

SENATE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN
RESOURCES AND FACILITIES

APRIL 11, 1977

The meeting was called to order at 9:29 a.m. on Monday, April 11, 1977 in Room 323 with Senator Jack Schofield in the Chair.

PRESENT: Chairman Jack Schofield
Vice-Chairman Joe Neal
Senator William Raggio
Senator Richard Blakemore
Senator Wilbur Faiss
Senator William Hernstadt

GUESTS: Susan Haase, Nevada Association for Retarded Citizens
Assemblyman Jim Schofield, A.B. 111
Dennis E. Hall, Mental Health & Mental Hygiene
Ann Hibbs, Nevada Nursing Association

A.B. 111

Ms. Susan Haase of the Nevada Association for Retarded Citizens (NARC) spoke in support of A.B. 111. She said this bill includes as many people, as present legislation on the books includes, and it doesn't eliminate students for consideration. This applies to a blind, deaf or mute student who could prove that his/her school district is not equipped to educate him/her.

Senator Schofield asked about the funding for this project?
Ms. Haase could not answer if this was in the Executive Budget.

Ms. Haase said that the school dollars will not go towards medical expenses, but the parents or the guardian would be liable for this. Assemblyman Jim Schofield said that he would find out if the monies for placing students out of district for their education was already in the school fund.

(Senator Raggio entered the room)

Ms. Haase and Assemblyman Schofield said they would find out about the funding and get back to the Committee.

Senator Schofield said that A.B. 300 would be scheduled for a public hearing on Friday, April 15, 1977 as Senator Hernstadt requested.

A.B. 404

Assemblyman Jim Schofield spoke in behalf of this measure. He said that the Assembly Ways and Means Committee made the following

remarks: "It revises the provision for allocating certain money to community training centers for retarded persons. A.B. 404 as amended raises the minimum grants to community training centers from \$300 to \$400 per enrollee per quarter and from \$14,000 to \$16,000 per year for centers which maintain at least five enrollees per quarter and have staff and operating costs at least \$16,000 each year. Sub-sections four and five provided that balances in the fund may be reallocated among centers upon standards developed by the Mental Hygiene-Mental Retardation Division, so long as the amounts received per enrollee, per quarter, or center per year does not exceed the amounts specified in the legislative approved budget for the most recent session. The Executive Budget at pages 390-391 provides for \$422 per quarter, per enrollee in 1977 and 1978, and \$445 per enrollee, per quarter in 1978 and 1979. The minimum funded centers are budgeted for \$16,880 in 1977-78, and \$17,808 in 1978-79."

Senator Blakemore asked if in the reprint the Assembly had amended the bill to respond to the Budget Director's request for reverting funds? Assemblyman Schofield said that was satisfied.

Senator Raggio asked what is the necessity for this bill? He asked about the change in language from "eligible to receive" to "entitled to receive"? Assemblyman Schofield said that the initial reasoning behind the bill was to allow the agency to redistribute the funds that they had (Mental Hygiene-Mental Retardation). Mr. Dennis E. Hall of Mental Hygiene-Mental Retardation said there are 13 centers throughout the State, serving approximately 300 clients and the idea behind the variable funding would be, once the initial allocations have been given to the centers the Division would have the flexibility of granting additional monies to the centers that are upgrading programs, providing a variety of programs. In response to Senator Raggio's inquiry about the change in language, Ms. Haase said it was a bill drafter's decision.

Senator Raggio said won't this cut down the number they are able to serve? Mr. Hall said no, the budget was written to allow for two minimums and one maximum center to be funded during the next two years. Senator Raggio asked if the centers are exercising the authority allowed by this bill now? Mr. Hall said no, we are just following a formula.

Senator Raggio asked how a center is established? Mr. Hall said there is a group within a community who corporate as a private non-profit effort, they contact our agency and we supply the information to complete application for funding, i.e., showing that they have a facility set-up, the type of programming they are going to have, identified clients, insurance, etc.. Also, they must provide a proposed budget.

Senator Raggio asked what types of things are the centers able to do for the handicapped? Mr. Hall said they offer a variety of services from self-help skills, independent living skills, academic training to sheltered work-shops. Senator Raggio asked

who works in these centers? Mr. Hall said volunteers, CETA hires, and CTC (Community Training Center) grant staff.

Senator Raggio asked where the Washoe Association for Retarded Citizens was in Reno? Ms. Haase said 432 North Virginia houses the thrift store and a sheltered work-shop in the basement. Mr. Hall said there are four centers in Reno.

Mr. Hall summarized the program for the Committee.

Ms. Haasse said that there two other changes in the bill; one is to change the use of CTC money from just staffing costs to "staff and operating costs", and the change in funding is just a 'paper' change of what is already happening. Mr. Hall verified the \$400 and \$16,000 is the current funding rate.

Senator Raggio: Motion to Do Pass A.B. 404
Senator Blakemore: 2nd the Motion

The Motion passed. (EXHIBIT "A")

A.C.R. 30

Ann Hibbs of the Nevada Nursing Association said that this Resolution was requested by the nurses of the Clark County School District.

Senator Raggio asked if this would require a budget? Ms. Hibbs answered yes. Senator Blakemore said the Department of Education probably has the problem of having a Federal mandate telling who will compose the Advisory Council.

