

SENATE BILL NO. 75—COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

(ON BEHALF OF THE CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT)

PREFILED DECEMBER 20, 2014

Referred to Committee on Education

SUMMARY—Revises provisions governing the administration of certain examinations. (BDR 34-472)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: No.

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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 manner in which certain examinations are administered; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

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

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

1 **Section 1.** NRS 389.550 is hereby amended to read as follows:
2 389.550 1. The State Board shall, in consultation with the
3 Council, prescribe examinations that comply with 20 U.S.C. §
4 6311(b)(3) and that measure the achievement and proficiency of
5 pupils:
6 (a) For grades 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 in the standards of content
7 established by the Council for the subjects of English and
8 mathematics.



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

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

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

9 3. *The State Board shall prescribe:*

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

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

15 4. The board of trustees of each school district and the
16 governing body of each charter school shall administer the
17 examinations prescribed by the State Board ~~†~~ *at such times as*
18 *prescribed by the State Board pursuant to subsection 3.* The
19 examinations must be:

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

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

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

33 (1) The plan adopted by the Department; and

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

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

