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AB 268

**** A BILL requiring increased salaries to nationally board certified speech language pathologists (holders of the Certificate of Clinical Competence) employed as**

Teachers of pupils who have speech and language impairments
in Nevada school districts

- The 187 board certified speech-language pathologists statewide directly impact curricular instruction in the **content areas of English, Language Arts, Math, and Science** to enhance student performance on statewide testing.
- These 187 board certified speech-language pathologists statewide, each working with a caseload of 55 students, directly impact the learning of 10,285 students in the **content areas of English, Language Arts, Math and Science.**
- These 187 board certified speech-language pathologists statewide directly impact the training of and instruction given by the teachers of these 10,285 students in the **content areas of English, Language Arts, Math and Science.**
- The "No Child Left Behind" Act - the reauthorized Elementary and Secondary Education Act - defines a "highly qualified" teacher. A board certified speech-language pathologist is a "highly qualified" teacher.
- *Teachers of pupils who have speech and language impairments* are listed in the area of critical need in Nevada schools, and the passage of AB268 will attract and retain these "highly qualified" professionals.
- Passage of AB 268 will have a low fiscal impact of \$200,000.00 per year statewide.

****SB46, passed in June 1999, required increased salaries to teachers who maintain certification recognized by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS).**

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