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ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 506—COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

MARCH 24, 2003

Referred to Committee on Education

SUMMARY—Prescribes limit on number of administrators in certain large school districts. (BDR 34-1300)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.  
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.

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AN ACT relating to education; prescribing a limit on the number of administrators employed in certain large school districts; 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 391 of NRS is hereby amended by adding  
2     thereto a new section to read as follows:  
3     1. *In a county whose population is 400,000 or more, there*  
4     *must be a ratio on and after July 1, 2005, of not more than one*  
5     *administrator employed by the school district per each 352 pupils*  
6     *enrolled in the school district.*  
7     2. *In a county whose population is 100,000 or more, there*  
8     *must be a ratio on and after July 1, 2005, of not more than one*  
9     *administrator employed by the school district per each 311 pupils*  
10    *enrolled in the school district.*  
11    3. *On or before December 1 of each year, the board of*  
12    *trustees of each school district that is subject to the requirements*  
13    *of this section shall prepare a report indicating, for the current*  
14    *school year, the:*  
15    (a) *Total number of administrators employed by the school*  
16    *district;*  
17    (b) *Total number of pupils enrolled in the school district; and*  
18    (c) *Administrator-pupil ratio in the school district.*



1       4. *The numbers used to prepare the report must be the*  
2 *number of pupils enrolled and the number of administrators*  
3 *employed on the day the count of pupils is completed pursuant to*  
4 *subsection 1 of NRS 387.1233.*

5       5. *The report prepared pursuant to subsection 3 must be*  
6 *submitted to the:*

7       (a) *Department;*  
8       (b) *Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for*  
9 *transmission to:*

10       (1) *If the report is submitted during an even-numbered*  
11 *year, the next regular session of the Legislature; or*

12       (2) *If the report is submitted during an odd-numbered year,*  
13 *the Legislative Committee on Education; and*

14       (c) *The Legislative Bureau of Educational Accountability and*  
15 *Program Evaluation.*

16       6. *As used in this section, "administrator" means each person*  
17 *on the schedule of salaries of a school district as an administrator*  
18 *who is employed to provide administrative service at the:*

19       (a) *District level;*

20       (b) *School level, including, without limitation, a principal or*  
21 *vice principal; or*

22       (c) *Both the district level and the school level.*

23 *The term does not include a teacher whose working time is*  
24 *primarily spent providing instruction in a classroom.*

25       **Sec. 2.** NRS 391.100 is hereby amended to read as follows:

26       391.100 1. ~~The~~ *Except as otherwise provided in section 1*  
27 *of this act, the* board of trustees of a school district may employ a  
28 superintendent of schools, teachers and all other necessary  
29 employees.

30       2. The board of trustees of a school district:

31       (a) May employ teacher aides and other auxiliary,  
32 nonprofessional personnel to assist licensed personnel in the  
33 instruction or supervision of children, either in the classroom or at  
34 any other place in the school or on the grounds thereof; and

35       (b) Shall establish policies governing the duties and  
36 performance of teacher aides.

37       3. Each applicant for employment pursuant to this section,  
38 except a teacher or other person licensed by the Superintendent of  
39 Public Instruction, must, as a condition to employment, submit to  
40 the school district a full set of his fingerprints and written  
41 permission authorizing the school district to forward the fingerprints  
42 to the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Central Repository  
43 for Nevada Records of Criminal History for their reports on the  
44 criminal history of the applicant.



1 4. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 5, the board of  
2 trustees of a school district shall not require a licensed teacher or  
3 other person licensed by the Superintendent of Public Instruction  
4 pursuant to NRS 391.033 who has taken a leave of absence from  
5 employment authorized by the school district, including, without  
6 limitation:

- 7 (a) Sick leave;
- 8 (b) Sabbatical leave;
- 9 (c) Personal leave;
- 10 (d) Leave for attendance at a regular or special session of the  
11 Legislature of this state if the employee is a member thereof;
- 12 (e) Maternity leave; and
- 13 (f) Leave permitted by the Family and Medical Leave Act of  
14 1993, 29 U.S.C. §§ 2601 et seq.,  
15 to submit a set of his fingerprints as a condition of return to or  
16 continued employment with the school district if the employee is in  
17 good standing when the employee began the leave.

