
ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 345—ASSEMBLYMAN PERKINS

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Referred to Committee on Education

SUMMARY—Requires libraries in public high schools to be open to general public. (BDR 34-1307)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: Yes.
Effect on the State: No.

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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 public schools; requiring the boards of trustees of school districts to make the libraries in public high schools open to the general public during certain times that are not regular school hours; 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.** Chapter 393 of NRS is hereby amended by adding
2 thereto a new section to read as follows:
3 1. *The board of trustees of each school district shall ensure*
4 *that each library in each public high school located within the*
5 *school district is open to the general public on a year-round basis*
6 *and during certain times that are not regular school hours.*
7 2. *Each library in a public high school must be open to the*
8 *general public during the following times:*
9 (a) *On each weekday during the school year when school is in*
10 *session, from the time at which the school day ends until 7 p.m.*
11 (b) *On each weekday during the summer, or between sessions*
12 *in schools with year-round schedules, for a period of at least 4*
13 *hours.*
14 (c) *On each weekend day during the year, for a period of at*
15 *least 4 hours.*



1 3. *Each public high school shall post the hours set forth in*
2 *subsection 2 in a manner that informs the general public of the*
3 *times that the library is available for use by the general public.*

4 4. *A member of the general public who possesses a library*
5 *card issued by a public library, as that term is defined in NRS*
6 *379.0057, may use that library card to check out books at a high*
7 *school library that is open to the general public.*

8 5. *The board of trustees of a school district may enter into*
9 *one or more cooperative agreements with:*

10 (a) *The trustees of a consolidated, county, district, town or*
11 *other public library located within the county in which the school*
12 *district is located; and*

13 (b) *The governing authority of a city library located within the*
14 *county in which the school district is located,*
15 *for the provision of library personnel and resources for a library*
16 *in a public high school located within the school district that is*
17 *open to the general public pursuant to this section.*

18 **Sec. 2.** NRS 393.071 is hereby amended to read as follows:

19 393.071 The board of trustees of any school district may grant
20 the use of school buildings or grounds for public, literary, scientific,
21 recreational or educational meetings ~~{ }~~ or for the discussion of
22 matters of general or public interest upon such terms and conditions
23 as the board deems proper, subject to the limitations, requirements
24 and restrictions set forth in NRS 393.071 to 393.0719, inclusive ~~{ }~~,
25 *and section 1 of this act.*

26 **Sec. 3.** NRS 393.0713 is hereby amended to read as follows:

27 393.0713 ~~{No}~~
28 1. *Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, the* privilege
29 *of using the buildings or grounds ~~{shall}~~ must not* be granted for a
30 *period exceeding 1 year. The privilege is renewable and revocable*
31 *in the discretion of the board of trustees at any time.*

32 2. *The time limitation set forth in subsection 1 does not apply*
33 *to the use of a high school library pursuant to section 1 of this act.*

34 **Sec. 4.** NRS 393.0714 is hereby amended to read as follows:

35 393.0714 The board of trustees of any school district may grant
36 the use of school buildings, grounds and equipment without charge
37 to ~~{public}~~ :

38 1. *Public* agencies for the purpose of holding examinations for
39 the selection of personnel.

40 2. *The general public for use of the libraries in high schools*
41 *located within the school district pursuant to section 1 of this act.*

42 **Sec. 5.** NRS 393.0719 is hereby amended to read as follows:

43 393.0719 1. Lighting, heating, ~~{janitor}~~ *janitorial* service and
44 the services of the person referred to in NRS 393.0718, when
45 needed, and other necessary expenses, in connection with the use of



1 public school buildings and grounds pursuant to NRS 393.071 to
2 393.0719, inclusive, ~~shall~~ *and section 1 of this act must* be
3 provided for out of school district funds of the respective school
4 districts in the same manner as similar services are provided for,
5 *and except as otherwise provided in subsection 2,* subject to
6 reimbursement by the user in accordance with such policies and
7 regulations as the board of trustees may adopt.

8 *2. The board of trustees of a school district may not request*
9 *reimbursement for the costs and expenses associated with the use*
10 *of a library in a high school by the general public pursuant to*
11 *section 1 of this act.*

12 **Sec. 6.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2003.

