

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 4—COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

(ON BEHALF OF THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION)

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Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to certain educational commissions. (BDR 34-280)

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; revising provisions governing meetings of the Commission on School Funding; revising the membership of the Commission on Professional Standards in Education; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

Existing law creates the Commission on School Funding which has various powers and duties relating to the implementation of the Pupil-Centered Funding Plan and the funding of public schools in this State. (NRS 387.1246, 387.12463) Under existing law, the Commission on School Funding is authorized to meet only between July 1 of an odd-numbered year and September 30 of the subsequent even-numbered year. (NRS 387.1246) **Section 1** of this bill eliminates the limitation on when the Commission on School Funding is authorized to meet, thereby allowing the Commission on School Funding to meet at any time during the interim period between regular legislative sessions and during regular legislative sessions.

Existing law creates the Commission on Professional Standards in Education to prescribe qualifications for the licensure of teachers and other educational personnel and provides that the Commission on Professional Standards in Education consists of eleven members who are appointed by the Governor, including one member who has expertise and experience in the operation of a business. (NRS 391.011, 391.019) **Section 2** of this bill removes the member with experience and expertise in the operation of a business, and adds three additional members, including the dean of the School of Education at Nevada State College or the dean representing the Teacher Education Department at Great Basin College, as well as two human resources professionals from school districts of different enrollment sizes.



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

Section 1. NRS 387.1246 is hereby amended to read as follows:

387.1246 1. The Commission on School Funding, consisting of 11 members, is hereby created.

2. The Commission consists of the following members, who may not be Legislators:

(a) One member appointed by the Governor, who serves as Chair;

(b) Two members appointed by the Majority Leader of the Senate;

(c) Two members appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly;

(d) One member appointed by the Minority Leader of the Senate;

(e) One member appointed by the Minority Leader of the Assembly;

(f) Two members appointed by the Governor, each of whom is the chief financial officer of a school district in this State which has more than 40,000 pupils enrolled in its public schools, nominated by the Nevada Association of School Superintendents or its successor organization; and

(g) Two members appointed by the Governor, each of whom is the chief financial officer of a school district in this State which has 40,000 or fewer pupils enrolled in its public schools, nominated by the Nevada Association of School Superintendents or its successor organization.

↪ In making appointments to the Commission, the appointing authorities shall consider whether the membership generally reflects the geographic distribution of pupils in the State.

3. Each member of the Commission must:

(a) Be a resident of this State;

(b) Not have been registered as a lobbyist pursuant to NRS 218H.200 for a period of at least 2 years immediately preceding appointment to the Commission;

(c) Have relevant experience in public education;

(d) Have relevant experience in fiscal policy, school finance or similar or related financial activities;

(e) Have the education, experience and skills necessary to effectively execute the duties and responsibilities of a member of the Commission; and

(f) Have demonstrated ability in the field of economics, taxation or other discipline necessary to school finance and be able to bring



1 knowledge and professional judgment to the deliberations of the
2 Commission.

3 4. Each member of the Commission serves a term of 3 years
4 and may be reappointed to additional terms.

5 5. Each member may be removed by the appointing authority
6 for good cause. A vacancy on the Commission must be filled in the
7 same manner as the original appointment.

8 6. The Commission shall:

9 (a) Elect a Vice Chair from among its members at its first
10 meeting for a term of 3 years. A vacancy in the office of Vice Chair
11 must be filled by the Commission by election for the remainder of
12 the existing term.

13 (b) Adopt such rules governing the conduct of the Commission
14 as it deems necessary.

15 (c) Hold its first meeting on or before October 1, 2019, and hold
16 such additional number of meetings as may be necessary to
17 accomplish the tasks assigned to it. ~~in the time allotted.~~

18 7. A majority of the members of the Commission constitutes a
19 quorum and a majority of those present must concur in any decision.

20 8. The Department shall provide the Commission with meeting
21 rooms, data processing services and administrative and clerical
22 assistance. The Superintendent of Public Instruction and Office of
23 Finance shall jointly provide the Commission with professional staff
24 services.

