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AN ACT relating to education; removing the restriction on the number of empowerment schools that may be established statewide; removing the prospective expiration of the Program of Empowerment Schools; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**Legislative Counsel’s Digest:**

Existing law establishes the Program of Empowerment Schools and imposes a cap on the number of empowerment schools that may be established statewide of 100 schools. (NRS 386.700-386.780) **Section 1** of this bill removes the cap.

Existing law provides for the prospective expiration of the Program of Empowerment Schools on June 30, 2011. (Section 20 of chapter 530, Statutes of Nevada 2007, p. 3285) **Section 3** of this bill removes the prospective expiration of the Program.

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

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

**Section 1.** NRS 386.720 is hereby amended to read as follows:  
386.720 1. There is hereby established a Program of Empowerment Schools for public schools within this State. The Program does not include a university school for profoundly gifted pupils.

2. ~~[Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the]~~ *The* board of trustees of a school district which is located:

(a) In a county whose population is less than 100,000 may approve public schools located within the school district to operate as empowerment schools.

(b) In a county whose population is 100,000 or more shall approve not less than 5 percent of the schools located within the school district to operate as empowerment schools.

~~[↔ The total number of schools which operate as empowerment schools in this State must not exceed 100 schools. The Department shall adopt procedures to ensure compliance with the provisions of this subsection.]~~

3. The board of trustees of a school district which participates in the Program of Empowerment Schools shall, on or before September 1 of each year, provide notice to the Department of the number of schools within the school district that are approved to operate as empowerment schools for that school year.



4. The board of trustees of a school district that participates in the Program of Empowerment Schools may create a design team for the school district. If such a design team is created, the membership of the design team must consist of the following persons appointed by the board of trustees:

- (a) At least one representative of the board of trustees;
- (b) The superintendent of the school district, or the superintendent's designee;
- (c) Parents and legal guardians of pupils enrolled in public schools in the school district;
- (d) Teachers and other educational personnel employed by the school district, including, without limitation, school administrators;
- (e) Representatives of organizations that represent teachers and other educational personnel;
- (f) Representatives of the community in which the school district is located and representatives of businesses within the community; and
- (g) Such other members as the board of trustees determines are necessary.

5. If a design team is created for a school district, the design team shall:

- (a) Recommend policies and procedures relating to empowerment schools to the board of trustees of the school district; and
- (b) Advise the board of trustees on issues relating to empowerment schools.

6. The board of trustees of a school district may accept gifts, grants and donations from any source for the support of the empowerment schools within the school district.

**Sec. 2.** (Deleted by amendment.)

**Sec. 3.** Section 20 of chapter 530, Statutes of Nevada 2007, at page 3285, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 20. This act becomes effective on July 1, 2007 . ~~and expires by limitation on June 30, 2011.~~

**Sec. 4.** (Deleted by amendment.)

**Sec. 5.** This act becomes effective upon passage and approval.

