

Assembly Bill No. 472—Committee on Education

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AN ACT relating to education; prohibiting a school district from contracting or partnering with persons or entities who charge more than a certain amount of fees and costs related to the employment of certain visa holders; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Existing law authorizes the board of trustees of a school district or the governing body of a charter school to employ a teacher or instructor authorized to teach in the United States under the teacher exchange programs authorized by laws of the Congress of the United States. (NRS 391.070) A J-1 visa is a nonimmigrant visa available to a foreign national who is a student, scholar, trainee, teacher, professor, research assistant, specialist or leader in a field of specialized knowledge or skill and who is coming temporarily to the United States for certain purposes, including, without limitation, teaching. (8 U.S.C. § 1101(a)(15)(J)) An H-1B visa is a nonimmigrant visa available to a foreign national who is coming to the United States for the purpose of practicing a specialty occupation. (8 U.S.C. § 1101(a)(15)(H), § 1184(i)(1)) **Section 2** of this bill prohibits a school district that employs, or intends to employ, a J-1 visa holder through a teacher exchange program from entering into a contract or partnering with a person or entity that is a sponsor of such a program or that recruits candidates for such a program if the total amount of the fees and costs charged per person who participates in, or applies to be a candidate for, the program exceeds \$10,000. **Section 4** of this bill provides that this prohibition does not apply to a contract or partnership existing on July 1, 2025, but does apply to any renewal or extension of such a contract or partnership after that date.

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 388 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto the provisions set forth as sections 2 and 3 of this act.

Sec. 2. 1. *A school district in this State that employs, or intends to employ, a J-1 visa holder pursuant to a teacher exchange program shall not enter into a contract or partner with any person or entity that is a sponsor of such a program or that recruits candidates for such a program if the total amount of fees and costs charged per person who participates in, or applies to be a candidate for, the program exceeds \$10,000.*

2. As used in this section, “J-1 visa holder” means a person who holds a visa issued pursuant to 8 U.S.C. § 1101(a)(15)(J).

Sec. 3. (Deleted by amendment.)



Sec. 4. The provisions of section 2 of this act do not apply to a contract or partnership existing on July 1, 2025, but do apply to any renewal or extension of such a contract.

Sec. 5. 1. This section becomes effective upon passage and approval.

2. Sections 1 to 4, inclusive, of this act become effective:

(a) Upon passage and approval for the purpose of adopting any regulations and performing any other preparatory administrative tasks that are necessary to carry out the provisions of this act; and

(b) On July 1, 2025, for all other purposes.

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