
ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 508—COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

MARCH 24, 2003

Referred to Committee on Education

SUMMARY—Requires certain school districts to establish pilot program to provide instruction in foreign languages and culture in elementary schools. (BDR S-1217)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: Yes.
Effect on the State: Yes.

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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 Board of Trustees of the Clark County School District and the Board of Trustees of the Washoe County School District to establish a pilot program to provide instruction in certain foreign languages and the associated culture in the elementary schools; requiring the Council to Establish Academic Standards for Public Schools to develop a plan to provide such instruction in all elementary schools; 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. On or before January 1, 2004, the Board of
2 Trustees of the Clark County School District and the Board of
3 Trustees of the Washoe County School District shall each:
4 (a) Establish a pilot program to provide instruction in the
5 Spanish language and the French language as well as the associated
6 culture to pupils enrolled in kindergarten and grades 1 to 6,
7 inclusive, within the school district.
8 (b) Provide instruction through the pilot program for the spring
9 semester of 2004 and for the 2004-2005 school year. The instruction
10 provided pursuant to the pilot program may be included as a part of
11 the regular school day.



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1 2. On or before February 1, 2005, the Board of Trustees of the
2 Clark County School District and the Board of Trustees of the
3 Washoe County School District shall each prepare a report
4 evaluating the success of the pilot program established pursuant to
5 subsection 1, including, without limitation, the effect of the pilot
6 program on the ability of pupils to understand and appreciate the
7 cultural, ethnic and racial diversity of our society and other cultures.
8 A copy of each report must be submitted to the:
9 (a) State Board of Education;
10 (b) Council to Establish Academic Standards for Public Schools;
11 and
12 (c) Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for transmission
13 to the 73rd Session of the Nevada Legislature.
14 **Sec. 2.** 1. The Council to Establish Academic Standards for
15 Public Schools shall develop a plan for the adoption of standards of
16 content and performance for selected foreign languages, including,
17 without limitation, Spanish and French, and the associated culture,
18 for pupils enrolled in kindergarten and grades 1 to 6, inclusive. The
19 plan must include a timeline by which the standards will be adopted
20 and carried out for selected grade levels.
21 2. On or before February 1, 2005, the Council to Establish
22 Academic Standards for Public Schools shall submit the plan
23 developed pursuant to subsection 1 to:
24 (a) The State Board of Education; and
25 (b) The Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for
26 transmission to the 73rd Session of the Nevada Legislature.
27 **Sec. 3.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2003.

