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ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 525—COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

MARCH 29, 2005

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Referred to Concurrent Committees on Education  
and Ways and Means

SUMMARY—Makes appropriation for innovative educational programs. (BDR S-1352)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.  
Effect on the State: Contains Appropriation included in Executive Budget.

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

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AN ACT relating to education; making an appropriation to the Department of Education for distribution to public schools to provide innovative educational programs; 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  
3 \$25,000,000 for distribution of grants of money to public schools to  
4 provide innovative educational programs.  
5     2. The Department of Education shall prescribe:  
6     (a) A concise application form for submission by public schools  
7 that desire to receive a grant of money pursuant to this section.  
8     (b) The date for submission of the applications by schools for  
9 each school year.  
10    (c) Criteria for the review of applications by the Department.  
11    (d) Standards for the evaluation of the innovative educational  
12 programs.  
13    3. A public school may submit an application to the  
14 Department of Education on the form prescribed by the Department  
15 to provide an innovative educational program, including, without  
16 limitation, programs for gifted and talented pupils, programs for



1 pupils who have limited proficiency in the English language,  
2 alternative methods of configuring the classes and grade levels for  
3 pupils enrolled in high schools, and programs of art and music. The  
4 provisions of this subsection do not preclude a school from  
5 submitting an application for any other type of innovative  
6 educational program for which the school desires to receive a grant  
7 of money.

8 4. An application submitted pursuant to subsection 3 must  
9 include:

10 (a) A description of the innovative educational program or  
11 combination of innovative educational programs for which the  
12 school is seeking a grant of money, including, without limitation, a  
13 description of the proposed effectiveness of each program;

14 (b) The most recent plan to improve the achievement of pupils  
15 prepared for the school pursuant to NRS 385.357 and the manner by  
16 which the innovative educational program or combination of  
17 programs is linked to the school's plan for improvement;

18 (c) The estimated costs for carrying out the program and the  
19 estimated number of pupils who will participate in the program; and

20 (d) The manner by which the innovative educational program or  
21 combination of programs will be evaluated by the school.

22 5. The Department of Education shall:

23 (a) Review all applications submitted in accordance with the  
24 criteria prescribed pursuant to subsection 2.

25 (b) To the extent money is available from the appropriation  
26 made by subsection 1, distribute grants of money to schools with  
27 approved applications based upon the estimated costs of carrying  
28 out each program and the number of pupils estimated to participate  
29 in each program.

30 6. A school that receives a grant of money pursuant to this  
31 section shall evaluate the innovative educational program or  
32 combination of programs for which the school received the grant of  
33 money, including, without limitation, an evaluation of the  
34 effectiveness of the program. On or before December 1, 2006, each  
35 school shall submit a written report of the evaluation to the  
36 Department of Education.

37 7. The Department of Education shall compile the evaluations  
38 received pursuant to subsection 6 and submit, on or before  
39 February 1, 2007, a written report of the compilation, a summary of  
40 the effectiveness of the programs and any recommendations for  
41 legislation to the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for  
42 transmission to the 74th Session of the Nevada Legislature.

43 **Sec. 2.** Any remaining balance of the appropriation made by  
44 section 1 of this act must not be committed for expenditure after



- 1 June 30, 2007, and must be reverted to the State General Fund on or
- 2 before September 21, 2007.
- 3 **Sec. 3.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2005.

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