

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; (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; and  
9 (3) authorizes the Outdoor Education Advisory Working Group to request the  
10 drafting of not more than one legislative measure for prefilng on or before the first  
11 day of the regular session of the Legislature in 2025.



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

**Section 1.** 1. The Division of Outdoor Recreation in the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources shall 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) One superintendent of a school district, appointed by the Nevada Association of School Superintendents;

(h) One parent or legal guardian of a pupil enrolled in a public school, appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly;

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

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

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

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

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

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

(o) 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 generally.

7. Each member of the Outdoor Education Advisory Working Group who is an officer or employee of the State or a local government must be relieved from his or her duties without loss of regular compensation so that the member may prepare for and attend meetings of the Outdoor Education Advisory Working Group and perform any work necessary to carry out the duties of the Outdoor Education Advisory Working Group in the most timely manner practicable. A state agency or local government shall not require an officer or employee who is a member of the Outdoor Education Advisory Working Group to make up the time the member is absent from work to carry out his or her duties as a member, and shall not require the member to take annual vacation or compensatory time for the absence.

8. The Division may accept gifts, grants and donations from any source to support the work of the Outdoor Education Advisory Working Group.



9. 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.

10. The Outdoor Education Advisory Working Group may request the drafting of not more than one legislative measure which relates to matters within the scope of the Outdoor Education Advisory Working Group. The request must be submitted to the Legislative Counsel on or before December 31, 2024, and must be on a form prescribed by the Legislative Counsel. A legislative measure requested pursuant to this subsection must be prefiled on or before the first day of the regular session of the Legislature in 2025. A legislative measure that is not prefiled on or before that day shall be deemed withdrawn.

**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.