25 9. While engaged in the business of the Commission, each
26 member is entitled to receive the per diem allowance and travel
27 expenses provided for state officers and employees generally.

28 ~~110. The Commission may meet only between July 1 of an~~
29 ~~odd-numbered year and September 30 of the subsequent even-~~
30 ~~numbered year.]~~

31 **Sec. 2.** NRS 391.011 is hereby amended to read as follows:

32 391.011 1. The Commission on Professional Standards in
33 Education, consisting of ~~eleven~~ **thirteen** members appointed by the
34 Governor, is hereby created.

35 2. Five members of the Commission must be teachers who
36 teach in the classroom as follows:

37 (a) One who holds a license to teach secondary education and
38 teaches in a secondary school.

39 (b) One who holds a license to teach middle school or junior
40 high school education and teaches in a middle school or junior high
41 school.

42 (c) One who holds a license to teach elementary education and
43 teaches in an elementary school.

44 (d) One who holds a license to teach special education and
45 teaches special education.



(e) One who holds a license to teach pupils in a program of early childhood education and teaches in a program of early childhood education.

3. The remaining members of the Commission must include:

(a) One school counselor, psychologist, speech-language pathologist, audiologist, or social worker who is licensed pursuant to this chapter and employed by a school district or charter school.

(b) One administrator of a school who is employed by a school district or charter school to provide administrative service at an individual school. Such an administrator must not provide service at the district level.

(c) The dean of the College of Education at one of the universities in the Nevada System of Higher Education, or a representative of one of the Colleges of Education nominated by such a dean for appointment by the Governor.

(d) The dean of the School of Education at Nevada State College or the dean who represents the Teacher Education Department at Great Basin College, or a representative nominated by such a dean for appointment by the Governor.

(e) The chief human resources officer or a human resources representative of a school district in this State which has more than 40,000 pupils enrolled in its public schools.

(f) The chief human resources officer or a human resources representative of a school district in this State which has 40,000 or fewer pupils enrolled in its public schools.

~~[(d)]~~ (g) One member who is the parent or legal guardian of a pupil enrolled in a public school.

~~[(e) One member who has expertise and experience in the operation of a business.]~~

~~[(f)]~~ (h) One member who is the superintendent of schools of a school district.

4. Three of the five appointments made pursuant to subsection 2 must be made from a list of names of at least three persons for each position that is submitted to the Governor by an employee organization representing the majority of teachers in the State who teach in the educational level from which the appointment is being made.

5. The appointment made pursuant to:

(a) Paragraph (a) of subsection 3 must be made from a list of names of at least three persons that is submitted to the Governor by an employee organization representing the majority of school counselors, psychologists, speech-language pathologists, audiologists or social workers in this State who are not administrators.



(b) Paragraph (b) of subsection 3 must be made from a list of names of at least three persons that is submitted to the Governor by the organization of administrators for schools in which the majority of administrators of schools in this State have membership.

(c) *Paragraphs (e) and (f) of subsection 3 must be made from a list of names of persons for each position submitted to the Governor by the Nevada Association of School Superintendents or its successor organization.*

(d) Paragraph ~~(d)~~ (g) of subsection 3 must be made from a list of names of persons submitted to the Governor by the Nevada Parent Teacher Association or its successor organization.

~~(d)~~ (e) Paragraph ~~(e)~~ (h) of subsection 3 must be made from a list of names of persons submitted to the Governor by the Nevada Association of School Superintendents ~~(h)~~ *or its successor organization.*

Sec. 3. 1. The term of the member serving on the Commission on Professional Standards in Education whose qualifications require expertise and experience in the operation of a business expires on July 1, 2023.

2. As soon as practicable after July 1, 2023, the Governor shall appoint to the Commission on Professional Standards in Education any new members required to be appointed to the Commission pursuant to NRS 391.011, as amended by section 2 of this act.

Sec. 4. This act becomes effective on July 1, 2023.

