

SENATE BILL NO. 86—SENATOR GUSTAVSON

PREFILED JANUARY 27, 2017

Referred to Committee on Education

SUMMARY—Requires the provision of instruction in cursive handwriting to pupils enrolled in elementary school. (BDR 34-200)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: May have Fiscal Impact. 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 education; requiring the provision of instruction in cursive handwriting in all public elementary schools in this State; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

1 Existing law establishes the academic subjects, standards and courses of study
2 for the public schools in this State. (Chapter 389 of NRS) This bill requires the
3 provision of instruction in cursive handwriting to pupils enrolled in elementary
4 school. The instruction must be designed to ensure that a pupil will be able to create
5 readable documents through legible cursive handwriting by the completion of the
6 third grade.

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

1 Section 1. Chapter 389 of NRS is hereby amended by adding
2 thereto a new section to read as follows:
3 1. The board of trustees of each school district and the
4 governing body of each charter school that operates as an
5 elementary school shall ensure that instruction in cursive
6 handwriting is provided to pupils enrolled in each elementary
7 school within the school district or in the charter school, as
8 applicable. The instruction must be designed to ensure that a pupil
9 is able to create readable documents through legible cursive
10 handwriting by the completion of the third grade.



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1     **2. The State Board may adopt regulations prescribing**  
2     **standards for the instruction in cursive handwriting required by**  
3     **subsection 1.**

4     **Sec. 2.** This act becomes effective upon passage and approval  
5     for the purpose of adopting regulations and performing any other  
6     preparatory administrative tasks necessary to carry out the  
7     provisions of this act, and on January 1, 2018, for all other purposes.

