

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 203—ASSEMBLYMEN PERKINS, COLLINS, HORNE, ANDERSON, PARKS, ANDONOV, ARBERRY, ATKINSON, BEERS, BROWN, BUCKLEY, CARPENTER, CHOWNING, CLABORN, CONKLIN, GEDDES, GIBBONS, GIUNCHIGLIANI, GOICOECHEA, GOLDWATER, GRADY, GRIFFIN, HETTRICK, LESLIE, MABEY, MANENDO, MARVEL, MCCLEARY, MORTENSON, OCEGUERA, PIERCE, SHERER, WEBER AND WILLIAMS

FEBRUARY 26, 2003

Referred to Committee on Education

SUMMARY—Creates Committee to Evaluate Higher Education Programs. (BDR S-809)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: Contains Appropriation not included in Executive Budget.

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

AN ACT relating to higher education; creating the Committee to Evaluate Higher Education Programs; providing for its organization, powers and duties; making an appropriation; 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.** 1. The Committee to Evaluate Higher Education
2 Programs, consisting of 12 voting members and 4 nonvoting
3 members, is hereby created.
4 2. The following persons shall serve as voting members of the
5 Committee:
6 (a) Three members of the Senate, appointed by the Majority
7 Leader of the Senate;
8 (b) Three members of the Assembly, appointed by the Speaker
9 of the Assembly;



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- 1 (c) Three members of the Board of Regents, appointed by
- 2 the Chairman of that Board; and
- 3 (d) Three members appointed by the Governor.
- 4 3. The Governor shall appoint the following persons to serve as
- 5 the nonvoting members of the Committee:
- 6 (a) One person who is employed in the Budget Division of the
- 7 Department of Administration;
- 8 (b) Two persons who are employed by the University and
- 9 Community College System of Nevada; and
- 10 (c) One student who is currently enrolled in an institution within
- 11 the University and Community College System of Nevada.
- 12 4. The Chairman of the Legislative Commission shall
- 13 designate one of the members as Chairman of the Committee.
- 14 5. The Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau shall
- 15 provide the necessary professional staff and a secretary for the
- 16 Committee.
- 17 6. For each day or portion of a day during which they attend a
- 18 meeting of the Committee or are otherwise engaged in the business
- 19 of the Committee:
- 20 (a) The voting members of the Committee who are Legislators
- 21 are entitled to receive the compensation provided for a majority of
- 22 the members of the Legislature during the first 60 days of the
- 23 preceding regular session plus the per diem allowance provided for
- 24 state officers and employees generally and the travel expenses
- 25 provided pursuant to NRS 218.2207.
- 26 (b) The voting members of the Committee who are members of
- 27 the Board of Regents are entitled to receive travel expenses and a
- 28 per diem allowance at the rates established in NRS 396.070.
- 29 (c) The voting members of the Committee appointed by the
- 30 Governor are entitled to receive the per diem allowance and travel
- 31 expenses provided for state officers and employees generally.
- 32 **Sec. 2.** The Committee shall:
- 33 1. Examine and evaluate the need in this state for existing and
- 34 potential higher education programs to ensure economic progress
- 35 and development within the State of Nevada and to ensure that the
- 36 educational needs of its residents are being met;
- 37 2. Identify areas of high priority where needs are not currently
- 38 being met, including, without limitation, the areas of educational
- 39 programs for students who desire to become nurses or teachers;
- 40 3. Determine whether it is feasible to reallocate existing
- 41 resources within institutions to meet the critical needs of the State of
- 42 Nevada that are not currently being met;
- 43 4. Determine whether appropriations from the State of Nevada
- 44 and student fee revenues are being efficiently distributed internally



1 at each campus of the University and Community College System of
2 Nevada; and

3 5. Recommend to the Board of Regents and the Legislature
4 such action as may be needed for the efficient and effective
5 operation of higher education in Nevada if the State is to progress
6 economically and socially.

7 **Sec. 3.** The Committee may hold public hearings at such times
8 and places as it deems necessary to afford the general public and
9 representatives of governmental agencies and of organizations
10 interested in higher education an opportunity to present relevant
11 information and recommendations.

12 **Sec. 4.** The Committee may employ such educational and
13 financial consultants as it deems necessary for this study.

14 **Sec. 5.** The Committee may accept and use all gifts and grants
15 which it receives to further its work.

16 **Sec. 6.** 1. There is hereby appropriated from the State
17 General Fund to the Legislative Commission the sum of \$250,000
18 for the purpose of conducting an evaluation of higher education
19 programs as provided in this act.

20 2. Any remaining balance of the appropriation made
21 by subsection 1 must not be committed for expenditure after
22 December 31, 2004, and reverts to the State General Fund as soon
23 as all payments of money committed have been made.

24 **Sec. 7.** The Committee shall submit to the Board of Regents,
25 Legislative Committee on Education and Legislative Commission a
26 report of its findings and any recommendations for legislation
27 before the commencement of the 73rd Session of the Legislature.

28 **Sec. 8.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2003, and expires
29 by limitation on February 1, 2005.

