

SENATE BILL NO. 66—COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

(ON BEHALF OF THE CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT)

PREFILED NOVEMBER 18, 2020

Referred to Committee on Education

SUMMARY—Creates the Nevada K-16 Connectivity and Innovation Advisory Commission. (BDR 34-430)

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 education; creating the Nevada K-16 Connectivity and Innovation Advisory Commission; prescribing the duties of the Commission; requiring the Commission to prepare and submit an annual report; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**Legislative Counsel's Digest:**

This bill creates the Nevada K-16 Connectivity and Innovation Advisory Commission for the general purpose of coordinating the implementation of telecommunications services for education in Nevada. **Section 2** of this bill provides for the appointment of members to the Commission and requires the Commission to meet at least quarterly.

**Section 3** of this bill establishes the duties of the Commission, which include, without limitation: (1) supporting and facilitating the telecommunications needs of certain entities affiliated with K-12 public education and the Nevada System of Higher Education; (2) establishing model parameters for telecommunications networks in public settings for use by pupils and students; and (3) developing a financial model for the sustainability and financial stability of such telecommunications networks, services and equipment. **Section 3** also requires the Commission to: (1) work with private sector entities to deliver telecommunications networks, services or equipment; and (2) avoid duplicating the telecommunications networks, services or equipment of other public or private providers. Finally, **section 3** authorizes the Department of Education to adopt any regulations necessary to carry out the provisions of this bill.

**Section 4** of this bill requires the Commission to prepare an annual report on the status of the Commission in carrying out its duties and submit the report to the Governor and: (1) in odd-numbered years, to the Senate and Assembly Standing



21 Committees on Education; and (2) in even-numbered years, to the Legislative  
22 Committee on Education.

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

1     **Section 1.** Chapter 385 of NRS is hereby amended by adding  
2 thereto the provisions set forth as sections 2, 3 and 4 of this act.

3     **Sec. 2. 1. *The Nevada K-16 Connectivity and Innovation***  
4 ***Advisory Commission is hereby created. The Commission consists***  
5 ***of the following 13 members:***

6     ***(a) Three members appointed by the Board of Regents of the***  
7 ***University of Nevada who represent the Nevada System of Higher***  
8 ***Education as follows:***

9         ***(1) One member from a county whose population is***  
10 ***700,000 or more;***

11         ***(2) One member from a county whose population is***  
12 ***100,000 or more but less than 700,000; and***

13         ***(3) One member from a county whose population is less***  
14 ***than 100,000;***

15     ***(b) Five members who represent the system of public***  
16 ***education in this State, appointed as follows:***

17         ***(1) One member appointed by the State Board of***  
18 ***Education;***

19         ***(2) One member appointed by the Nevada Association of***  
20 ***School Superintendents, or its successor organization, who***  
21 ***represents a school district in a county whose population is***  
22 ***700,000 or more;***

23         ***(3) One member appointed by the Nevada Association of***  
24 ***School Superintendents, or its successor organization, who***  
25 ***represents a school district in a county whose population is***  
26 ***100,000 or more but less than 700,000;***

27         ***(4) One member appointed by the Nevada Association of***  
28 ***School Superintendents, or its successor organization, who***  
29 ***represents a school district in a county whose population is less***  
30 ***than 100,000; and***

31         ***(5) One member appointed by the State Public Charter***  
32 ***School Authority;***

33     ***(c) Two members appointed by the Governor who represent***  
34 ***parks and recreation as follows:***

35         ***(1) One member appointed by the Governor who represents***  
36 ***a parks and recreation department in a county whose population is***  
37 ***700,000 or more; and***



(2) One member appointed by the Governor who represents a parks and recreation department in a county whose population is less than 700,000;

(d) One member appointed by the State Library, Archives and Public Records Administrator who represents the Division of State Library, Archives and Public Records of the Department of Administration; and

(e) Two members appointed by the Governor who represent the telecommunications industry.

2. Each member of the Commission serves a term of 2 years and may be reappointed to additional terms.

3. A vacancy on the Commission must be filled in the same manner as the original appointment not later than 30 days after the vacancy occurs.

4. At the first meeting of each calendar year, the Commission shall elect from among its members a Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary, and shall adopt the rules and procedures of the Commission.

