SENATE BILL NO. 68–COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RESOURCES AND FACILITIES

(ON BEHALF OF THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION (NRS 218.5352))

FEBRUARY 7, 2003

Referred to Committee on Human Resources and Facilities

SUMMARY—Revises provisions governing terms of members of Commission on Educational Technology and Council to Establish Academic Standards for Public Schools. (BDR 34-638)

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; revising the provisions governing the terms of members of the Commission on Educational Technology and the Council to Establish Academic Standards for Public Schools; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. NRS 388.790 is hereby amended to read as follows: 388.790 1. The Commission on Educational Technology, consisting of *2 members who serve ex officio and* 11 members [,] who are appointed, is hereby created. The Superintendent of Public Instruction and the Director of the Department of Information Technology shall serve ex officio as nonvoting members of the Commission.

2. The Governor shall appoint the following voting members to the Commission, at least two of whom must reside in a county whose population is less than 100,000:



(a) One administrator in a public school who possesses knowledge and experience in the general application of technology;

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- (b) One school teacher in a public elementary school who possesses knowledge and experience in the use of educational technology in the public schools;
- (c) One school teacher in a public secondary school who possesses knowledge and experience in the use of educational technology in the public schools;
- (d) One representative of public libraries who possesses knowledge and experience in the general application of technology;
- (e) One representative of the University and Community College System of Nevada who possesses knowledge and experience in the use of educational technology in institutions of higher education;
- (f) One representative of the private sector who possesses knowledge and experience in the use of technology; and
- (g) One parent or legal guardian who possesses knowledge and experience in the general application of technology.
- 3. The [Senate] Majority Leader *of the Senate* shall appoint two voting members to the Commission:
 - (a) One of whom is a member of the Senate; and
 - (b) One of whom is employed in the field of technology.
- 4. The Speaker of the Assembly shall appoint two voting members to the Commission:
 - (a) One of whom is a member of the Assembly; and
 - (b) One of whom is employed in the field of technology.
- 5. The Governor shall appoint a Chairman among the voting members of the Commission.
- 6. [The] After the initial terms, the term of each member of the Commission is 2 years, commencing on [July 1 of each odd-numbered] January 1 of the year he is appointed and expiring on [June 30] December 31 of the immediately [succeeding odd-numbered] following year. A member shall continue to serve on the Commission until his successor is appointed. Upon the expiration of a term of a member, he may be reappointed [,] if he still possesses any requisite qualifications for appointment. There is no limit on the number of terms that a member may serve.
- 7. The person or entity who appoints a member to the Commission may remove that member if the member neglects his duty or commits malfeasance in office, or for other just cause. Any vacancy in the membership of the Commission must be filled for the remainder of the unexpired term in the same manner as the original appointment.



8. The Commission shall hold at least four regular meetings each year [,] and may hold special meetings at the call of the Chairman.

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- 9. Members of the Commission who are not Legislators serve without compensation, except that for each day or portion of a day during which a member of the Commission attends a meeting of the Commission or is otherwise engaged in the business of the Commission, he is entitled to receive the per diem allowance and travel expenses provided for state officers and employees generally.
- 10. For each day or portion of a day during which a member of the Commission who is a Legislator attends a meeting of the Commission or is otherwise engaged in the work of the Commission, except during a regular or special session of the Legislature, he is entitled to receive the:
- (a) Compensation provided for a majority of the members of the Legislature during the first 60 days of the preceding session;
- (b) Per diem allowance provided for state officers and employees generally; and
- (c) Travel expenses provided pursuant to NRS 218.2207. The compensation, per diem allowances and travel expenses of the legislative members of the Commission must be paid from the Legislative Fund.
 - **Sec. 2.** NRS 389.510 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 389.510 1. The Council to Establish Academic Standards for Public Schools, consisting of eight members, is hereby created. The membership of the Council consists of:
- (a) Four members appointed by the Governor in accordance with subsection 2;
- (b) Two members appointed by the Majority Leader of the Senate in accordance with subsection 3; and
- (c) Two members appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly in accordance with subsection 3.
 - 2. The Governor shall ensure that:
- (a) Two of the members whom he appoints to the Council are parents or legal guardians of pupils who attend public schools. These members must not otherwise be affiliated with the public school system of this state.
- (b) Two of the members whom he appoints to the Council are licensed educational personnel.
- (c) Insofar as practicable, the members whom he appoints to the Council reflect the ethnic and geographical diversity of this state.
- 3. The Majority Leader of the Senate and the Speaker of the Assembly shall each ensure that:
- 44 (a) One of the members whom he appoints to the Council is a member of the House of the Legislature to which he belongs.



(b) The other member whom he appoints to the Council is a representative of a private business or industry that may be affected by actions taken by the Council.

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- 4. Each member of the Council must be a resident of this state.
- 5. After the initial terms, the term of each member of the Council is 4 years. The person who appoints a member to the Council may remove that member if the member neglects his duty or commits malfeasance in office, or for other just cause. A vacancy in the membership of the Council must be filled for the remainder of the unexpired term in the same manner as the original appointment. A member shall continue to serve on the Council until his successor is appointed.
- 6. The Governor shall select a Chairman from among the membership of the Council in accordance with this subsection. The Governor shall not select as Chairman a member of the Council who is affiliated with the public school system in this state, except that this subsection does not preclude the Governor from selecting a parent or legal guardian of a pupil as Chairman if the parent or legal guardian is not otherwise affiliated with the public school system in this state. Once selected by the Governor, the Chairman holds that office for 2 years.
- 7. For each day or portion of a day during which a member of the Council who is a Legislator attends a meeting of the Council or is otherwise engaged in the work of the Council, except during a regular or special session of the Legislature, he is entitled to receive the:
- (a) Compensation provided for a majority of the members of the Legislature during the first 60 days of the preceding session;
- (b) Per diem allowance provided for state officers and employees generally; and
 - (c) Travel expenses provided pursuant to NRS 218.2207.
- The compensation, per diem allowances and travel expenses of the legislative members of the Council must be paid from the Legislative Fund.
- 8. Members of the Council who are not Legislators serve without salary, but are entitled to receive the per diem allowance and travel expenses provided for state officers and employees generally.
- **Sec. 3.** 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of NRS 388.790, the terms of the appointed members of the Commission on Educational Technology who are incumbent on December 31, 2003, expire on that date.
 - 2. On or before January 1, 2004:
- 44 (a) The Governor shall appoint to the Commission on 45 Educational Technology pursuant to subsection 2 of NRS 388.790:



(1) Four members whose initial terms commence on January 1, 2004, and expire on December 31, 2004.

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- (2) Three members whose initial terms commence on January 1, 2004, and expire on December 31, 2005.
- (b) The Majority Leader of the Senate shall appoint to the Commission on Educational Technology pursuant to subsection 3 of NRS 388.790:
- 8 (1) One member whose initial term commences on 9 January 1, 2004, and expires on December 31, 2004.
- 10 (2) One member whose initial term commences on 11 January 1, 2004, and expires on December 31, 2005.
- 12 (c) The Speaker of the Assembly shall appoint to the 13 Commission on Educational Technology pursuant to subsection 4 of 14 NRS 388.790:
- 15 (1) One member whose initial term commences on 16 January 1, 2004, and expires on December 31, 2004.
- 17 (2) One member whose initial term commences on 18 January 1, 2004, and expires on December 31, 2005.
 - **Sec. 4.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2003.



