

SENATE BILL NO. 212—SENATOR BEERS

MARCH 21, 2005

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Referred to Committee on Human Resources and Education

SUMMARY—Requires school districts to determine scheduling start times for public schools in certain manner. (BDR S-729)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: May have Fiscal Impact.  
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.

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AN ACT relating to education; requiring the boards of trustees of school districts to determine the feasibility of scheduling the start times for public schools in a certain manner; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**Legislative Counsel's Digest:**

- 1 Existing law prescribes the minimum number of school days. (NRS 388.090)
  - 2 This bill requires a school district to make a determination regarding the
  - 3 feasibility of scheduling the school day so that all elementary schools begin the
  - 4 school day before all middle schools and high schools and all middle schools begin
  - 5 the school day before all high schools, and scheduling a school day at a high school
  - 6 to begin not earlier than 8 a.m.
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THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN  
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

- 1 **Section 1.** 1. The board of trustees of each school district
- 2 shall determine the feasibility of establishing a schedule for public
- 3 schools, excluding charter schools, as follows:
- 4 (a) Beginning the school day of all elementary schools before all
- 5 middle schools, junior high schools and high schools.
- 6 (b) Beginning the school day of all middle schools and junior
- 7 high schools before all high schools.



- 1 (c) Beginning the school day of all high schools not earlier than  
2 8 a.m.
- 3 2. If the board of trustees of a school district determines that  
4 the schedule set forth in subsection 1 is feasible, the board may  
5 implement such a schedule.
- 6 3. On or before January 1, 2007, the board of trustees of each  
7 school district shall submit to the Department of Education a written  
8 summary of the determination made pursuant to subsection 1.
- 9 4. On or before February 1, 2007, the Department of Education  
10 shall submit a written report of the summaries and any  
11 recommendations for legislation to the Director of the Legislative  
12 Counsel Bureau for transmission to the 74th Session of the Nevada  
13 Legislature.
- 14 **Sec. 2.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2005.

