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AN ACT relating to education; revising provisions governing the manner in which certain examinations are administered; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

Existing law requires examinations to be administered to pupils enrolled in grades 3 through 8 based upon the State’s academic standards. Existing law also requires the board of trustees of each school district and the governing body of each charter school to administer such examinations to pupils at the same time during the spring semester, as prescribed by the State Board of Education. (NRS 389.550) This bill removes this requirement and instead requires the State Board to prescribe the minimum number of school days that must take place before the examinations may be administered and the period during which they are to be administered.

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. NRS 389.550 is hereby amended to read as follows:
389.550 1. The State Board shall, in consultation with the Council, prescribe examinations that comply with 20 U.S.C. § 6311(b)(3) and that measure the achievement and proficiency of pupils:

(a) For grades 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 in the standards of content established by the Council for the subjects of English and mathematics.

(b) For grades 5 and 8, in the standards of content established by the Council for the subject of science.

↳ The examinations prescribed pursuant to this subsection must be written, developed, printed and scored by a nationally recognized testing company.

2. In addition to the examinations prescribed pursuant to subsection 1, the State Board shall, in consultation with the Council, prescribe a writing examination for grades 5 and 8.

3. *The State Board shall prescribe:*

(a) The minimum number of school days that must take place before the examinations prescribed by the State Board pursuant to subsection 1 may be administered to pupils; and

(b) The period during which the examinations prescribed by the State Board pursuant to subsection 1 must be administered.

4. The board of trustees of each school district and the governing body of each charter school shall administer the



examinations prescribed by the State Board ~~H~~ *at such times as prescribed by the State Board pursuant to subsection 3.* The examinations must be:

~~(a) Administered to pupils in each school district and each charter school at the same time during the spring semester, as prescribed by the State Board.~~

~~(b)~~ Administered in each school in accordance with uniform procedures adopted by the State Board. The Department shall monitor the school districts and individual schools to ensure compliance with the uniform procedures.

~~(e)~~ *(b)* Administered in each school in accordance with the plan adopted pursuant to NRS 389.616 by the Department and with the plan adopted pursuant to NRS 389.620 by the board of trustees of the school district in which the examinations are administered. The Department shall monitor the compliance of school districts and individual schools with:

(1) The plan adopted by the Department; and

(2) The plan adopted by the board of trustees of the applicable school district, to the extent that the plan adopted by the board of trustees of the school district is consistent with the plan adopted by the Department.

Sec. 2. This act becomes effective upon passage and approval.

