

SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING
APRIL 16, 1975

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The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Senator Floyd R. Lamb was in the Chair.

PRESENT: Senator Floyd R. Lamb, Chairman
Senator James I. Gibson, Vice-Chairman
Senator B. Mahlon Brown
Senator William J. Raggio
Senator Clifton Young
Senator Warren L. Monroe

ABSENT: Senator Lee E. Walker

OTHERS: Kenny Gwen, Clark County School District
Lincoln Liston, Education Administration
Marvin Picollo, Washoe County School District
Rosemary Clarke, State Board of Education
Dick Morgan, State of Nevada Education Association
John Hawkins, Carson City School District
Shirley Wedow, PTA
Howard Barrett, Budget Director
Ron Sparks, Fiscal Analyst
Cy Ryan, UPI

Mr. Kenny Gwen said that the State Board of Education and the Superintendent's Association endorse the 17% increase for the first year for the Distributive School Fund budget, and 7% for the second year, with a possible trigger device. Mr. Gwen said that these groups would like to add 51 units to the nine Handicap units recommended by the Governor, and this would be done by re-alignment of the budget. Mr. Gwen said that he felt that the first priority is to service existing students.

Mr. Lincoln Liston said that the 51 additional units could be adjusted into the budget because although the Governor's budget is \$861.00 per pupil for Basic Support, the Education Administration budget is \$855.00 for Basic Support, and this would allow \$6.00 per pupil for Handicap units.

Senator Lamb asked what was thought about the age expansion bill. Mr. Gwen said that if the age was expanded to both the three year olds and four year olds, it would require twelve more units. Mr. Gwen said that five units would go to Clark, two to Washoe, and five to the remainder of the State, and the additional appropriation would be about \$192,000. Mr. Gwen said that if the bill includes only the four year olds, only six units will be needed.

Senator Young asked Mr. Gwen if higher priorities were given to salary than Special Education by the superintendents. Mr. Gwen said no, salaries in Clark County are a secondary priority. Senator Young said if the other 51 Handicap units are funded, won't there be less

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money available for salary negotiation. Mr. Gwen said that the bottom line of the budget stays the same, because once basic salary is set, it stays that way. Senator Young asked if the General Fund appropriation stayed the same whether the Governor's recommendation, or the Education Administration's request is approved. Mr. Gwen said yes, and explained graphically how Clark County determines their needs. Mr. Gwen said that costs per student for Basic Support and Special Education are figured; then local assessed valuation, sales tax, and accounts receivable are computed, and this year with \$80 million in the budget, \$83 million was expended. Mr. Gwen said that if Clark County received 849 units, this will mean \$10 million in 'new' money, minus the \$3 million debit, and the remainder will be used for the immediate priorities. Mr. Gwen said that expenditures on the priorities might be as follows: a salary increase of 1% would mean \$671,000, or if this were 10%, it would mean \$6,710,000.

Senator Gibson asked Mr. Gwen if he still felt that priorities should be on the general units before getting into the special programs. Mr. Gwen answered yes.

Mr. Marvin Picollo said that for Washoe County, 58% of the money from the new 60 units will be for negotiation. Mr. Picollo said that if the bill for expanded ages is increased to include three year olds, it will cost \$192,000, and \$96,000 if just for four year olds. Mr. Picollo said the Administration's proposed 17% increase will mean a 13.3% increase for Washoe County.

Mrs. Rosemary Clarke said that the State Board of Education did adopt the budget presented by the Superintendent's Association, and they are in favor of having the three year olds included in the age expansion bill.

Senator Young noted that if the State funds only partially for the units, there is a possibility of facing numerous lawsuits. Mr. Picollo said that the law says the parent may or may not bring their child into the program, however, if they are brought in, the district must take them.

Mr. Lincoln Liston said that four of the districts aren't using six of the available units, so this fiscal year there is \$96,000 not being used by anyone, and the Administration would like the State Board of Education to have the authority to reallocate these six units.

Mr. Morgan said that if the Education Administration can operate their present units at \$14,500, and the additional 51 units with \$16,000, then the Education Association will support these additions. Mr. Liston said that unless the Board is able to reallocate, not all districts will receive \$14,500 for each unit.

Mr. John Hawkins said that Carson City district supports the age expansion bill.

Senator Gibson asked where retirement is figured in the budget. Mr. Liston said retirement contributions are in the Basic Support figure.

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Senator Gibson then led a discussion concerning the change proposed for the Sales Tax law. Senator Gibson felt this would have a future impact on education that might not be supportive. Mr. Picollo said that Washoe district is concerned about the sales tax, especially if it will mean being faced with an income tax. Senator Gibson said that the present allocation is alright, but by putting this on the ballot, the amounts may be frozen in the future.

Mr. Picollo said that school employees are not being served as well as the State employees with an increase of 17% and 7% when it is the district and not the State that picks up the 1% retirement.

Mrs. Shirley Wedow said that the Parent Teacher's Association supports the age expansion bill with the inclusion of the three year olds.

