

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 367—ASSEMBLYWOMEN TOLLES;  
ANDERSON, HANSEN, HARDY AND TORRES

MARCH 22, 2021

JOINT SPONSORS: SENATORS DENIS AND SEEVERS GANSERT

Referred to Committee on Education

SUMMARY—Revises provisions governing education.  
(BDR 34-87)

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

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

AN ACT relating to education; adding disciplinary studies to the list of core academic subjects that are required to be taught in all public schools; eliminating the requirement that a combined course of American government and economics use an advanced placement curriculum for the American government credit; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**Legislative Counsel's Digest:**

Existing law designates the core academic subjects that are required to be taught in all public schools, the Caliente Youth Center, the Nevada Youth Training Center and any other state facility for the detention of children that is operated pursuant to the provisions governing juvenile justice. (NRS 389.018) This bill adds disciplinary studies to the list of core academic subjects.

Existing law authorizes a school district to offer a combined course in American government and economics for one unit of credit if the curriculum of an advanced placement course is used for American government in the combined course. (NRS 389.018) This bill eliminates the requirement for the curriculum of an advanced placement course to be used for the American government credit in a combined course.



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

**Section 1.** NRS 389.018 is hereby amended to read as follows:

389.018 1. The following subjects are designated as the core academic subjects that must be taught, as applicable for grade levels, in all public schools, 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:

(a) English language arts;

(b) Mathematics;

(c) Science; ~~and~~

(d) Social studies, which includes only the subjects of history, geography, economics and government ~~}; and~~

*(e) Disciplinary studies.*

2. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, a pupil enrolled in a public high school must enroll in a minimum of:

(a) Four units of credit in English language arts;

(b) Four units of credit in mathematics, including, without limitation, Algebra I and geometry, or an equivalent course of study that integrates Algebra I and geometry;

(c) Three units of credit in science, including two laboratory courses; and

(d) Three units of credit in social studies, including, without limitation:

(1) One-half unit of credit in American government;

(2) Two units of credit in American history, world history or geography; and

(3) One-half unit of credit in economics.

↪ A pupil is not required to enroll in the courses of study and credits required by this subsection if the pupil, the parent or legal guardian of the pupil and an administrator or a counselor at the school in which the pupil is enrolled mutually agree to a modified course of study for the pupil and that modified course of study satisfies at least the requirements for a standard high school diploma, an adjusted diploma or an alternative diploma, as applicable. A school district may authorize one or more public high schools in the school district to offer a combined course in American government and economics for one unit of credit which satisfies the requirements of subparagraphs (1) and (3) . ~~[if the curriculum of an advanced placement course is used for American government in the combined course.]~~

3. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, in addition to the core academic subjects, the following subjects must be taught as applicable for grade levels and to the extent practicable in all



public schools, 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:

- (a) The arts;
- (b) Computer education and technology;
- (c) Health; and
- (d) Physical education.

➤ If the State Board requires the completion of course work in a subject area set forth in this subsection for graduation from high school or promotion to the next grade, a public school shall offer the required course work. Except as otherwise provided for a course of study in health prescribed by subsection 1 of NRS 389.021 and the instruction prescribed by subsection 1 of NRS 389.064, unless a subject is required for graduation from high school or promotion to the next grade, a charter school is not required to comply with this subsection.

4. Instruction in health and physical education provided pursuant to subsection 3 must include, without limitation, instruction concerning the importance of annual physical examinations by a provider of health care and the appropriate response to unusual aches and pains.

**Sec. 2.** 1. This section becomes effective upon passage and approval.

2. Section 1 of this act becomes effective:

(a) Upon passage and approval for the purpose of adopting regulations and performing any preliminary administrative tasks that are necessary to carry out the provisions of this act; and

(b) On January 1, 2022, for all other purposes.

