

SENATE BILL NO. 118—SENATORS SEEVERS GANSERT, PICKARD,
HARDY, BUCK; DONDERO LOOP, GOICOECHEA AND KIECKHEFER

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JOINT SPONSORS: ASSEMBLYMEN
TOLLES; ROBERTS AND TORRES

Referred to Committee on Education

SUMMARY—Establishes provisions relating to education.
(BDR 34-155)

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

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

AN ACT relating to education; establishing the Nevada First
Scholars Program; requiring the Program to provide
support or services to certain pupils; authorizing the
Program to use money it receives from various sources
for certain purposes; and providing other matters properly
relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

1 This bill establishes the Nevada First Scholars Program within the Nevada
2 System of Higher Education to provide support and services to certain pupils who
3 are low income and prospective first-generation college students. To the extent
4 money is available, this bill requires the Program to provide certain support or
5 services, which may include, without limitation: (1) mentorship; (2) tutoring; (3)
6 access to food, technology or other resources; and (4) certain programs or activities.
7 This bill also authorizes the Program to coordinate with Title I schools to identify
8 pupils who are eligible to participate in the Program. Finally, this bill authorizes the
9 Program to use any gift, donation, bequest, grant or other source of money it
10 receives to carry out the provisions of this bill.



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

Section 1. Chapter 396 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

1. The Nevada First Scholars Program is hereby established within the System to provide support and services to pupils identified pursuant to subsection 3 in graduating from high school and obtaining an associate's degree, baccalaureate degree or certificate at a community college, state college or university.

2. To the extent money is available, the Nevada First Scholars Program shall provide support or services to pupils identified pursuant to subsection 3 from the time a pupil begins participation in the Program until the pupil graduates from a community college, state college or university or decides to no longer participate in the Program. The support or services provided by the Program may include, without limitation:

(a) Mentorship;

(b) Tutoring;

(c) Access to food, technology or other resources the Program deems appropriate; and

(d) Programs or activities, including, without limitation, summer programs, with other participants in the Program.

3. The Nevada First Scholars Program may partner with Title I schools to identify pupils enrolled in grade 6 or higher who are eligible to participate in the Program. A pupil is eligible to participate in the Program if the pupil would benefit from the support or services provided by the Program and:

(a) Is eligible for free or reduced-price breakfasts pursuant to 42 U.S.C. §§ 1771 et seq. or free or reduced-price lunches pursuant to 42 U.S.C. §§ 1751 et seq.; and

(b) Is a prospective first-generation college student.

4. Any gift, donation, bequest, grant or other source of money received by the Nevada First Scholars Program may be used to carry out the provisions of this section.

5. As used in this section, "Title I school" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 385A.040.

Sec. 2. This act becomes effective on July 1, 2021.

