Director may:

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

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

14 **Sec. 14.** NRS 387.090 is hereby amended to read as follows:

15 387.090 Except as otherwise provided in NRS 387.114 to  
16 387.1175, inclusive, the board of trustees of each school district ~~;~~  
17 ~~the Executive Director of the Achievement School District]~~ and the  
18 governing body of each charter school may:

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

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

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

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

29 **Sec. 15.** NRS 387.1223 is hereby amended to read as follows:

30 387.1223 1. On or before October 1, January 1, April 1 and  
31 July 1, each school district shall report to the Department, in the  
32 form prescribed by the Department, the average daily enrollment of  
33 pupils pursuant to this section for the immediately preceding quarter  
34 of the school year.

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

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

39 (1) The count of pupils enrolled in kindergarten and grades 1  
40 to 12, inclusive, based on the average daily enrollment of those  
41 pupils during the quarter, including, without limitation, the count of  
42 pupils who reside in the county and are enrolled in any charter  
43 school and the count of pupils who are enrolled in a university  
44 school for profoundly gifted pupils located in the county.



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(7) The count of pupils who are enrolled in classes for at least one semester pursuant to subsection 1 of NRS 388A.471, subsection 1 of NRS 388A.474 ~~[-]~~ or subsection 1 of NRS 392.074 ~~[-, or subsection 1 of NRS 388B.280 or any regulations adopted pursuant to NRS 388B.060 that authorize a child who is enrolled at a public school of a school district or a private school or a homeschooled child to participate in a class at an achievement charter school.]~~ based on the average daily enrollment of pupils during the quarter and expressed as a percentage of the total time



1 services are provided to those pupils per school day in proportion to  
2 the total time services are provided during a school day to pupils  
3 who are counted pursuant to subparagraph (1).

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

5 3. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 4, if the  
6 enrollment of pupils in a school district or a charter school that is  
7 located within the school district based on the average daily  
8 enrollment of pupils during the quarter of the school year is less  
9 than or equal to 95 percent of the enrollment of pupils in the same  
10 school district or charter school based on the average daily  
11 enrollment of pupils during the same quarter of the immediately  
12 preceding school year, the enrollment of pupils during the same  
13 quarter of the immediately preceding school year must be used for  
14 purposes of making the quarterly apportionments from the State  
15 Distributive School Account to that school district or charter school  
16 pursuant to NRS 387.124.

17 4. If the Department determines that a school district or charter  
18 school deliberately causes a decline in the enrollment of pupils in  
19 the school district or charter school to receive a higher  
20 apportionment pursuant to subsection 3, including, without  
21 limitation, by eliminating grades or moving into smaller facilities,  
22 the enrollment number from the current school year must be used  
23 for purposes of apportioning money from the State Distributive  
24 School Account to that school district or charter school pursuant to  
25 NRS 387.124.

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

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

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

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

42 **Sec. 16.** NRS 387.123 is hereby amended to read as follows:

43 387.123 1. The count of pupils for apportionment purposes  
44 includes all pupils who are enrolled in programs of instruction of the  
45 school district, including, without limitation, a program of distance





education provided by the school district, pupils who reside in the county in which the school district is located and are enrolled in any charter school, including, without limitation, a program of distance education provided by a charter school, and pupils who are enrolled in a university school for profoundly gifted pupils located in the county, for:

(a) Pupils in the kindergarten department.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(c) Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph, shall prohibit the counting of a pupil enrolled in grade 12 as a full-time pupil if the pupil is not prepared for college and career success, as defined by the Department. Such a pupil may be counted as a full-time pupil if he or she is enrolled in a minimum of six courses or the equivalent





1 of six periods per day or the superintendent of the school district has  
2 approved enrollment in fewer courses for good cause.

3 **Sec. 17.** NRS 388.020 is hereby amended to read as follows:

4 388.020 1. An elementary school is a public school in which  
5 grade work is not given above that included in the eighth grade,  
6 according to the regularly adopted state course of study.

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

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

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

18 5. A charter school is a public school that is formed pursuant to  
19 the provisions of chapter 388A of NRS . ~~for an achievement charter~~  
20 ~~school that is formed pursuant to chapter 388B of NRS.~~

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

23 **Sec. 18.** NRS 388.795 is hereby amended to read as follows:

24 388.795 1. The Commission shall establish a plan for the use  
25 of educational technology in the public schools of this State. In  
26 preparing the plan, the Commission shall consider:

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

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

30 (c) The information reported pursuant to NRS 385A.310 and  
31 similar information included in the annual report of accountability  
32 information prepared by the State Public Charter School Authority ~~to~~  
33 ~~the Achievement School District~~ and a college or university within  
34 the Nevada System of Higher Education that sponsors a charter  
35 school pursuant to subsection 3 of NRS 385A.070;

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

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

40 2. The plan established by the Commission must include  
41 recommendations for methods to:

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

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



(c) Increase the availability of educational technology to assist licensed 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.

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

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

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

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

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

388.880 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, if any person who knows or has reasonable cause to believe that another person has made a threat of violence against a school official, school employee or pupil reports in good faith that threat of violence to a school official, teacher, school police officer, local law enforcement agency or potential victim of the violence that is



1 threatened, the person who makes the report is immune from civil  
2 liability for any act or omission relating to that report. Such a person  
3 is not immune from civil liability for any other act or omission  
4 committed by the person as a part of, in connection with or as a  
5 principal, accessory or conspirator to the violence, regardless of the  
6 nature of the other act or omission.

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

8 (a) Is acting in his or her professional or occupational capacity  
9 and is required to make a report pursuant to NRS 200.5093,  
10 200.50935, 392.303 or 432B.220.

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

13 3. As used in this section:

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

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

21 (1) A board of trustees of a school district pursuant to NRS  
22 391.100 or 391.281; *or*

23 (2) The governing body of a charter school . ~~[-or~~  
24 ~~—(3) The Achievement School District.]~~

25 (c) "School official" means:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

38 **Sec. 20.** NRS 388A.030 is hereby amended to read as follows:

39 388A.030 "Educational management organization" means a  
40 for-profit corporation, business, organization or other entity that  
41 provides services relating to the operation and management of  
42 charter schools . ~~[and achievement charter schools.]~~

43 **Sec. 21.** NRS 388A.075 is hereby amended to read as follows:

44 388A.075 The Legislature declares that by authorizing the  
45 formation of charter schools it is not authorizing:



1 1. ~~[Except as otherwise provided in NRS 388B.290, the]~~ *The*  
2 conversion of an existing public school, homeschool or other  
3 program of home study to a charter school.

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

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

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

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

16 **Sec. 22.** NRS 388A.080 is hereby amended to read as follows:  
17 388A.080 The provisions of this chapter do not authorize an  
18 existing public school, homeschool or other program of home study  
19 to convert to a charter school . ~~[except as otherwise provided in~~  
20 ~~NRS 388B.290.]~~

21 **Sec. 23.** NRS 388A.249 is hereby amended to read as follows:  
22 388A.249 1. A committee to form a charter school or charter  
23 management organization may submit the application to the  
24 proposed sponsor of the charter school. ~~[Except as otherwise~~  
25 ~~provided in NRS 388B.290, if]~~ *If* an application proposes to convert  
26 an existing public school, homeschool or other program of home  
27 study into a charter school, the proposed sponsor shall deny the  
28 application.

29 2. The proposed sponsor of a charter school shall, in reviewing  
30 an application to form a charter school:

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

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

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

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



3. 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. 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. 24.** NRS 388G.050 is hereby amended to read as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

4. The board of trustees of a school district that participates in the Program of Empowerment Schools may create a design team for the school district. If such a design team is created, the membership



1 of the design team must consist of the following persons appointed  
2 by the board of trustees:

- 3 (a) At least one representative of the board of trustees;
- 4 (b) The superintendent of the school district, or the  
5 superintendent's designee;
- 6 (c) Parents and legal guardians of pupils enrolled in public  
7 schools in the school district;
- 8 (d) Teachers and other educational personnel employed by the  
9 school district, including, without limitation, school administrators;
- 10 (e) Representatives of organizations that represent teachers and  
11 other educational personnel;
- 12 (f) Representatives of the community in which the school  
13 district is located and representatives of businesses within the  
14 community; and
- 15 (g) Such other members as the board of trustees determines are  
16 necessary.

