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Revises provisions governing class-size reduction program. (BDR 34-643)

Senate Bill 44 includes:

1. An amendment proposed by Carole Vilardo of the Nevada Taxpayers Association to allow more flexibility for use of the class-size reduction funds in Kindergarten through 5th grade, similar to what was contained in a bill last session, allowing, for example, an alternative plan that might incorporate full day kindergarten.
2. Craig Kadlub of the Clark County School District proposes allowing districts in which elementary schools serve grades 1 through 5 to also be eligible under the bill. He proposes amending Section 2 (1)(b) (page 2, line 32), and at Section 4 subsection 2 (page 4, line 9), to add language such as “. . . or in grades 1 to 5, inclusive in districts where elementary schools serve grades 1 through five. . . .” His communication is attached.

Sturm, Pepper

From: Cegavske, Barbara Senator
Sent: Saturday, February 15, 2003 10:37 AM
To: Sturm, Pepper
Subject: FW: SB 44

did I send this to you before? If not FYI

-----Original Message-----

From: Rawson, Raymond Senator
Sent: Wednesday, February 12, 2003 8:23 AM
To: Cegavske, Barbara Senator
Subject: FW: SB 44

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From: Craig Kadlub [mailto:kadlubca@interact.ccsd.net]
Sent: Tuesday, February 11, 2003 4:09 PM
To: rrawson@sen.state.nv.us
Subject: SB 44

Dear Senator Rawson:

In the 2/10 hearing on SB 44, I identified how the bill might be changed to ensure that districts have flexibility in implementing class size reduction, which is the essence of the measure. As stated in my testimony, mandating inclusion of grade six creates problems for districts where grade six is in middle schools, not elementary schools. Therefore, although unsolicited, I hope you will consider the following language as an amendment to the bill that would resolve this problem.

Section 4, subsection 2, could be rewritten as follows (new language underlined):

2. In lieu of complying with the pupil teacher ratio prescribed in paragraph (a) of subsection 1 of NRS 388.700, a school district may, in consultation with recognized associations representing licensed educational personnel, develop a plan to reduce the district's pupil-teacher ratios per class in grades 1 to 6, inclusive, in districts where elementary schools serve grades 1 through 6, or in grades 1 to 5, inclusive, in districts where elementary schools serve grades 1 through five, to 22 to 1, within the limits of available financial support specifically set aside for the reduction of pupil-teacher ratios in kindergarten and grades 1, 2 and 3. A plan developed pursuant to this subsection must be submitted to the State Board.

Your consideration is most appreciated. If you find this suggestion acceptable, please let me know if there is anything else I can do to facilitate the amendment.

Sincerely,

Craig Kadlub