5. The Commission shall meet at least quarterly and may meet at other times upon the call of the Chair.

6. Members of the Commission serve without compensation.

7. A member of the Commission who is a public employee must be granted administrative leave from the member's duties to engage in the business of the Commission without loss of his or her regular compensation. Such leave does not reduce the amount of the member's other accrued leave.

8. The Commission may apply for and accept gifts, grants, donations and contributions from any source for the purpose of carrying out its duties pursuant to section 3 of this act.

9. The Department shall provide administrative support to the Commission.

**Sec. 3. 1. The Nevada K-16 Connectivity and Innovation Advisory Commission created by section 2 of this act shall:**

(a) Support and facilitate the telecommunications needs of public schools, school districts, public institutions of higher education, public libraries, community centers and other entities affiliated with the system of K-12 public education in this State and the Nevada System of Higher Education for the purpose of addressing connectivity issues for pupils and students;

(b) Establish model parameters for telecommunications networks in public settings for use by pupils or students by, without limitation:

(1) Developing and implementing a telecommunications network for the delivery of educational services which may use,



1 *without limitation, satellites, microwaves, fiber optics, broadcast*  
2 *media and other forms of transmission;*

3 (2) *Ensuring that public schools, school districts, public*  
4 *institutions of higher education, public libraries, community*  
5 *centers and other entities affiliated with the system of K-12 public*  
6 *education in this State and the Nevada System of Higher*  
7 *Education have access to any telecommunications networks,*  
8 *services or equipment necessary for the delivery of educational*  
9 *services;*

10 (3) *Procuring, installing and maintaining high quality,*  
11 *cost-effective telecommunications networks, services or*  
12 *equipment, including, without limitation, Internet access, on*  
13 *behalf of public schools, school districts and public institutions of*  
14 *higher education, when determined by the Commission to be*  
15 *appropriate;*

16 (4) *Coordinating and supporting any initiatives relating to*  
17 *telecommunications technology for public schools, school districts*  
18 *and public institutions of higher education;*

19 (5) *Sharing reports on trends that relate to the use of*  
20 *emerging technology in K-12 education; and*

21 (6) *Considering and making recommendations relating to*  
22 *major themes affecting innovation in teaching and learning in*  
23 *schools and communities; and*

24 (c) *Develop a financial model that provides for the*  
25 *sustainability and financial stability of telecommunications*  
26 *networks, services or equipment, including, without limitation,*  
27 *Internet access, used for such educational purposes.*

28 2. *In carrying out its duties pursuant to subsection 1, the*  
29 *Commission shall:*

30 (a) *Work with private sector entities to deliver high quality,*  
31 *cost-effective telecommunications networks, services or*  
32 *equipment; and*

33 (b) *Avoid duplicating the telecommunications networks,*  
34 *services or equipment of other public or private providers of*  
35 *telecommunications networks, services or equipment.*

36 3. *The Department may adopt any regulations necessary to*  
37 *carry out the provisions of this section.*

38 **Sec. 4. 1.** *On or before February 1 of each year, the*  
39 *Nevada K-16 Connectivity and Innovation Advisory Commission*  
40 *created by section 2 of this act shall prepare an annual report*  
41 *concerning the status of the Commission in carrying out its duties*  
42 *prescribed by section 3 of this act, including, without limitation:*

43 (a) *Any recommendations for the procurement, installation*  
44 *and maintenance of telecommunications networks, services or*



1 *equipment pursuant to subparagraph (3) of paragraph (b) of*  
2 *subsection 1 of section 3 of this act; and*

3 *(b) A description of the coordination of any initiatives relating*  
4 *to telecommunications technology pursuant to subparagraph (4)*  
5 *of paragraph (b) of subsection 1 of section 3 of this act.*

6 *2. The report prepared pursuant to subsection 1 must be*  
7 *submitted to the Governor and the Department and:*

8 *(a) In odd-numbered years, to the Director of the Legislative*  
9 *Counsel Bureau for transmittal to the Senate and Assembly*  
10 *Standing Committees on Education.*

11 *(b) In even-numbered years, to the Legislative Committee on*  
12 *Education.*

13 *3. The Department shall post a copy of the report prepared by*  
14 *the Commission pursuant to subsection 1 on the Internet website*  
15 *maintained by the Department.*

16 **Sec. 5.** The provisions of subsection 1 of NRS 218D.380 do  
17 not apply to any provision of this act which adds or revises a  
18 requirement to submit a report to the Legislature.

