

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 233—ASSEMBLYMEN BOBZIEN, SMITH,
MASTROLUCA, DONDERO LOOP; ATKINSON, CARLTON AND
OCEGUERA

MARCH 3, 2011

JOINT SPONSOR: SENATOR LESLIE

Referred to Committee on Education

SUMMARY—Revises provisions governing the circumstances under which a pupil may receive credit for a course of study without attending the course. (BDR 34-144)

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 the requirements for a pupil to receive credit for a course of study without attending the classes for the course; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

- 1 Under existing law, a pupil may be granted credit for a course of study without
2 attending the classes for the course if the pupil passes an examination prescribed by
3 the State Board of Education and thereby demonstrates competency in the subject
4 area of the course. (NRS 389.171; NAC 389.670) This bill requires the State Board
5 to prescribe by regulation alternative proof that a pupil may submit to demonstrate
6 proficiency in the subject area of a course in lieu of course attendance, including:
7 (1) a portfolio of the pupil's work or other assessments; (2) documentation of previous
8 equivalent work outside the classroom; and (3) documentation of previous
9 educational activities or experiences.
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THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 **Section 1.** NRS 389.171 is hereby amended to read as follows:
2 389.171 1. A pupil may be granted credit for a specific
3 course of study without having attended the regularly scheduled
4 classes in the course if the pupil demonstrates his or her
5 ~~[competence]~~ *proficiency* to meet the objectives of the course
6 ~~[through his or her]~~:

7 (a) *Through the pupil's* performance on an examination
8 prescribed by the State Board ~~]; or~~

9 (b) *By submitting alternative proof of the pupil's proficiency,*
10 *as prescribed by the State Board pursuant to subsection 2,*
11 *including, without limitation:*

12 (I) *A portfolio of work or other assessments;*
13 (2) *Documentation of equivalent work performed outside*
14 *the classroom; and*

15 (3) *Documentation of previous educational activities or*
16 *experiences,*

17 ~~or any combination of an examination and the alternative~~
18 *proof.*

19 2. The State Board shall adopt regulations that prescribe the:

20 (a) Form on which a pupil may apply to the board of trustees of
21 a school district in which the pupil attends school to ~~[take an~~
22 ~~examination]~~ *be granted credit* pursuant to subsection 1;

23 (b) Courses of study for which pupils may ~~[take an examination]~~
24 *be granted credit* pursuant to subsection 1; ~~[and]~~

25 (c) Minimum score on ~~[each such]~~ *an* examination that is
26 required to demonstrate ~~[competency]~~ *proficiency* in a course ~~]; or~~
27 *and*

28 (d) *Alternative proof of a pupil's proficiency in a course.*

29 **Sec. 2.** On or before December 31, 2011, the State Board of
30 Education shall adopt the regulations required by NRS 389.171, as
31 amended by section 1 of this act.

32 **Sec. 3.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2011.

