

Assembly

MINUTES OF MEETING - COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, NEVADA ASSEMBLY,  
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Chairman Garfinkle opened the meeting with a quorum present consisting of Wilson, Getto, Webb, and Foote. The other members of the committee, Mr. Prince and Mr. Espinosa, appeared before adjournment.

On the agenda was consideration of AB 213 sponsored by Assemblyman White and consideration of BDR 34-932. Mr. Garfinkle announced that the latter measure was being presented to them by Minority Leader Jim Wood for introduction to the Assembly if the committee saw fit to do so. It is a measure emanating from the Governor's office.

Assemblyman White stated that he had been asked by several principal's in Clark County to introduce the bill now designated as AB 213. The intent, he said, was to allow teachers' aides to control students on playgrounds or areas adjacent or assist in the supervision of them.

Discussion revealed that there is a tremendous need for supervisory help that would relieve teachers for more academic pursuits and would also allow them to relax from the supervisory strain to prepare for their teaching projects. It was pointed out that teachers' aides are composed primarily of former school teachers or students of education and that they are available at less cost. The need is greatest presently in Clark County but Chairman Garfinkle stated that they were a "coming thing" throughout the state. It was developed that there would be a benefit if teachers' aides were required to have certificates to maintain certain standards of qualification and assignment.

Further consideration of AB 213 was continued until the next meeting.

Minority Leader Jim Wood appeared to outline the purpose of BDR 34-932 as outlined to him by the Governor. He stated that it was his practice whenever possible to have legislation introduced from a standing committee after due consideration rather than by personal endorsement. He stated the proposed bill would establish a commission on higher education that could effect much needed coordination and liaison between the Governor and the legislature with respect to the problems of the University of Nevada. Mr. Wood stated that the commission itself would serve without compensation but that it would have an Executive Director and that it would cost an estimated \$25,000 or \$30,000. Copies of the proposal were provided and the committee's initial questions were answered.

The committee considered that questions of whether the Board of Regents' proposed committee would conflict with or implement the commission on higher education should be determined.

Chairman Garfinkle stated that the next meeting, Thursday, February 16, would again hear the purchasing act measures being held for consideration.

SUMMARY--Creates commission on higher education. (BDR 34-932)

AN ACT relating to the Nevada commission on higher education; creating such commission; providing for the appointment of the members thereof; establishing the powers and duties thereof; providing for the hiring of personnel; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

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

Section 1. Title 34 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new chapter to consist of the provisions set forth as sections 2 to 11, inclusive, of this act.

Sec. 2. It is the intent of the legislature in enacting this chapter to make opportunities for high quality education beyond the high school level available to all residents of the State of Nevada at the least possible cost. In order to achieve these ends, the legislature finds it necessary to:

1. Avoid needless duplication of facilities and programs in institutions of higher education;

2. Achieve simplicity of state administrative procedures pertaining to higher education;

3. Effect the best utilization of available resources so as to achieve a high level of higher education in the most economic manner; and

4. Continue to recognize the constitutional and statutory responsibilities of duly constituted governing boards of higher education in Nevada.

Sec. 3. 1. There is hereby created a Nevada commission on higher education, which is referred to in this chapter as the "commission."

2. The commission shall consist of seven members selected as follows:

(a) The superintendent of public instruction;

(b) The chairman of the board of regents of the University of Nevada; and

(c) Five members appointed by the governor on the basis of their knowledge of and interest in the problems of higher education.

3. The members of the commission appointed by the governor shall serve terms of 4 years, expiring on January 31 of odd-numbered years. However, of the initial appointees, three shall be designated to serve until January 31, 1969, and two designated to serve until January 31, 1971.

4. The members of the commission shall continue to serve after the expiration of their terms until their successors have been appointed.

5. A vacancy on the commission shall be filled by appointment by the governor for the remainder of the unexpired term or until a successor is otherwise qualified.

Sec. 4. The members of the commission shall serve without compensation as such members but they shall receive their per diem expense allowances and travel expenses as provided by law while performing duties for the commission.

Sec. 5. 1. Within 60 days after all the members of the commission have been selected, the commission shall meet at the call of the governor for the purposes of organizing.

2. At its first meeting, the commission shall:

(a) Elect a chairman, vice chairman and a secretary.

(b) Adopt rules of procedure and establish regular meetings.

3. The commission shall keep written minutes of all its meetings.

4. Special meetings may be held on the call of the governor, the chairman or a majority of the members of the commission.

5. A majority of members of the commission shall constitute a quorum.

Sec. 6. 1. The commission may appoint an executive director qualified by substantial training and experience in the field of higher education.

2. The executive director shall be in the unclassified service of the state and serve at the pleasure of the commission.

3. The executive director, with approval by the commission, may employ such professional and clerical help as deemed necessary to carry out the duties and functions of the commission.

Sec. 7. The commission shall:

1. Analyze the present and future aims, needs and requirements of higher education in the State of Nevada;

2. Prepare a master plan for the development, expansion, integration, coordination and efficient utilization of facilities of higher education in Nevada;

3. Prepare and submit to the governor and legislature drafts of proposed legislation to effectuate the master plan or correct any present weaknesses in the law;

4. Engage in a continuing study, analysis, evaluation and updating of the master plan;

5. Recommend to the governing board of any state-supported institution in the State of Nevada any course of action which would aid in achieving the goals of this chapter;

6. Make a written report to the governor on or before February 1 in each odd-numbered year setting forth the activities which the commission has engaged in since the last report and any recommendations which the commission may have; and

7. Recommend to any office or agency of the state procedures or policies which would aid in achieving the aims of this chapter.

Sec. 8. This chapter shall in no way preempt or diminish the authority and powers of the board of regents of the University of Nevada as now conferred upon it by statute or the constitution.

Sec. 9. The commission may examine the books, records and files of any public institution of higher learning and of any office of the state government as to matters pertaining to the duties of the commission.

Sec. 10. 1. The governing board of any public institution of higher learning shall submit to the commission its budget and proposals for the operation and capital construction needs for the ensuing biennium.

2. Such budget and proposals shall be submitted to the commission not later than November 15 in each even-numbered year.

3. The commission shall submit to the governor and legislature, not later than January 15 in each odd-numbered year, its analysis and recommendations on such budget proposals.

Sec. 11. The state planning board shall submit to the commission, for the analysis and recommendations of the commission, any proposed building or capital construction for any state-supported institution of higher education.