

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 164—ASSEMBLYMAN YEAGER

FEBRUARY 14, 2023

Referred to Committee on Education

SUMMARY—Revises provisions related to outdoor recreation.
(BDR S-487)

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 outdoor recreation; requiring the Division of Outdoor Recreation in the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources to establish an Outdoor Education Advisory Working Group during the 2023-2024 interim to study approaches to incorporate outdoor recreation into the curriculum of the public education system in this State; prescribing the membership and duties of the Outdoor Education Advisory Working Group; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

1 This bill requires the Division of Outdoor Recreation in the State Department
2 of Conservation and Natural Resources to establish an Outdoor Education Advisory
3 Working Group in the 2023-2024 interim to study approaches to incorporate
4 outdoor recreation into the curriculum of the public education system in this State.
5 This bill also: (1) prescribes the membership and duties of the Outdoor Education
6 Advisory Working Group; and (2) requires the Division to submit a written report
7 describing the activities, findings, conclusions and recommendations of the
8 Advisory Working Group for transmittal to the 83rd Session of the Legislature.

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

1 **Section 1.** 1. The Division of Outdoor Recreation in the
2 State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources shall
3 establish an Outdoor Education Advisory Working Group during the



2023-2024 interim to study approaches to incorporate outdoor recreation into the curriculum of the public education system in this State. The Advisory Working Group consists of the following members:

(a) A representative of the Division of Outdoor Recreation, appointed by the Administrator of the Division;

(b) A representative of the Office of Early Learning and Development in the Department of Education, the Office of Standards and Instructional Support in the Department of Education or the Office for a Safe and Respectful Learning Environment in the Department of Education, appointed by the Superintendent of Public Instruction of the Department of Education;

(c) A representative of the Office of Minority Health and Equity in the Department of Health and Human Services, appointed by the Director of the Department of Health and Human Services;

(d) One teacher from an urban area, appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly;

(e) One teacher from an urban area, appointed by the Majority Leader of the Senate;

(f) One teacher from a rural area, appointed by the Governor;

(g) A provider of nature-based education, appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly;

(h) A member of the Senate, appointed by the Majority Leader of the Senate;

(i) A member of the Senate, appointed by the Minority Leader of the Senate;

(j) A member of the Assembly, appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly;

(k) A member of the Assembly, appointed by the Minority Leader of the Assembly;

(l) An early education specialist, appointed by the Majority Leader of the Senate; and

(m) A provider of health care to children and adolescents, appointed by the Governor.

2. The Outdoor Education Advisory Working Group shall study approaches to incorporate outdoor recreation into the curriculum for preschool, kindergarten and grades 1 to 12, inclusive, which include, without limitation, opportunities to integrate outdoor recreation with:

(a) Physical education;

(b) Scientific inquiry;

(c) Technology;

(d) Environmental science;

(e) Physical sciences;

(f) Language arts;



- (g) Art;
- (h) Humanities;
- (i) Social and emotional learning; and
- (j) Public service.

3. The Outdoor Education Advisory Working Group shall, at its first meeting, elect a Chair and Vice Chair from among its members.

4. A majority of the members of the Outdoor Education Advisory Working Group constitutes a quorum for the transaction of business, and a majority of those members present at any meeting is sufficient for any official action taken by the Outdoor Education Advisory Working Group.

5. The Division shall provide the Advisory Working Group with such administrative support as is necessary to assist the Outdoor Recreation Working Group in carrying out its duties pursuant to this section.

6. The members of the Outdoor Education Advisory Working Group serve without compensation.

7. The Division shall, on or before December 31, 2024, prepare and submit a written report describing the activities, findings, conclusions and recommendations of the Outdoor Education Advisory Working Group to the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for transmittal to the 83rd Session of the Legislature.

Sec. 2. 1. This section becomes effective upon passage and approval.

2. Section 1 of this act becomes effective:

(a) Upon passage and approval for the purpose of appointing members to the Outdoor Education Advisory Working Group established pursuant to section 1 of this act and performing any other preparatory administrative tasks that are necessary to carry out the provisions of this act; and

(b) On July 1, 2023, for all other purposes.