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

- 19 (a) Recommend policies and procedures relating to  
20 empowerment schools to the board of trustees of the school district;  
21 and
- 22 (b) Advise the board of trustees on issues relating to  
23 empowerment schools.

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

27 **Sec. 25.** NRS 390.265 is hereby amended to read as follows:

28 390.265 "School official" means:

- 29 1. A member of a board of trustees of a school district;
- 30 2. A member of a governing body of a charter school; or
- 31 3. A licensed or unlicensed person employed by the board of  
32 trustees of a school district ~~or~~ **or** the governing body of a charter  
33 school. ~~[for the Achievement School District.]~~

34 **Sec. 26.** NRS 390.270 is hereby amended to read as follows:

35 390.270 1. The Department shall, by regulation or otherwise,  
36 adopt and enforce a plan setting forth procedures to ensure the  
37 security of examinations that are administered to pupils pursuant to  
38 NRS 390.105 and the college and career readiness assessment  
39 administered pursuant to NRS 390.610.

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

- 42 (a) Procedures pursuant to which pupils, school officials and  
43 other persons may, and are encouraged to, report irregularities in  
44 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. 27.** 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. 28.** 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





1 and such other leave as they determine to be necessary or desirable  
2 for employees. In addition, boards of trustees may either prescribe  
3 by regulation or negotiate pursuant to chapter 288 of NRS with  
4 respect to the payment of unused sick leave to licensed teachers in  
5 the form of purchase of service pursuant to subsection 4 of NRS  
6 286.300. The amount of service so purchased must not exceed the  
7 number of hours of unused sick leave or 1 year, whichever is less.

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

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

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

30 7. Subject to the provisions of subsection 8:

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

35 (b) If, on account of sickness, epidemic or other emergency in  
36 the community, a longer intermission is ordered by the board of  
37 trustees of a school district, the governing body of a charter school  
38 or a board of health and the intermission or closing does not exceed  
39 30 days at any one time, there may be no deduction or  
40 discontinuance of salaries.

41 8. If the board of trustees of a school district or the governing  
42 body of a charter school orders an extension of the number of days  
43 of school to compensate for the days lost as the result of an  
44 intermission because of those reasons contained in paragraph (b) of  
45 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. 29.** 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



1 procedures for each such subcommittee. A subcommittee shall abide  
2 by the applicable rules and procedures when it takes action or makes  
3 decisions.

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

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

20 **Sec. 30.** NRS 41.0305 is hereby amended to read as follows:

21 41.0305 As used in NRS 41.0305 to 41.039, inclusive, the term  
22 "political subdivision" includes an organization that was officially  
23 designated as a community action agency pursuant to 42 U.S.C. §  
24 2790 before that section was repealed and is included in the  
25 definition of an "eligible entity" pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 9902, the  
26 Nevada Rural Housing Authority, an airport authority created by  
27 special act of the Legislature, a regional transportation commission  
28 and a fire protection district, an irrigation district, a school district,  
29 ~~[the Achievement School District,]~~ the governing body of a charter  
30 school, any other special district that performs a governmental  
31 function, even though it does not exercise general governmental  
32 powers, and the governing body of a university school for  
33 profoundly gifted pupils.

34 **Sec. 31.** NRS 288.150 is hereby amended to read as follows:

35 288.150 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 4 and  
36 NRS 354.6241, every local government employer shall negotiate in  
37 good faith through one or more representatives of its own choosing  
38 concerning the mandatory subjects of bargaining set forth in  
39 subsection 2 with the designated representatives of the recognized  
40 employee organization, if any, for each appropriate bargaining unit  
41 among its employees. If either party so requests, agreements reached  
42 must be reduced to writing.

43 2. The scope of mandatory bargaining is limited to:

44 (a) Salary or wage rates or other forms of direct monetary  
45 compensation.



