

Amendment No. 503

Assembly Amendment to Assembly Bill No. 450	(BDR S-1108)
Proposed by: Assembly Committee on Education	
Amends: Summary: No Title: No Preamble: No Joint Sponsorship: No Digest: No	

ASSEMBLY ACTION				Initial and Date	SENATE ACTION				Initial and Date
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EXPLANATION: Matter in (1) *blue bold italics* is new language in the original bill; (2) variations of green bold underlining is language proposed to be added in this amendment; (3) ~~red strikethrough~~ is deleted language in the original bill; (4) ~~purple double strikethrough~~ is language proposed to be deleted in this amendment; (5) orange double underlining is deleted language in the original bill proposed to be retained in this amendment.

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Date: 5/5/2021

A.B. No. 450—Revises provisions relating to workforce development.
(BDR S-1108)



ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 450—COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

(ON BEHALF OF THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR)

APRIL 8, 2021

Referred to Committee on Education

SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to workforce development.
(BDR S-1108)

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 workforce development; directing the Governor of the State of Nevada to appoint a committee to conduct an interim study concerning opportunities to align workforce training and programs offered by community colleges in this State; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

This bill directs the Governor to appoint a committee to conduct an interim study concerning opportunities to align the need for workforce training and the programs offered by community colleges in this State to meet the needs of the economy of this State. This bill: (1) establishes the membership of the committee; (2) establishes the subjects that the committee is required to study; and (3) requires the committee to report its findings to the Governor, the Chair of the Board of Regents of the University of Nevada and the Legislature on or before August 1, 2022.

WHEREAS, The workforce development system in Nevada is in need of meaningful transformation to meet the needs of the evolving economy in this State, a need that has only been magnified by the current public health crisis; and

WHEREAS, The Nevada System of Higher Education, which is governed by the Board of Regents of the University of Nevada, encompasses several different types of institutions of higher education, including, without limitation, community colleges; and

WHEREAS, Community colleges have always been and will remain critical to efforts to develop the workforce in this State as the economy continues to expand and diversify, both in the areas of existing trades and professions and the emerging careers of the future economy; and

WHEREAS, Community colleges in this State provide a broad spectrum of education, from traditional degree programs to certificate and training programs, all of which are essential to developing the workforce in this State; and

1 WHEREAS, Certain community colleges provide essential public higher
2 education services for vast areas of rural Nevada; and

3 WHEREAS, Recent economic downturns in this State highlight the need for
4 community colleges to be more closely aligned with the diverse students, business
5 communities and regions of this State that they serve; and

6 WHEREAS, In order to maximize the opportunities offered by community
7 colleges in this State and the expanding economy, Nevada must take a cooperative
8 approach to identifying opportunities for realigning education and training funding,
9 increasing coordination and collaboration among partners within the workforce
10 system and establishing accountability for statewide workforce development going
11 forward; and

12 WHEREAS, With an evolving state economy and workforce, Nevada must
13 ensure that the higher education funding formula incentivizes the education and
14 training of tomorrow's workforce; and

15 WHEREAS, It is important to determine whether new methods of coordinating,
16 governing or funding community colleges in this State are necessary to improve
17 and advance the purpose of community colleges in this State; now, therefore,

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19 THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
20 SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:
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22 **Section 1.** 1. The Governor of the State of Nevada shall appoint a
23 committee to conduct an interim study concerning opportunities to align the need
24 for workforce training and the programs offered by community colleges to meet the
25 needs of the evolving economy in Nevada. The committee shall analyze the
26 coordinating and governance structures of and funding mechanisms for community
27 colleges in this State to ensure efficient coordination among all of the workforce
28 development partners in Nevada.

29 2. The committee shall be composed of:

30 (a) One member who is a representative of the Office of Economic
31 Development;

32 (b) Three members who are representatives of local chambers of commerce or
33 economic development entities, one of whom must be a representative from
34 northern Nevada and two of whom must be representatives from southern Nevada;

35 (c) One member who is a representative of a labor organization in this
36 State and who has, or has had, a defined role in a jointly administered
37 apprenticeship program recognized by the State Apprenticeship Council;

38 (d) The Superintendent of Public Instruction;

39 ~~(e)~~ (e) The Chancellor of the Nevada System of Higher Education; and

40 ~~(f)~~ (f) One member who is a president of a community college in the Nevada
41 System of Higher Education.

42 3. The Chancellor of the Nevada System of Higher Education and one
43 representative from private industry shall serve as co-chairs of the committee.

44 4. The co-chairs of the committee may jointly create and appoint
45 subcommittees, if necessary, to achieve the mission of the committee.

46 5. Members of the committee serve without compensation and are not entitled
47 to any per diem.

48 6. The committee shall consult with and solicit input from persons and
49 organizations, including, without limitation, the Association of Governing Boards
50 of Universities and Colleges, the American Association of Community Colleges
51 and the National Association of System Heads, with expertise in matters relevant to

1 the coordinating and governing structures of and funding methods for community
2 colleges in this State.

3 7. In conducting its study, the committee shall review and examine areas that
4 include, without limitation, the following:

5 (a) National best practices of governance of and funding for community
6 colleges;

7 (b) Effective relationships among local school districts, workforce
8 development and community colleges, including, without limitation, any
9 recommendations concerning how this State can strengthen such relationships to
10 improve student achievement;

11 (c) Effective relationships between business and industry and community
12 colleges, including, without limitation, any recommendations concerning how this
13 State can strengthen such relationships to better prepare students for entry into the
14 workforce;

15 (d) The mission of each community college in this State, which must include a
16 determination of whether, over the 10-year period immediately preceding the
17 review, the mission of the community college has changed and whether changes to
18 the academic programs of the community college have enhanced or undermined
19 that mission; and

20 (e) Other matters that are necessary to fulfill the mission of the committee, as
21 determined by the co-chairs.

22 8. The committee shall submit a report of its findings, including, without
23 limitation, any proposed changes to the coordinating and governance structures of
24 or funding methods for community colleges in this State and any recommendations
25 for legislation to the Governor of the State of Nevada, the Chair of the Board of
26 Regents of the University of Nevada and the Director of the Legislative Counsel
27 Bureau not later than August 1, 2022, for transmittal to the 82nd Session of the
28 Nevada Legislature.

29 9. The Office of the Governor and the Nevada System of Higher Education
30 shall provide administrative and technical assistance to the committee or any
31 subcommittee appointed pursuant to this section.

32 10. As used in this section, "labor organization" has the meaning
33 ascribed to it in NRS 613.230.

34 **Sec. 2.** Notwithstanding the provisions of NRS 218D.430 and 218D.435, a
35 committee, other than the Assembly Standing Committee on Ways and Means and
36 the Senate Standing Committee on Finance, may vote on this act before the
37 expiration of the period prescribed for the return of a fiscal note in NRS 218D.475.
38 This section applies retroactively from and after March 22, 2021.

39 **Sec. 3.** This act becomes effective upon passage and approval.