

---

---

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 41–  
COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

JUNE 2, 2003

---

Read and Adopted

SUMMARY—Provides items for consideration by Superintendent of Public Instruction in compiling biennial budgetary request. (BDR R-1374)

~

EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

---

---

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION—Providing the items for consideration by the Superintendent of Public Instruction in compiling the biennial budgetary request for the State Distributive School Account.

- 1       WHEREAS, Section 2 of Article 11 of the Constitution of the  
2 State of Nevada requires the Legislature to provide for a uniform  
3 system of common schools; and  
4       WHEREAS, Section 6 of Article 11 of the Constitution of the  
5 State of Nevada requires the Legislature to provide for the support  
6 and maintenance of the common schools by direct legislative  
7 appropriation from the General Fund; and  
8       WHEREAS, An effective public school system which produces  
9 active and informed residents is essential to the development of an  
10 educated workforce to serve the economy of the State of Nevada;  
11 and  
12       WHEREAS, The Nevada Association of School Superintendents  
13 and the Nevada Association of School Boards have worked  
14 cooperatively to propose a long-term vision for public education,  
15 commonly referred to as “iNVEST,” in an effort to improve the  
16 academic achievement of pupils enrolled in elementary and  
17 secondary schools in this state; and  
18       WHEREAS, The Legislature believes that the elements of the  
19 iNVEST proposal provide a sound blueprint when the Legislature  
20 considers methods to improve the academic achievement of pupils;  
21 and



1 WHEREAS, The Legislature recognizes it is important that school  
2 districts:

3 1. Are provided with basic support to the extent practicable and  
4 sufficient to ensure the effectiveness of the public schools, which to  
5 the extent practicable includes the inflationary costs for nonsalaried  
6 expenditures;

7 2. Have funding for books, supplies and equipment to the  
8 extent practicable and sufficient to ensure the effectiveness of the  
9 public schools;

10 3. Have funding for programs designed for pupils who have  
11 limited proficiency in the English language to the extent practicable  
12 and sufficient to ensure the effectiveness of the public schools; and

13 4. Maintain an ending fund balance to the extent practicable  
14 and sufficient to meet the needs of the public schools; and

15 WHEREAS, The Legislature recognizes the importance for school  
16 districts to attract and retain a qualified workforce, which includes  
17 the provision of cost-of-living adjustments, adequate health benefits  
18 for employees and adequate compensation for teachers who provide  
19 instruction in high impact and special need areas; and

20 WHEREAS, The Legislature recognizes that there are a variety of  
21 meritorious ways that the educational system can assist pupils to  
22 meet the demands of rigorous academic standards, including,  
23 without limitation, increasing the instructional time for pupils by  
24 adding additional days to the school year, providing full-day  
25 kindergarten to the extent practicable, especially for children who  
26 are at risk, and providing summer school, after-school programs and  
27 tutorial programs for pupils who need additional assistance; and

28 WHEREAS, The opportunities available to Nevada's pupils  
29 would be enhanced by the provision of career and technical  
30 educational courses, the enhancement of classroom discipline and  
31 the maintenance of class-size reduction; and

32 WHEREAS, It is the intended goal of the Nevada Legislature to  
33 work in partnership with the State Board of Education, the  
34 Governor, the Nevada Association of School Superintendents, the  
35 Nevada Association of School Boards and other such dedicated  
36 organizations to continue to develop and carry out educational  
37 strategies that are designed to improve the academic achievement of  
38 pupils enrolled in the public elementary and secondary schools in  
39 this state, including, without limitation, methods to increase the  
40 financial support for public schools; now, therefore, be it

41 RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE  
42 ASSEMBLY CONCURRING, That, the Superintendent of Public  
43 Instruction may compile the biennial budgetary request for the State  
44 Distributive School Account prepared by the Department of



1 Education and, in compiling the request, may take into account,  
2 without limitation, the following items:

3 1. The projected enrollment of pupils for each school district  
4 and for the school districts as a whole;

5 2. The projected costs of salaries and benefits for existing and  
6 newly hired teachers, and for other school district employees,  
7 including, without limitation, the cost of programs of enhanced  
8 compensation and the cost of living adjustments recommended by  
9 the Superintendent of Public Instruction;

10 3. The projected costs of supplies, equipment, services, fuel  
11 and utilities based upon such published indices, reports and research  
12 as the Superintendent of Public Instruction considers are credible  
13 and reliable regarding those costs to schools;

14 4. The projected cost of existing and proposed educational  
15 programs, including, without limitation, enhancements to existing  
16 programs that are not included in the per pupil basic support  
17 guarantee; and

18 5. The revenue that is anticipated to be available for the general  
19 operations of school districts other than money available from the  
20 State General Fund; and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That the Superintendent of Public Instruction may  
22 include a compilation of the items with the biennial budgetary  
23 request for the State Distributive School Account prepared by the  
24 Department of Education; and be it further

25 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Senate prepare and  
26 transmit a copy of this resolution to the Superintendent of Public  
27 Instruction.