- (b) Sick leave.
- (c) Vacation leave.
- (d) Holidays.
- (e) Other paid or nonpaid leaves of absence consistent with the provisions of this chapter.
- (f) Insurance benefits.
- (g) Total hours of work required of an employee on each workday or workweek.
- (h) Total number of days' work required of an employee in a work year.
- (i) Except as otherwise provided in subsections 6 and ~~10,~~ 9, discharge and disciplinary procedures.
- (j) Recognition clause.
- (k) The method used to classify employees in the bargaining unit.
- (l) Deduction of dues for the recognized employee organization.
- (m) Protection of employees in the bargaining unit from discrimination because of participation in recognized employee organizations consistent with the provisions of this chapter.
- (n) No-strike provisions consistent with the provisions of this chapter.
- (o) Grievance and arbitration procedures for resolution of disputes relating to interpretation or application of collective bargaining agreements.
- (p) General savings clauses.
- (q) Duration of collective bargaining agreements.
- (r) Safety of the employee.
- (s) Teacher preparation time.
- (t) Materials and supplies for classrooms.
- (u) Except as otherwise provided in subsections ~~7, 9 and 10,~~ 7 and 9, the policies for the transfer and reassignment of teachers.
- (v) Procedures for reduction in workforce consistent with the provisions of this chapter.
- (w) Procedures consistent with the provisions of subsection 4 for the reopening of collective bargaining agreements for additional, further, new or supplementary negotiations during periods of fiscal emergency.
3. Those subject matters which are not within the scope of mandatory bargaining and which are reserved to the local government employer without negotiation include:
- (a) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (u) of subsection 2, the right to hire, direct, assign or transfer an employee, but excluding the right to assign or transfer an employee as a form of discipline.



(b) The right to reduce in force or lay off any employee because of lack of work or lack of money, subject to paragraph (v) of subsection 2.

(c) The right to determine:

(1) Appropriate staffing levels and work performance standards, except for safety considerations;

(2) The content of the workday, including without limitation workload factors, except for safety considerations;

(3) The quality and quantity of services to be offered to the public; and

(4) The means and methods of offering those services.

(d) Safety of the public.

4. Notwithstanding the provisions of any collective bargaining agreement negotiated pursuant to this chapter, a local government employer is entitled to:

(a) Reopen a collective bargaining agreement for additional, further, new or supplementary negotiations relating to compensation or monetary benefits during a period of fiscal emergency. Negotiations must begin not later than 21 days after the local government employer notifies the employee organization that a fiscal emergency exists. For the purposes of this section, a fiscal emergency shall be deemed to exist:

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

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

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



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

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

8    6. If the sponsor of a charter school reconstitutes the governing  
9 body of a charter school pursuant to NRS 388A.330, the new  
10 governing body may terminate the employment of any teachers or  
11 other employees of the charter school, and any provision of any  
12 agreement negotiated pursuant to this chapter that provides  
13 otherwise is unenforceable and void.

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

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

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

23    8. Any provision of an agreement negotiated pursuant to this  
24 chapter which differs from or conflicts in any way with the  
25 provisions of subsection 7 or imposes consequences on the board of  
26 trustees of a school district or the principal of a school for taking  
27 any action authorized pursuant to subsection 7 is unenforceable and  
28 void.

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

34    ~~—10.]~~ The board of trustees of a school district or the governing  
35 body of a charter school or university school for profoundly gifted  
36 pupils may use a substantiated report of the abuse or neglect of a  
37 child or a violation of NRS 201.540, 201.560, 392.4633 or 394.366  
38 obtained from the Statewide Central Registry for the Collection of  
39 Information Concerning the Abuse or Neglect of a Child established  
40 by NRS 432.100 or an equivalent registry maintained by a  
41 governmental agency in another jurisdiction for the purposes  
42 authorized by NRS 388A.515, 388C.200, 391.033, 391.104 or  
43 391.281, as applicable. Such purposes may include, without  
44 limitation, making a determination concerning the assignment,  
45 discipline or termination of an employee. Any provision of any



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1 agreement negotiated pursuant to this chapter which conflicts with  
2 the provisions of this subsection is unenforceable and void.

