

SENATE BILL NO. 196—COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

(ON BEHALF OF THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION)

FEBRUARY 24, 2011

Referred to Committee on Education

SUMMARY—Revises provisions governing empowerment schools.
(BDR 34-86)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: May have Fiscal Impact.
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; 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:

- 1 Existing law establishes the Program of Empowerment Schools and imposes a
2 cap on the number of empowerment schools that may be established statewide of
3 100 schools. (NRS 386.700-386.780) **Section 1** of this bill removes the cap.
4 Existing law provides for the prospective expiration of the Program of
5 Empowerment Schools on June 30, 2011. (Section 20 of chapter 530, Statutes of
6 Nevada 2007, p. 3285) **Section 3** of this bill removes the prospective expiration
7 of the Program.

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

- 1 **Section 1.** NRS 386.720 is hereby amended to read as follows:
2 386.720 1. There is hereby established a Program of
3 Empowerment Schools for public schools within this State. The
4 Program does not include a university school for profoundly gifted
5 pupils.
6 2. ~~[Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the]~~ *The*
7 board of trustees of a school district which is located:



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

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

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

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

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

21 (a) At least one representative of the board of trustees;

22 (b) The superintendent of the school district, or the
23 superintendent's designee;

24 (c) Parents and legal guardians of pupils enrolled in public
25 schools in the school district;

26 (d) Teachers and other educational personnel employed by the
27 school district, including, without limitation, school administrators;

28 (e) Representatives of organizations that represent teachers and
29 other educational personnel;

30 (f) Representatives of the community in which the school
31 district is located and representatives of businesses within the
32 community; and

33 (g) Such other members as the board of trustees determines are
34 necessary.

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

37 (a) Recommend policies and procedures relating to
38 empowerment schools to the board of trustees of the school district;
39 and

40 (b) Advise the board of trustees on issues relating to
41 empowerment schools.

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

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



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

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

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

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

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