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ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 535-COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

MARCH 24, 2003

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

SUMMARY—Makes appropriation for reimbursement of costs incurred by private nonprofit sponsors of summer food service programs. (BDR S-861)

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

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

AN ACT relating to food programs for children; making an appropriation for the reimbursement of certain costs incurred by private nonprofit sponsors of summer food service programs; requiring the Superintendent of Public Instruction to conduct an evaluation of the summer food service programs in this state; 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. There is hereby appropriated from the State 2 General Fund to the Department of Education the sum of \$700,000 3 for the reimbursement of certain costs incurred by private nonprofit 4 sponsors of summer food service programs.

2. On or before December 31, 2003, a private nonprofit 5 sponsor of a summer food service program authorized by the 6 Department of Education or previously authorized by the 7 Department may submit a claim to the Department for 8 reimbursement of certain costs incurred in sponsoring the program. 9 A claim must not include any amounts that were paid to the sponsor 10 by this state or the Federal Government for the support of the 11 program. Only a sponsor of a current program or a sponsor of a 12 program that operated in the immediately preceding year may 13



submit such a claim. The Department shall evaluate the claims
 submitted. Upon the request of the Department, a sponsor shall
 submit any additional information required by the Department to
 verify the accuracy of the claim.

3. On or before March 1, 2004, the Department of Education 5 shall distribute the money appropriated by subsection 1 to each 6 7 sponsor with an approved claim. To the extent money is available 8 from the appropriation, the amount distributed to each sponsor must 9 be an amount equal to the actual verified costs incurred by the 10 sponsor that were not otherwise reimbursed by this state or the Federal Government. If insufficient money is available from 11 the appropriation made by subsection 1 to pay the actual verified 12 13 costs of each sponsor, the Department of Education shall distribute 14 the money to each sponsor with an approved claim on a pro rata 15 basis based upon the number of children served through the program 16 by each sponsor.

Sec. 2. 1. The Superintendent of Public Instruction shall evaluate the summer food service programs operated in this state that are authorized by the Department of Education. On or before September 15, 2003, the Superintendent of Public Instruction shall submit to the Legislative Committee on Education a written report of the results of the evaluation that includes, without limitation:

(a) An assessment of the effectiveness of the summer food
service programs operated in this state in addressing the nutritional
needs of children in this state, including, without limitation, whether
all available resources are used to ensure that Nevada's children do
not go hungry;

(b) Identification of methods to ensure that institutions refrain
from actions that cause them to be placed on the list of "seriously
deficient institutions" in accordance with applicable federal law and
methods to assist such institutions in taking sufficient corrective
actions to facilitate their removal from that list;

(c) An assessment of the outreach, training and monitoring
 conducted by the Department of Education for the sponsors of the
 summer food service programs; and

(d) The feasibility of developing a supplemental food programthat will identify, train and underwrite local sponsors.

2. The Legislative Committee on Education shall review the written report submitted pursuant to subsection 1 and, based upon its review, take such action as it determines necessary, including, without limitation, forwarding a copy of the written report to the 73rd Session of the Nevada Legislature and making recommendations for legislation.

44 **Sec. 3.** Any remaining balance of the appropriation made by 45 section 1 of this act must not be committed for expenditure after



- June 30, 2005, and reverts to the State General Fund as soon as all payments of money committed have been made.Sec. 4. This act becomes effective upon passage and approval. 1
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