
SENATE BILL NO. 20—COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION
(ON BEHALF OF THE CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT)

PREFILED NOVEMBER 16, 2016

Referred to Committee on Education

SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to educational personnel.
(BDR 34-342)

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 educational personnel; removing the requirement that examinations for the initial licensing of teachers and other educational personnel include the laws of Nevada relating to schools, the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Nevada; repealing provisions requiring teachers and other educational personnel to show knowledge of the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Nevada; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

1 Existing law requires the Commission on Professional Standards in Education
2 to adopt regulations governing examinations for the initial licensing of teachers and
3 other educational personnel. Existing law also requires that such examinations
4 include the laws of Nevada relating to schools, the Constitution of the United States
5 and the Constitution of Nevada. (NRS 391.021) **Section 1** of this bill removes the
6 requirement that examinations for the initial licensing of teachers and other
7 educational personnel include these subjects.
8 Existing law requires certain educational personnel to show, by examination or
9 credentials showing college, university or normal school study, evidence of
10 adequate knowledge of the origin, history, provisions and principles of the
11 Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of Nevada. (NRS 391.090)
12 **Section 2** of this bill repeals these requirements.



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

- 1 **Section 1.** NRS 391.021 is hereby amended to read as follows:
2 391.021 **1.** Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (j) of
3 subsection 1 of NRS 391.019 and NRS 391.027, the Commission
4 shall adopt regulations governing examinations for the initial
5 licensing of teachers and other educational personnel. The
6 examinations must test the ability of the applicant to teach and the
7 applicant's knowledge of each specific subject he or she proposes to
8 teach. ~~Each examination must include the following subjects:~~
9 ~~1. The laws of Nevada relating to schools;~~
10 ~~2. The Constitution of the State of Nevada; and~~
11 ~~3. The Constitution of the United States.~~
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13 **2.** The provisions of this section do not prohibit the
14 Commission from adopting regulations pursuant to subsection 2 of
15 NRS 391.032 that provide an exemption from the examinations for
16 teachers and other educational personnel from another state if the
17 Commission determines that the examinations required for initial
18 licensure for teachers and other educational personnel in that state
19 are comparable to the examinations required for initial licensure in
20 this State.
21 **Sec. 2.** NRS 391.090 is hereby repealed.
22 **Sec. 3.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2017.

TEXT OF REPEALED SECTION

**391.090 Educational personnel required to show knowledge
of United States Constitution and Nevada's Constitution.**

1. Any person who is:
- (a) Granted a license to teach or perform other educational functions in the public schools of Nevada, in the school conducted at the Nevada Youth Training Center, the Caliente Youth Center or any other state facility for the detention of children that is operated pursuant to title 5 of NRS or for any program of instruction for kindergarten or grades 1 to 12, inclusive, conducted at any correctional institution in the Department of Corrections; or
- (b) Charged with the duty at the Nevada Youth Training Center, the Caliente Youth Center or any other state facility for the detention of children that is operated pursuant to title 5 of NRS of giving instruction in the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Nevada,



↳ must show, by examination or credentials showing college, university or normal school study, satisfactory evidence of adequate knowledge of the origin, history, provisions and principles of the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Nevada.

2. The Commission may grant a reasonable time for compliance with the terms of this section.