3 ~~{H1-}~~ 10. This section does not preclude, but this chapter does  
4 not require, the local government employer to negotiate subject  
5 matters enumerated in subsection 3 which are outside the scope of  
6 mandatory bargaining. The local government employer shall discuss  
7 subject matters outside the scope of mandatory bargaining but it is  
8 not required to negotiate those matters.

9 ~~{H2-}~~ 11. Contract provisions presently existing in signed and  
10 ratified agreements as of May 15, 1975, at 12 p.m. remain  
11 negotiable.

12 ~~{H3-}~~ 12. As used in this section ~~{~~  
13 ~~—(a) “Abuse”~~, “abuse or neglect of a child” has the meaning  
14 ascribed to it in NRS 392.281.

15 ~~{(b) “Achievement charter school” has the meaning ascribed to~~  
16 ~~it in NRS 385.007.}~~

17 **Sec. 32.** NRS 332.185 is hereby amended to read as follows:  
18 332.185 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2 and  
19 NRS 244.1505 and 334.070, all sales of personal property of the  
20 local government must be made, as nearly as possible, under the  
21 same conditions and limitations as required by this chapter in  
22 the purchase of personal property. The governing body or its  
23 authorized representative may dispose of personal property of the  
24 local government by any manner, including, without limitation, at  
25 public auction, if the governing body or its authorized representative  
26 determines that the property is no longer required for public use and  
27 deems such action desirable and in the best interests of the local  
28 government.

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

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

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

41 **Sec. 33.** NRS 361.065 is hereby amended to read as follows:  
42 361.065 All lots, buildings and other school property owned by  
43 any legally created school district ~~{, the Achievement School~~  
44 ~~District}~~ or a charter school within the State and devoted to public  
45 school purposes are exempt from taxation.



1     **Sec. 34.** Chapter 656A of NRS is hereby amended by adding  
2     thereto a new section to read as follows:

3     *“Charter school” has the meaning ascribed to it in*  
4     *NRS 385.007.*

5     **Sec. 35.** NRS 656A.020 is hereby amended to read as follows:  
6     656A.020 As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise  
7     requires, the words and terms defined in NRS 656A.025 to  
8     656A.065, inclusive, *and section 34 of this act* have the meanings  
9     ascribed to them in those sections.

10    **Sec. 36.** The provisions of subsection 1 of NRS 218D.380 do  
11    not apply to any provision of this act which adds or revises a  
12    requirement to submit a report to the Legislature.

13    **Sec. 37.** 1. On the effective date of this act, the governing  
14    body of an achievement charter school shall be deemed to be  
15    approved by the State Public Charter School Authority to operate a  
16    charter school sponsored by the State Public Charter School  
17    Authority.

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

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

37    4. As used in this section:

38    (a) “Achievement charter school” has the meaning ascribed to it  
39    in NRS 385.007, as that section existed before the effective date of  
40    this act.

41    (b) “Charter school” has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS  
42    385.007, as amended by section 2 of this act.

43    **Sec. 38.** Notwithstanding the selection of any school before  
44    the effective date of this act for conversion to an achievement  
45    charter school pursuant to NRS 388B.200 beginning with the 2020-





2021 school year, no action may be taken on or after the effective date of this act to complete the conversion or operate the school as an achievement charter school and any contract entered into to operate the school as an achievement charter school is void.

**Sec. 39.** 1. Any regulations adopted by the Department of Education pursuant to NRS 388B.060 are void. The Legislative Counsel shall remove those regulations from the Nevada Administrative Code as soon as practicable after the effective date of this act.

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

**Sec. 40.** NRS 0.0302, 0.0307, 388A.025, 388B.010, 388B.020, 388B.030, 388B.040, 388B.050, 388B.060, 388B.100, 388B.110, 388B.120, 388B.200, 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. 41.** This act becomes effective upon passage and approval.

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## LEADLINES OF REPEALED SECTIONS

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**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.**

