

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 266—COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

(ON BEHALF OF THE NEVADA ASSOCIATION
OF SCHOOL BOARDS)

MARCH 10, 2003

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

SUMMARY—Requires Superintendent of Public Instruction to prepare compilation of certain information for inclusion in biennial budgetary request for State Distributive School Account. (BDR 34-903)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: Contains Appropriations 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 education; requiring the Superintendent of Public Instruction to prepare a compilation of certain information for inclusion in the biennial budgetary request for the State Distributive School Account; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

1 WHEREAS, Section 2 of Article 11 of the Constitution of the
2 State of Nevada requires the Legislature to provide for a uniform
3 system of common schools; and

4 WHEREAS, Section 6 of Article 11 of the Constitution of the
5 State of Nevada requires the Legislature to provide for the support
6 and maintenance of the common schools by direct legislative
7 appropriation from the General Fund; and

8 WHEREAS, An effective public school system which produces
9 active and informed residents is essential to the development of an
10 educated workforce to serve the economy of the State of Nevada;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, The Nevada Association of School Superintendents
13 and the Nevada Association of School Boards have worked
14 cooperatively to propose a long-term vision for public education,



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1 commonly referred to as “iNVEST,” in an effort to improve the
2 academic achievement of pupils enrolled in elementary and
3 secondary schools in this state; and

4 WHEREAS, The Legislature believes that the elements of the
5 iNVEST proposal provide a sound blueprint when the Legislature
6 considers methods to improve the academic achievement of pupils;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, The Legislature recognizes it is important that school
9 districts:

10 1. Are provided with basic support that is adequate to ensure
11 the effectiveness of the public schools, which to the extent
12 practicable includes the inflationary costs for nonsalaried
13 expenditures;

14 2. Have funding for books, supplies and equipment that is
15 adequate to ensure the effectiveness of the public schools;

16 3. Have funding for programs designed for pupils who have
17 limited proficiency in the English language that is adequate to
18 ensure the effectiveness of the public schools; and

19 4. Maintain an adequate ending fund balance; and

20 WHEREAS, The Legislature recognizes the importance for school
21 districts to attract and retain a qualified workforce, which includes
22 the provision of cost-of-living adjustments, adequate health benefits
23 for employees and adequate compensation for teachers who provide
24 instruction in high impact and special need areas; and

25 WHEREAS, The Legislature recognizes that there are a variety of
26 meritorious ways that the educational system can assist pupils to
27 meet the demands of rigorous academic standards, including,
28 without limitation, increasing the instructional time for pupils by
29 adding additional days to the school year, providing full-day
30 kindergarten especially for children who are at risk, and providing
31 summer school, after-school programs and tutorial programs for
32 pupils who need additional assistance; and

33 WHEREAS, The opportunities available to Nevada’s pupils
34 would be enhanced by the provision of career and technical
35 educational courses, the enhancement of classroom discipline and
36 the maintenance of class-size reduction; and

37 WHEREAS, It is the intended goal of the Nevada Legislature to
38 work in partnership with the State Board of Education, the
39 Governor, the Nevada Association of School Superintendents, the
40 Nevada Association of School Boards and other such dedicated
41 organizations to continue to develop and carry out educational
42 strategies that are designed to improve the academic achievement of
43 pupils enrolled in the public elementary and secondary schools in
44 this state, including, without limitation, methods to increase the
45 financial support for public schools; now, therefore,



1 THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
2 SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:
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4 **Section 1.** Chapter 385 of NRS is hereby amended by adding
5 thereto a new section to read as follows:

6 *1. The Superintendent of Public Instruction shall compile the*
7 *biennial budgetary request for the State Distributive School*
8 *Account prepared by the Department. In compiling the request,*
9 *the Superintendent shall take into account, without limitation:*

10 *(a) The projected enrollment of pupils for each school district*
11 *and for the school districts as a whole;*

12 *(b) The projected costs of salaries and benefits for existing and*
13 *newly hired teachers, and for other school district employees,*
14 *including, without limitation, the cost of merit increases and the*
15 *cost of living adjustments recommended by the Superintendent of*
16 *Public Instruction;*

17 *(c) The projected costs of supplies, equipment, services, fuel*
18 *and utilities based upon such published indices, reports and*
19 *research as the Superintendent of Public Instruction considers are*
20 *credible and reliable regarding those costs to schools;*

21 *(d) The projected cost of existing and proposed educational*
22 *programs, including, without limitation, enhancements to existing*
23 *programs that are not included in the per pupil basic support*
24 *guarantee; and*

25 *(e) The revenue that is anticipated to be available for the*
26 *general operations of school districts other than money available*
27 *from the State General Fund.*

28 *2. The compilation prepared pursuant to subsection 1 must be*
29 *included with the biennial budgetary request for the State*
30 *Distributive School Account prepared by the Department.*

31 **Sec. 2.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2003.

