

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 312—ASSEMBLYMEN MILLER, SPIEGEL,  
OHRENSCHALL, CARRILLO; ARAUJO, BROOKS, DALY, DIAZ,  
JAUREGUI, MONROE-MORENO, NEAL AND THOMPSON

MARCH 17, 2017

JOINT SPONSOR: SENATOR SEGERBLOM

Referred to Committee on Education

SUMMARY—Requires the State Board of Education to develop  
recommendations for pupil-teacher ratios in certain  
public schools. (BDR 34-960)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.  
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 educational personnel; requiring the State  
Board of Education to develop nonbinding  
recommendations for the pupil-teacher ratio in public  
schools for kindergarten and grades 1 to 12, inclusive; and  
providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**Legislative Counsel's Digest:**

1 Existing law prescribes the maximum pupil-teacher ratio in each school district  
2 for kindergarten and grades 1, 2 and 3. (NRS 388.700) In lieu of complying with  
3 the ratio established by statute, smaller school districts are authorized to use  
4 alternative pupil-teacher ratios for certain grade levels in elementary schools with  
5 the approval of the State Board of Education. (NRS 388.720) This bill additionally  
6 requires the State Board of Education to develop nonbinding recommendations for  
7 the ratio of pupils per licensed teacher in public schools for kindergarten and grades  
8 1 to 12, inclusive.

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

1 **Section 1.** (Deleted by amendment.)  
2 **Sec. 2.** (Deleted by amendment.)



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1       **Sec. 2.5.** Chapter 388 of NRS is hereby amended by adding  
2 thereto a new section to read as follows:

3       **1. The State Board shall develop nonbinding**  
4 **recommendations for the ratio of pupils per licensed teacher in the**  
5 **public schools of this State for kindergarten and grades 1 to 12,**  
6 **inclusive. The board of trustees of each school district shall**  
7 **consider the recommendations in establishing the ratio of pupils**  
8 **per licensed teacher in the school district.**

9       **2. The recommendations developed by the State Board must:**

10       **(a) Prescribe a suggested ratio of pupils per licensed teacher**  
11 **for each classroom and course of instruction, except choir,**  
12 **orchestra and band, in kindergarten and grades 1 to 12, inclusive;**

13       **(b) Be based on evidence-based national standards; and**

14       **(c) Take into account the unique needs of certain pupils,**  
15 **including, without limitation, pupils who are English learners.**

16       **3. Nothing in this section shall be deemed to relieve a school**  
17 **district of its obligation to comply with the requirements of NRS**  
18 **388.700 and 388.720, as applicable to the school district.**

19       **4. As used in this section, “English learner” has the meaning**  
20 **ascribed to it in 20 U.S.C. § 7801(20).**

21       **Sec. 3.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2017.

