

SENATE BILL NO. 160—SENATORS
KIECKHEFER AND SEEVERS GANSERT

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Referred to Committee on Education

SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to education.
(BDR 34-819)

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; authorizing a school district or charter school to enter into a cooperative agreement to provide dual credit courses with an institution of higher education located in another state; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Existing law requires each school district and charter school to enter into a cooperative agreement with a community college, state college or university to offer dual credit courses to pupils enrolled in the school district or charter school. Under existing law, a community college, state college or university is required to provide a copy of any such cooperative agreement to the Nevada System of Higher Education and the Department of Education. (NRS 389.310) This bill clarifies that the community college, state college or university with which a school district or charter school is required to enter into such a cooperative agreement must be located in this State. This bill also authorizes a school district or charter school to similarly enter into a cooperative agreement with an institution of higher education located in another state to offer dual credit courses to pupils enrolled in the school district or charter school. This bill requires an institution of higher education located in another state that enters into a cooperative agreement with a school district or charter school in this State to provide a copy of the agreement to the Department.



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

Section 1. NRS 389.310 is hereby amended to read as follows:

389.310 1. Each school district and charter school shall enter into cooperative agreements with one or more community colleges, state colleges and universities *located in this State* to offer dual credit courses to pupils enrolled in the school district or charter school. *A school district or charter school may enter into cooperative agreements with one or more institutions of higher education located in another state to offer dual credit courses to pupils enrolled in the school district or charter school.*

2. Each cooperative agreement entered into pursuant to this section must include, without limitation:

(a) Provisions specifying the amount of credit to be awarded for the successful completion of the dual credit course;

(b) A requirement that any credits earned by a pupil for the successful completion of a dual credit course must be applied toward earning a credential, certificate or degree, as applicable, at the community college, state college or university that provides the dual credit course;

(c) An explanation of the manner in which the tuition for the dual credit course will be paid, including, without limitation, whether:

(1) The school district or charter school will pay all or a portion of the tuition for the dual credit course;

(2) A pupil is responsible for paying all or a portion of the tuition for the dual credit course;

(3) Grants from the Department are available and will be applied to pay all or a portion of the tuition for the dual credit course; and

(4) Any other funding source, including federal funding sources or sources from private entities, will be applied by the school district or charter school to pay all or a portion of the tuition for the dual credit course;

(d) A requirement that the school district or charter school establish an academic program for each pupil enrolled in the dual credit course that includes, as applicable, the academic plan developed for the pupil pursuant to NRS 388.205;

(e) Assignment by the school district or charter school of a unique identification number to each pupil who is enrolled in the dual credit course;

(f) A requirement that the community college, state college or university that provides the dual credit course retain the unique



1 identification number assigned to each pupil pursuant to
2 paragraph (e);

3 (g) A written consideration and identification of the ways in
4 which a pupil who is enrolled in a dual credit course can remain
5 eligible for interscholastic activities; and

6 (h) Any other financial or other provisions that the school
7 district or charter school and the community college, state college or
8 university that provides the dual credit course deem appropriate.

9 3. A community college, state college or university that offers
10 a dual credit course shall provide to the Nevada System of Higher
11 Education and the Department a copy of each cooperative
12 agreement entered into by the community college, state college or
13 university pursuant to subsection 1. *An institution of higher
14 education located in another state that enters into a cooperative
15 agreement with a school district or charter school in this State to
16 offer a dual credit course shall provide to the Department a copy
17 of each cooperative agreement entered into by the institution of
18 higher education pursuant to subsection 1.*

19 4. The Nevada System of Higher Education , *if applicable*, and
20 the Department shall retain a copy of each cooperative agreement
21 entered into pursuant to this section.

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

