

SENATE BILL NO. 253—SENATOR CEGAVSKE

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Referred to Committee on Human Resources and Facilities

SUMMARY—Revises provisions governing school attendance required to obtain credit or to be promoted to next higher grade. (BDR 34-788)

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.

AN ACT relating to education; providing that a pupil must be in attendance for a minimum number of days to obtain credit; providing that a pupil and his parent or legal guardian may request a review of a decision to deny credit or promotion to the next higher grade; 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.** NRS 392.122 is hereby amended to read as follows:  
2     392.122 1. The board of trustees of each school district shall  
3     prescribe a minimum number of days that a pupil who is enrolled in  
4     a school in the district must be in attendance for the pupil *to obtain*  
5     *credit or* to be promoted to the next higher grade. For the purposes  
6     of this subsection, the days on which a pupil is not in attendance  
7     because the pupil is ~~;~~  
8     ~~—(a) Physically or mentally unable to attend school; or~~  
9     ~~—(b) Absent]~~ *absent* for up to 10 days within 1 school year with  
10    the approval of the teacher or principal of the school pursuant to  
11    NRS 392.130 , ~~{and only if he has completed course work~~  
12    ~~requirements,}~~ must be credited towards the required days of



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1 attendance ~~if~~ if the pupil has completed course-work  
2 requirements.  
3 2. If a pupil is denied credit or promotion to the next higher  
4 grade for failure to comply with the attendance requirements  
5 prescribed pursuant to subsection 1, the pupil and his parent or  
6 legal guardian may request a review of the denial of credit or  
7 promotion. Upon such a request, the principal of the school in  
8 which the pupil is enrolled shall review the reason for each  
9 absence of the pupil that led to the denial of credit or promotion  
10 for the pupil. Based upon the review, the principal shall credit  
11 towards the required days of attendance each day of absence for  
12 which:  
13 (a) There is evidence or a written affirmation by the parent or  
14 legal guardian of the pupil that the pupil was physically or  
15 mentally unable to attend school on the day of the absence; and  
16 (b) The pupil has completed course-work requirements.  
17 3. A pupil and his parent or legal guardian may appeal a  
18 decision of a principal pursuant to subsection 2 to the board of  
19 trustees of the school district in which the pupil is enrolled.  
20 4. A school shall inform the parents or legal guardian of each  
21 pupil who is enrolled in the school that the parents or legal guardian  
22 and the pupil are required to comply with the provisions governing  
23 the attendance and truancy of pupils set forth in NRS 392.040 to  
24 392.160, inclusive, and any other rules concerning attendance and  
25 truancy adopted by the board of trustees of the school district.  
26 **Sec. 2.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2003.

