

SENATE BILL NO. 324—SENATORS DONDERO LOOP, WOODHOUSE,  
DENIS, D. HARRIS, CANNIZZARO; BROOKS, CANCELA,  
OHRENSCHALL, PARKS AND SCHEIBLE

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JOINT SPONSOR: ASSEMBLYMAN THOMPSON

Referred to Committee on Finance

SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to education.  
(BDR 34-683)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.  
Effect on the State: Yes.

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

AN ACT relating to education; authorizing the use of a credit or debit card to disburse money from a special revenue fund established to use money received from the Teachers' School Supplies Reimbursement Account; authorizing a teacher to request an additional disbursement or reimbursement in certain circumstances from such a special revenue fund; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**Legislative Counsel's Digest:**

Existing law establishes the Teachers' School Supplies Reimbursement Account. (NRS 387.1253) Existing law requires the board of trustees of each school district and the governing body of each charter school to establish a special revenue fund to be used only to reimburse a teacher for his or her out-of-pocket expenses incurred by purchasing necessary school supplies for pupils he or she instructs. (NRS 387.1255) Under existing law, the Department of Education is required to establish the amount of reimbursement for each teacher, which must not exceed \$250 per fiscal year. Existing law further requires any money remaining in the special revenue fund to revert back to the Teachers' School Supplies Reimbursement Account. (NRS 387.1255) **Section 1** of this bill authorizes money in the special revenue fund to be used in the form of a credit or debit card issued by a school to a teacher to directly purchase necessary school supplies. **Section 1** also authorizes a teacher who has used the entirety of his or her allotted disbursement or reimbursement to request an additional disbursement or reimbursement if there is



money remaining in the special revenue fund. Finally, **section 1** provides that any money remaining in the special revenue fund at the end of the fiscal year does not revert back to the Teachers' School Supplies Reimbursement Account and must be carried forward to the next fiscal year.

Existing law requires the board of trustees of each school district and the governing body of each charter school to determine the manner in which to distribute the money in the special revenue fund to the teachers in the school district or charter school. (NRS 387.1257) **Section 2** of this bill empowers the board of trustees of a school district and the governing body of a charter school to authorize a school to allow a teacher to use a credit or debit card issued to the teacher by a school to directly purchase necessary school supplies.

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

**Section 1.** NRS 387.1255 is hereby amended to read as follows:

387.1255 1. On or before September 1 of each year, the Department shall determine the amount of money that is available in the Teachers' School Supplies Reimbursement Account created by NRS 387.1253 for distribution among all of the school districts and charter schools in this State for that fiscal year. Any such distribution must be provided to each school district and charter school based on the number of teachers employed by the school district or charter school, as applicable. To the extent that money is available, the Department shall establish the amount of *disbursement or* reimbursement for each teacher which must not exceed \$250 per fiscal year.

2. The board of trustees of each school district and the governing body of each charter school shall establish a special revenue fund and direct that the money it receives pursuant to subsection 1 be deposited in that fund. Money in the special revenue fund must not be commingled with money from other sources. The board of trustees or the governing body, as applicable, shall disburse money in the special revenue fund to teachers in accordance with NRS 387.1257.

3. The money in the special revenue fund must be used only to ~~reimburse~~ :

*(a) Pay for a purchase of necessary school supplies for the pupils instructed by a teacher using a debit card issued for this purpose to the teacher by a school;*

*(b) Pay the balance owed on a credit card issued to a teacher by a school to pay for a purchase of necessary school supplies for the pupils the teacher instructs; or*



(c) *Reimburse* teachers for out-of-pocket expenses incurred in connection with purchasing necessary school supplies for the pupils they instruct.

4. *If there is money remaining in the special revenue fund because one or more teachers at the school did not use the amount established for his or her disbursement or reimbursement pursuant to subsection 1, the board of trustees of a school district or the governing body of a charter school, as applicable, shall allow a teacher who has used the entire amount of his or her disbursement or reimbursement pursuant to subsection 1 to request an additional disbursement or reimbursement from the special revenue fund. The combined total amount of a disbursement or reimbursement and an additional disbursement or reimbursement for each teacher must not exceed \$250 per fiscal year.*

5. The board of trustees or governing body of a charter school, as applicable, shall not use money in the special revenue fund to pay any administrative costs.

~~[5-] 6.~~ Any money remaining in the special revenue fund at the end of a fiscal year ~~[reverts]~~ *does not revert* to the Teachers' School Supplies Reimbursement Account ~~[ ]~~ *and must be carried forward to the next fiscal year.*

**Sec. 2.** NRS 387.1257 is hereby amended to read as follows:

387.1257 1. The board of trustees of each school district and the governing body of each charter school that receives money pursuant to subsection 1 of NRS 387.1255 shall determine the manner in which to distribute the money to teachers in the school district or charter school, as applicable, including, without limitation, whether to *authorize a school to allow teachers to use a credit card or debit card connected to the special revenue fund issued to the teacher by the school to directly purchase school supplies or* require a teacher to submit a request for a claim for reimbursement for out-of-pocket expenses from the special revenue fund established pursuant to NRS 387.1255.

2. To the extent that money is available in the special revenue fund, the board of trustees or governing body, as applicable, may reimburse a teacher *, or the teacher may use,* up to the maximum amount determined by the Department for each teacher pursuant to NRS 387.1255 for the fiscal year.

3. If the board of trustees of a school district or the governing body of a charter school, as applicable, requires a teacher to submit a claim for reimbursement for out-of-pocket expenses to receive money from the special revenue fund, the teacher must submit such a claim no later than 2 weeks after the last day of the school year.



4. The board of trustees of a school district may enter into an agreement with the recognized employee organization representing licensed educational personnel within the school district for the purpose of obtaining assistance of the employee organization in administering the reimbursement of teachers pursuant to this section.

5. A teacher who receives money from *or uses a credit card or debit card issued by a school to the teacher connected to* the special revenue fund must submit receipts for any supplies purchased with the money *or credit card or debit card issued by a school to the teacher* to the principal of the school or charter school, as applicable. The principal must maintain such receipts until the end of the next fiscal year and make them available for inspection upon request of the Department.

*6. If a teacher who uses a credit card or debit card issued by a school to the teacher to directly purchase school supplies purchases anything other than school supplies or spends more than the maximum amount authorized pursuant to NRS 387.1255 in any fiscal year, the teacher shall repay to the special revenue fund established pursuant to NRS 387.1255 the full amount of any such transaction.*

**Sec. 3.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2019.