SB 352
(see attached
bill)

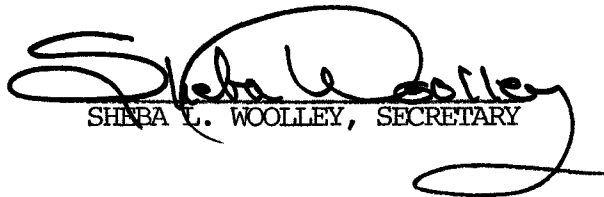
Senator Gibson - Amend and Do Pass to expand the age group to include the three year olds.
Senator Monroe - 2nd
MOTION CARRIED.

SB 77
(see attached
bill)

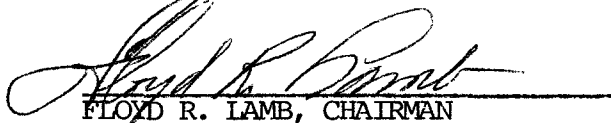
Senator Gibson - Do Pass
Senator Young - 2nd
MOTION CARRIED.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:


SHEBA C. WOOLLEY, SECRETARY

APPROVED:


FLOYD R. LAMB, CHAIRMAN

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S. B. 352

SENATE BILL NO. 352—COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

MARCH 18, 1975

Referred to Committee on Education

SUMMARY—Expands age range within which special instruction or services to certain handicapped minors are provided. Fiscal Note: No. (BDR 34-1125)

EXPLANATION—Matter in *italics* is new; matter in brackets [] is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to education of handicapped minors; specifying that mentally retarded minors may be admitted to special programs at age 3; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

The People of the State of Nevada, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. NRS 388.440 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 2 388.440 As used in NRS 388.440 to 388.520, inclusive, "handi-
- 3 capped minor" means any person under the age of 18 years who deviates
- 4 either educationally, academically, physically, socially or emotionally so
- 5 markedly from normal growth and development patterns that he cannot
- 6 progress effectively in a regular school program and therefore needs spe-
- 7 cial instruction or special services.
- 8 SEC. 2. NRS 388.490 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 9 388.490 1. Except as provided in subsections 2, [3 and 4,] 3, 4 and
- 10 5, handicapped minors may be admitted at the age of 5 years to special
- 11 programs established for such minors, and their enrollment or attendance
- 12 may be counted for apportionment purposes.
- 13 2. Aurally handicapped minors may be admitted at any age under
- 14 5 to special programs established for such minors, and their enrollment
- 15 or attendance may be counted for apportionment purposes.
- 16 3. Visually handicapped minors may be admitted at any age under
- 17 5 to special programs established for such minors, and their enrollment
- 18 or attendance may be counted for apportionment purposes.
- 19 4. Academically talented minors may be admitted at the age of 4
- 20 years to special programs established for such minors, and their enroll-
- 21 ment or attendance may be counted for apportionment purposes.
- 22 5. *Mentally retarded minors may be admitted at the age of 3 years to*
- 23 *special programs established for such minors, and their enrollment or*
- 24 *attendance may be counted for apportionment purposes.*

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S. B. 77

SENATE BILL NO. 77—COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

JANUARY 29, 1975

Referred to Committee on Finance

SUMMARY—Creates various welfare division funds. Fiscal Note: No. (BDR 38-148)

EXPLANATION—Matter in *italics* is new; matter in brackets [] is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to public welfare; creating various funds in the welfare division; providing guidelines for the funds; abolishing certain funds; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

The People of the State of Nevada, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Chapter 422 of NRS is hereby amended by adding
- 2 thereto the provisions set forth as sections 2 and 3 of this act.
- 3 SEC. 2. 1. *The child welfare trust fund is hereby created. All sur-*
- 4 *vivor benefits or other awards payable to children receiving child welfare*
- 5 *services shall be deposited in the state treasury for credit to the fund.*
- 6 2. *The public assistance trust fund is hereby created. Retirement*
- 7 *and other benefit grants to any adult recipient of public assistance in a*
- 8 *nursing home or group care facility, except facilities of the mental*
- 9 *hygiene and mental retardation division of the department listed in NRS*
- 10 *436.011, shall be deposited in the state treasury for credit to the fund*
- 11 *if the adult receiving care has been adjudicated incompetent in the*
- 12 *administration of his personal finances.*
- 13 3. *The welfare division shall:*
- 14 (a) *Keep a separate account for each individual receiving funds.*
- 15 (b) *Deduct from the account any welfare services to the individual that*
- 16 *are provided by public funds. Any surplus remaining may be expended*
- 17 *for extraordinary items deemed beneficial to the individual.*
- 18 (c) *Remit any surplus balance to the named individual when the welfare*
- 19 *division is no longer legally responsible for that individual.*
- 20 4. *Court ordered and other support payments to children receiving*
- 21 *child welfare services shall not be considered as a benefit or an award for*
- 22 *the purpose of this section, but shall be held in trust in the child welfare*
- 23 *trust fund.*

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