Senator Raggio requested that a hearing be delayed on this until more information could be obtained. Chairman Schofield said that he would re-schedule this for Tuesday, April 12, 1977 at 8:00 a.m.

Ms. Susan Haase told the Committee that A.B. 134 is the bill giving the appropriation necessary for A.B. 111. She said that A.B. 134 has been signed by the Governor.

Senator Blakemore: Motion to Do Pass A.B. 111
Senator Faiss: 2nd the Motion

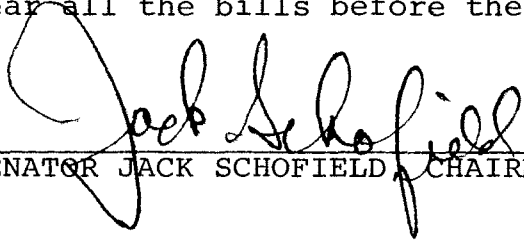
The Motion passed. (EXHIBIT "B")

Senator Hernstadt requested a vote on A.B. 400 for Tuesday, April 12. Chairman Schofield said that the Senate Committee on Legislative Functions was hearing the Resolution dealing with competency, and he felt the vote should be held until it was seen was action was taken on the Resolution. It was decided that the vote on A.B. 400 would be held on Wednesday, April 13.

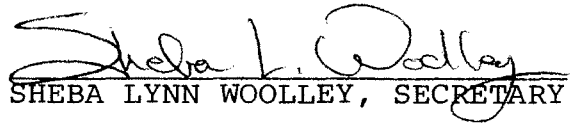
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Chairman Schofield told the Committee that he would like to hear all the bills before the Committee by Friday, April 15.



SENATOR JACK SCHOFIELD, CHAIRMAN



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FIRST REPRINT

A. B. 404

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 404—ASSEMBLYMAN SCHOFIELD

MARCH 3, 1977

Referred to Committee on Health and Welfare

SUMMARY—Revises provisions for allocating certain money to community training centers for retarded persons. (BDR 39-936)

FISCAL NOTE: Local Government Impact: No.
State or Industrial Insurance Impact: Yes.EXPLANATION—Matter in *italics* is new; matter in brackets [] is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to community training centers for retarded persons; increasing minimum amounts of money allocable to each center; providing for allocation of certain other money to the centers; 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 435.290 is hereby amended to read as follows:
 2 435.290 1. A center holding a certificate of qualification from the
 3 division is [eligible to receive] *entitled to aid* from the community train-
 4 ing center fund in amounts not less than the amounts allocable under
 5 [subsections 2 and 3.] *this section.*
 6 2. [Each] *Except as provided in subsection 5, each* center in the state
 7 is [eligible to receive that percentage of available funds as the ratio of the
 8 number of enrollees of each center bears to the total number of enrollees
 9 in all centers in the state, but not less than \$300] *entitled to not less*
 10 *than:*
 11 (a) *Four hundred dollars* per enrollee per quarter [, except that each
 12 community center shall be given a minimum of \$14,000] ; or
 13 (b) *Sixteen thousand dollars* per year [as long as] *if* the center main-
 14 tains a minimum of five enrollees per quarter and [their] *its staff and*
 15 *operating expenses are [in the amount of \$14,000 or more] at least*
 16 *\$16,000 each year, [.]*
 17 *whichever is greater.*
 18 3. The division, in its discretion, may grant aid from the community
 19 training center fund to help in establishing new centers. This aid in the
 20 aggregate shall not exceed [one-half of the fund during the fiscal year
 21 ending June 30, 1970, and shall not exceed] one-fourth of the [fund
 22 thereafter.] *money available in the fund for the year in which it is given.*

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 a copy of the complete bill.

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FIRST REPRINT

A. B. 111

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 111—COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

JANUARY 20, 1977

Referred to Committee on Education

SUMMARY—Revises provisions on education of certain handicapped persons. (BDR 34-121)

FISCAL NOTE: Local Government Impact: No. State or Industrial Insurance Impact: No.

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

AN ACT relating to the education of visually, aurally or multiply handicapped persons; revising and clarifying provisions; 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 395 of NRS is hereby amended by adding
- 2 thereto the provisions set forth as sections 2 to 5, inclusive, of this act.
- 3 SEC. 2. "*Care*" means room, board and transportation which the
- 4 superintendent of public instruction determines to be necessary for a
- 5 handicapped person while he is being educated pursuant to this chapter.
- 6 SEC. 3. "*Handicapped person*" means an aurally or visually handi-
- 7 capped person or a mute person.
- 8 SEC. 4. (Deleted by amendment.)
- 9 SEC. 5. "*Special education program*" means a program which pro-
- 10 vides instruction specially designed in accordance with minimum stand-
- 11 ards prescribed by the state board of education to meet the unique needs
- 12 of handicapped persons.
- 13 SEC. 6. NRS 395.001 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 14 395.001 As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise
- 15 requires, the words and terms defined in NRS 395.003 to 395.009, inclu-
- 16 sive, and sections 2 to 5, inclusive, of this act have the meanings ascribed
- 17 to them in [such] those sections.
- 18 SEC. 7. NRS 395.003 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 19 395.003 "*Aurally handicapped person*" means a person [who is
- 20 legally deaf or mute.] with a loss in hearing of 80 decibels or more in the
- 21 better ear.
- 22 SEC. 8. NRS 395.010 is hereby amended to read as follows:

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