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AN ACT relating to education; creating and establishing the membership, powers and duties of the Subcommittee on Education Accountability of the Interim Finance Committee; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

Existing law creates the Interim Finance Committee to exercise certain fiscal duties when the Legislature is not in a regular or special session. (NRS 218E.400, 218E.405) **Section 2** of this bill creates the Subcommittee on Education Accountability of the Interim Finance Committee, consisting of five members of the Assembly and three members of the Senate.

Section 3 of this bill: (1) requires the Subcommittee to meet at least twice annually; and (2) provides that the general objectives and functions of the Subcommittee are to discuss, evaluate and make recommendations relating to accountability in public education in this State in order to improve the educational achievements and outcomes for pupils. **Section 3** further provides that the Subcommittee may study, without limitation: (1) fiscal policy, school finance or similar or related financial activities; (2) the sufficiency of current revenue and expenditures relating to public education in this State and the anticipated revenue and expenditures that are necessary to improve educational achievements and outcomes for pupils; (3) administrative support and policies; (4) corrective action plans for public schools to improve educational achievements and outcomes; and (5) the rules, regulations and policies of individual school districts or public schools.

EXPLANATION – Matter in ***bolded italics*** is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

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

Section 1. Chapter 218E of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto the provisions set forth as sections 2 and 3 of this act.

Sec. 2. 1. *There is hereby created the Subcommittee on Education Accountability of the Interim Finance Committee, consisting of the following members:*

(a) Five members of the Assembly appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly, three of whom must be members of the majority political party and two of whom must be members of the minority political party; and

(b) Three members of the Senate appointed by the Majority Leader of the Senate, two of whom must be members of the majority political party and one of whom must be a member of the minority political party.



2. The Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau shall act as Secretary of the Subcommittee.

3. If any regular member of the Subcommittee informs the Secretary that the member will be unable to attend a particular meeting, the Secretary shall notify the Speaker of the Assembly or the Majority Leader of the Senate, as the case may be, to appoint an alternate for the meeting from the same House and political party as the absent member.

4. The Chair of the Interim Finance Committee shall appoint a Chair of the Subcommittee from one House and a Vice Chair of the Subcommittee from the other House.

5. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 6, the term of a member of the Subcommittee expires upon the convening of the next regular legislative session, unless the member is replaced by the appointing authority.

6. The membership of any member of the Subcommittee described in subsection 1 who is not a candidate for reelection or who is defeated for reelection terminates on the day next after the general election.

7. Vacancies on the Subcommittee must be filled in the same manner as original appointments.

Sec. 3. 1. The members of the Subcommittee on Education Accountability of the Interim Finance Committee shall meet at least twice annually at the times and places specified by a call of the Chair of the Subcommittee or a majority of the Subcommittee.

2. A meeting held jointly by the Assembly Standing Committee on Ways and Means and the Senate Standing Committee on Finance during a regular session that has agenda items similar to subsection 4 constitutes a meeting of the Subcommittee.

3. A majority of the members of the Subcommittee constitutes a quorum.

4. The general objectives and functions of the Subcommittee are to discuss, evaluate and make recommendations relating to accountability in public education in this State to improve the educational achievements and outcomes for pupils. The Subcommittee may study, without limitation:

(a) Fiscal policy, school finance or similar or related financial activities;

(b) The sufficiency of current revenue and expenditures relating to public education in this State and the anticipated revenue and expenditures that are necessary to improve educational achievements and outcomes for pupils;



(c) *Administrative support and policies;*
(d) *Corrective action plans for public schools to improve educational achievements and outcomes; and*

(e) *The rules, regulations and policies of individual school districts or public schools.*

5. *The Subcommittee may conduct investigations and hold hearings in connection with its functions and duties and exercise any of the investigative powers set forth in NRS 218E.105 to 218E.140, inclusive, including, without limitation, compelling the attendance at any meeting of the Subcommittee of:*

(a) *The Superintendent of Public Instruction;*

(b) *Any member of the State Board of Education;*

(c) *Any member of a board of trustees of a school district in this State;*

(d) *Any superintendent or chief financial officer of a school district in this State; or*

(e) *The Executive Director of the State Public Charter School Authority.*

6. *Except during a regular or special session of the Legislature, for each day or portion of a day during which a member of the Subcommittee or appointed alternate attends a meeting of the Subcommittee or is otherwise engaged in the business of the Subcommittee, the member or appointed alternate, as applicable, is entitled to receive:*

(a) *The compensation provided for a majority of the Legislators during the first 60 days of the preceding regular session;*

(b) *The per diem allowance provided for state officers and employees generally; and*

(c) *The travel expenses provided pursuant to NRS 218A.655.*

7. *All such compensation, per diem allowances and travel expenses of a member or appointed alternate of the Subcommittee must be paid from the Contingency Fund in the State Treasury.*

Sec. 4. *This act becomes effective upon passage and approval.*