18 5. A board of trustees of a school district may ask the  
19 Superintendent of Public Instruction to require a person licensed by  
20 the Superintendent of Public Instruction pursuant to NRS 391.033  
21 who has taken a leave of absence from employment authorized by  
22 the school district to submit a set of his fingerprints as a condition of  
23 return to or continued employment with the school district if the  
24 board of trustees has probable cause to believe that the person has  
25 committed a felony or an offense involving moral turpitude during  
26 the period of his leave of absence.

27 6. The board of trustees of a school district may employ or  
28 appoint persons to serve as school police officers. If the board of  
29 trustees of a school district employs or appoints persons to serve as  
30 school police officers, the board of trustees shall employ a law  
31 enforcement officer to serve as the chief of school police who is  
32 supervised by the superintendent of schools of the school district.  
33 The chief of school police shall supervise each person appointed or  
34 employed by the board of trustees as a school police officer. In  
35 addition, persons who provide police services pursuant to subsection  
36 7 or 8 shall be deemed school police officers.

37 7. The board of trustees of a school district in a county that has  
38 a metropolitan police department created pursuant to chapter 280 of  
39 NRS, may contract with the metropolitan police department for the  
40 provision and supervision of police services in the public schools  
41 within the jurisdiction of the metropolitan police department and on  
42 property therein that is owned by the school district. If a contract is  
43 entered into pursuant to this subsection, the contract must make  
44 provision for the transfer of each school police officer employed by  
45 the board of trustees to the metropolitan police department. If the



1 board of trustees of a school district contracts with a metropolitan  
2 police department pursuant to this subsection, the board of trustees  
3 shall, if applicable, cooperate with appropriate local law  
4 enforcement agencies within the school district for the provision and  
5 supervision of police services in the public schools within the school  
6 district and on property owned by the school district, but outside the  
7 jurisdiction of the metropolitan police department.

8 8. The board of trustees of a school district in a county that  
9 does not have a metropolitan police department created pursuant to  
10 chapter 280 of NRS may contract with the sheriff of that county for  
11 the provision of police services in the public schools within the  
12 school district and on property therein that is owned by the school  
13 district.

14 **Sec. 3.** NRS 391.120 is hereby amended to read as follows:

15 391.120 1. ~~Boards~~ *Except as otherwise provided in section*  
16 *1 of this act, boards* of trustees of the school districts in this state  
17 may employ legally qualified teachers and other licensed personnel  
18 and may determine their salaries and the length of the term of school  
19 for which they are employed. These conditions and any other  
20 conditions agreed upon by the parties must be embodied in a written  
21 contract, or notice of reemployment, to be approved by the board of  
22 trustees and accepted and signed by the employee. A copy of the  
23 contract or notice of reemployment, properly written, must be  
24 delivered to each teacher or other licensed employee not later than  
25 the opening of the term of school.

26 2. A board of trustees may not employ teachers or other  
27 licensed personnel for any school year commencing after the  
28 expiration of the time for which any member of the board of trustees  
29 was elected or appointed.

30 3. It is unlawful for the board of trustees of any school district  
31 to employ any teacher who is not legally qualified to teach all the  
32 grades which the teacher is engaged to teach.

33 4. On or before November 15 of each year, the school district  
34 shall submit to the Department, in a form prescribed by the  
35 Superintendent of Public Instruction, the following information for  
36 each licensed employee employed by the school district on  
37 October 1 of that year:

- 38 (a) The amount of salary of the employee; and
- 39 (b) The designated assignment, as that term is defined by the  
40 Department of Education, of the employee.

41 **Sec. 4.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2003.

