

SENATE BILL NO. 272—SENATORS SEEVERS
GANSERT AND KIECKHEFER

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Referred to Committee on Education

SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to education.
(BDR 34-940)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: Contains Appropriation not included
in Executive Budget.

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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 Educator Corps to provide tutoring services in public schools; making an appropriation; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

This bill establishes the Nevada Educator Corps to provide tutoring services in public schools. **Section 1** of this bill requires the Department of Education to: (1) establish a database of members of the Nevada Educator Corps from which to assign members to public schools to provide in person and online tutoring services; (2) conduct a background check of each member of the Nevada Educator Corps; and (3) waive the fee for a license to teach if a member does not have such a license. **Section 1** provides that a person is eligible to join the Nevada Educator Corps if the person is a: (1) retired teacher; (2) teacher currently licensed in this State; or (3) student with a certain number of college credits who receives a special license to teach. **Section 1** also provides for the payment of members of the Nevada Educator Corps. Finally, **section 1** requires a regional training program for the professional development of teachers and administrators to provide training to members of the Nevada Educator Corps and determine the best subject area for a member to provide tutoring services.

Section 2 of this bill makes an appropriation to the Department of Education to administer the Nevada Educator Corps.



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

Section 1. Chapter 391 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

1. The Nevada Educator Corps is hereby created to provide tutoring services in public schools.

2. The Department shall establish a database of members who have joined the Nevada Educator Corps from which to assign members to public schools to provide tutoring services during or after school and in person or online. The Department may use any list of licensed personnel to recruit persons to join the Nevada Educator Corps.

3. A person is eligible to join the Nevada Educator Corps if the person is a:

(a) Retired teacher who held a license to teach pursuant to this chapter;

(b) Teacher currently licensed to teach pursuant to this chapter; or

(c) Student at a university, state college or community college in this State who has completed at least 30 credit hours of coursework and obtains a special license to teach pursuant to this chapter.

4. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, each member of the Nevada Educator Corps must be paid \$20 per hour for not more than 700 hours of tutoring over the course of each school year. A person may volunteer to provide tutoring services as a member of the Nevada Educator Corps.

5. Each regional training program for the professional development of teachers and administrators shall provide training to members of the Nevada Educator Corps and determine in which subject areas each member of the Nevada Educator Corps is best suited to provide tutoring services.

6. Before allowing a member of the Nevada Educator Corps to provide tutoring services in a public school, the Department must conduct a national background check, which must include, without limitation, reports of the criminal history of the member from the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Central Repository for Nevada Records of Criminal History.

7. If a member of the Nevada Educator Corps does not hold a license issued pursuant to this chapter, the Department shall waive any fee for the issuance of such a license.



Sec. 2. 1. There is hereby appropriated from the State General Fund to the Department of Education the sum of \$5,000,000 for the administration of the Nevada Educator Corps established pursuant to section 1 of this act.

2. Any remaining balance of the appropriation made by subsection 1 must not be committed for expenditure after June 30, 2023, by the entity to which the appropriation is made or any entity to which money from the appropriation is granted or otherwise transferred in any manner, and any portion of the appropriated money remaining must not be spent for any purpose after September 15, 2023, by either the entity to which the money was appropriated or the entity to which the money was subsequently granted or transferred, and must be reverted to the State General Fund on or before September 15, 2023.

Sec. 3. This act becomes effective on July 1, 2021.

