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Sponsor: Assemblymen Gibbons et al.

Assembly Bill 268 would require school districts to pay certain speech pathologists more money. A speech pathologist who holds certification from the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association shall receive an additional 5 percent of his or her salary that he or she would otherwise have received. This increase is in addition to any other increase to which the speech pathologist would have been entitled.

Proponents:

Proponents said that certified speech pathologists exceed the minimum requirements for teaching pupils with speech and language impairments. They must earn a master's degree, pass a national examination, and complete a supervised fellowship. These criteria are at least as rigorous as the standards for National Board for Professional Teaching Standards, which Nevada already recognizes for a salary supplement.

The plan, iNVEST, proposed by the school superintendents will focus on high impact and special needs. There is a strong need to attract and retain speech pathologists.

Opponents: None

Fiscal Impact:

Local: Yes

State: No

Proposed Amendments: None