

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 525—COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

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Referred to Concurrent Committees on Education
and Ways and Means

SUMMARY—Creates Account for Programs for Innovation and the Prevention of Remediation and makes appropriation. (BDR 34-1352)

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.

AN ACT relating to education; creating the Account for Programs for Innovation and the Prevention of Remediation in the State General Fund; prescribing the process for the submission of applications by schools and distribution of grants of money from the Account; making an appropriation; 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.** Chapter 387 of NRS is hereby amended by adding
2 thereto the provisions set forth as sections 2 and 3 of this act.
3 **Sec. 2. 1.** *The Account for Programs for Innovation and*
4 *the Prevention of Remediation is hereby created in the State*
5 *General Fund, to be administered by the Department.*
6 *2. Any interest and income earned on the money in the*
7 *Account must be credited to the Account. The Department may*
8 *accept gifts, grants, donations and bequests from any source for*
9 *deposit in the Account. Any money remaining in the Account at*
10 *the end of a fiscal year does not revert to the State General Fund,*
11 *and the balance in the Account must be carried forward to the*
12 *next fiscal year.*



1 3. *The Department shall use the money in the Account for*
2 *distribution of grants to public schools to provide innovative*
3 *educational programs pursuant to section 3 of this act.*

4 **Sec. 3. 1. The Department shall prescribe:**

5 (a) *A concise application form for submission by public*
6 *schools that desire to receive a grant of money from the Account*
7 *for Programs for Innovation and the Prevention of Remediation.*

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 *which must allow for teachers and principals to assist in the*
12 *review of the applications.*

13 (d) *Standards for the evaluation of the innovative educational*
14 *programs.*

15 2. *A public school may submit an application to the*
16 *Department on the form prescribed by the Department pursuant to*
17 *subsection 1 for a grant of money to provide an innovative*
18 *educational program, including, without limitation, the provision*
19 *of full-day kindergarten, programs for gifted and talented pupils,*
20 *programs for pupils who have limited proficiency in the English*
21 *language, alternative methods of configuring the classes and*
22 *grade levels for pupils enrolled in high schools, programs of art*
23 *which are incorporated into the curriculum, alternative discipline*
24 *programs, summer school, programs to transition from middle*
25 *school and junior high school to high school, career and*
26 *technology programs and driver's education. The provisions of*
27 *this subsection do not preclude a school from submitting an*
28 *application for any other type of innovative educational program*
29 *for which the school desires to receive a grant of money.*

30 3. *An application submitted pursuant to subsection 2 must*
31 *include:*

32 (a) *A description of the innovative educational program or*
33 *combination of innovative educational programs for which the*
34 *school is seeking a grant of money, including, without limitation,*
35 *a description of the proposed effectiveness of each program;*

36 (b) *The most recent plan to improve the achievement of pupils*
37 *prepared for the school pursuant to NRS 385.357 and the manner*
38 *by which the innovative educational program or combination of*
39 *programs is linked to the school's plan for improvement;*

40 (c) *The estimated costs for carrying out the program and the*
41 *estimated number of pupils who will participate in the program;*
42 *and*

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

45 4. *The Department shall:*



1 (a) Review all applications submitted in accordance with the
2 criteria prescribed pursuant to subsection 1.

3 (b) To the extent money is available in the Account for
4 Programs for Innovation and the Prevention of Remediation,
5 distribute grants of money to schools with approved applications
6 based upon the estimated costs of carrying out each program and
7 the number of pupils estimated to participate in each program.

8 5. The Department may request assistance from the
9 Legislative Counsel Bureau in carrying out the provisions of
10 subsection 4.

11 6. A school that receives a grant of money pursuant to this
12 section shall:

13 (a) Use the money to supplement and not replace the money
14 that the school would otherwise expend for the program or
15 programs for which the grant is made;

16 (b) Evaluate the innovative educational program or
17 combination of programs for which the school received the grant
18 of money, including, without limitation, an evaluation of the
19 effectiveness of the program; and

20 (c) On or before December 1 of each year, submit a written
21 report of the evaluation to the Department.

22 7. The Department shall compile the evaluations received
23 pursuant to subsection 6 and submit, on or before January 1 of
24 each year, a written report of the compilation, a summary of the
25 effectiveness of the programs and any recommendations for
26 legislation to the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau. If
27 the report is submitted during:

28 (a) An odd-numbered year, the Director of the Legislative
29 Counsel Bureau shall transmit the report to the next regular
30 session of the Legislature.

31 (b) An even-numbered year, the Director of the Legislative
32 Counsel Bureau shall transmit the report to the Legislative
33 Committee on Education.

34 **Sec. 4.** There is hereby appropriated from the State General
35 Fund to the Account for Programs for Innovation and the Prevention
36 of Remediation created by section 2 of this act the following sums
37 for distribution of grants of money pursuant to section 3 of this act:

38 For the Fiscal Year 2005-2006..... \$50,000,000

39 For the Fiscal Year 2006-2007..... \$50,000,000

40 **Sec. 5.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2005.



