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AN ACT relating to education; authorizing high school pupils who satisfy certain qualifications to complete a public or private internship and receive credit toward the academic credit requirements for graduation from high school; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

Existing law establishes the academic subjects and courses of study which are required for pupils to receive a standard high school diploma in this State. (NRS 389.018-389.180) **Section 1** of this bill authorizes a high school pupil who is enrolled in grade 11 or 12 and who satisfies the qualifications prescribed by the board of trustees of the school district or the governing body of the charter school in which the pupil is enrolled to receive one elective credit toward the academic credit requirements for graduation from high school by completing a public or private internship of not less than 60 hours. **Section 1** also requires the board of trustees of a school district or the governing body of a charter school to obtain the approval of the State Board of Education before authorizing pupils to participate in such internships.

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 389 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

1. A pupil enrolled in grade 11 or 12 at a public school who is at least 16 years of age must be allowed to apply not more than one credit toward the total number of credits required for graduation from high school if the pupil successfully completes a public or private internship which has been approved pursuant to subsection 2 and which is of a duration of not less than 60 hours in a school year. The credit must be applied toward the pupil’s elective course credits and not toward a course that is required for graduation from high school.

2. If the board of trustees of a school district or the governing body of a charter school obtains the approval of the State Board, the board of trustees or the governing body may authorize pupils enrolled in the school district or charter school who satisfy the qualifications prescribed pursuant to subparagraph (2) of paragraph (a) to participate in a public or private internship for the purpose of obtaining credit pursuant to subsection 1. If a board of trustees or governing body of a charter school authorizes



the participation in a public or private internship, the board of trustees or governing body shall:

(a) Prescribe:

(1) The fields, trades or occupations in which a pupil may complete a public or private internship, including, without limitation, agriculture, medical and health sciences, manufacturing and construction;

(2) The qualifications of a pupil for participation in a public or private internship;

(3) The manner in which a qualified pupil must apply for participation in a public or private internship; and

(4) The manner for verifying that a pupil has completed the requisite number of hours to qualify for credit; and

(b) Establish and maintain a nonexclusive list of participating businesses, agencies and organizations which offer the employment and supervision of pupils for the purposes of obtaining academic credit in a public or private internship pursuant to this section.

Sec. 2. (Deleted by amendment.)

Sec. 3. This act becomes effective:

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

2. On July 1, 2013, for all other purposes.

