

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
OF THE  
ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION**

**Eighty-First Session  
April 9, 2021**

The Committee on Education was called to order by Chair Shannon Bilbray-Axelrod at 3:37 p.m. on Friday, April 9, 2021, Online. Copies of the minutes, including the Agenda ([Exhibit A](#)), the Attendance Roster ([Exhibit B](#)), and other substantive exhibits, are available and on file in the Research Library of the Legislative Counsel Bureau and on the Nevada Legislature's website at [www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/81st2021](http://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/81st2021).

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Assemblywoman Shannon Bilbray-Axelrod, Chair  
Assemblywoman Brittney Miller, Vice Chair  
Assemblywoman Bea Duran  
Assemblyman Edgar Flores  
Assemblywoman Michelle Gorelow  
Assemblywoman Alexis Hansen  
Assemblywoman Melissa Hardy  
Assemblywoman Lisa Krasner  
Assemblywoman Elaine Marzola  
Assemblyman Richard McArthur  
Assemblywoman Rochelle T. Nguyen  
Assemblywoman Jill Tolles  
Assemblywoman Selena Torres

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:**

None

**GUEST LEGISLATORS PRESENT:**

Assemblywoman Susie Martinez, Assembly District No. 12

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Kristi Robusto, Committee Policy Analyst  
Amanda Marincic, Committee Counsel  
Nick Christie, Committee Manager  
Sarah Baker, Committee Secretary  
Melissa Loomis, Committee Assistant



**OTHERS PRESENT:**

None

**Chair Bilbray-Axelrod:**

Welcome. Today we have one bill on work session. I will open the work session on Assembly Bill 257.

**Assembly Bill 257 (2nd Reprint): Establishes provisions governing indoor air quality in public schools. (BDR 34-212)**

**Kristi Robusto, Committee Policy Analyst:**

Assembly Bill 257 requires the Office of Energy within the Office of the Governor, to the extent that funds are available, to award a grant to the board of trustees of a school district, the sponsors of a charter school, or a business to employ a certified technician to assess the status of and make improvements to the ventilation and filtration systems of a school and ensure that the systems are performing adequately and efficiently [[Exhibit C](#)].

The bill also sets forth requirements for a certified technician to assess and perform updates to systems, rates, and monitors in schools for filtration, ventilation, heating and air conditioning, and carbon dioxide. These systems, rates, and monitors must meet certain standards and if the bill standards conflict with accepted industry standards, the industry standard prevails.

Additionally, the bill requires for the certified technician to prepare an assessment report containing certain information. The board of trustees of a school district, sponsors of a charter school, or business receiving a grant must prepare a report on work performed and make it available to the Office of Energy upon request.

There is one conceptual amendment proposed by Assemblywoman Martinez which does the following:

- Updates and adds definitions;
- Removes provisions in section 6 related to the Office of Energy awarding grants;
- Amends section 8 regarding certain specified requirements;
- Deletes subsection 2 of section 10;
- Amends section 11 to provide a cost cap;

- Amends section 12 provisions regarding cost of repairs and reporting requirements;
- Deletes section 13 in its entirety;
- Adds a new section related to schools with no or limited existing mechanical ventilation;
- Adds a new section related to local educational agencies and the safe return to in-person instruction plans;
- Clarifies certain terms used;
- Adds a new section for a declaration of legislative intent; and
- Amends to be a two-year program, which requires the work to be done within 24 months if there are available funds and requires the addendum to the school required reopening plan, which will clarify that it must be done within 60 days of the effective date of the legislation.

**Chair Bilbray-Axelrod:**

Before we take a motion, are there any questions on A.B. 257? [There were none.] I will take a motion to amend and do pass A.B. 257.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN TORRES MADE A MOTION TO AMEND AND DO PASS ASSEMBLY BILL 257.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN NGUYEN SECONDED THE MOTION.

Are there any comments or questions on the motion? [There were none.]

THE MOTION PASSED. (ASSEMBLYMEN HANSEN, HARDY, KRASNER, MCARTHUR, AND TOLLES VOTED NO.)

I see that Assemblywoman Martinez is here, so I will assign the floor statement to her and give Assemblyman Flores the backup.

I will close the work session and move on to public comment. Do we have any callers who wish to give public comment? [There were none.]

Are there any comments from members before we adjourn? [There were none.] This meeting is adjourned [at 3:46 p.m.].

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

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Sarah Baker  
Committee Secretary

APPROVED BY:

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Assemblywoman Shannon Bilbray-Axelrod, Chair

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

## **EXHIBITS**

[Exhibit A](#) is the Agenda.

[Exhibit B](#) is the Attendance Roster.

[Exhibit C](#) is a Work Session Document for Assembly Bill 257, presented and submitted by Kristi Robusto, Committee Policy Analyst, Research Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau.