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ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 92—COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

(ON BEHALF OF THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE  
ON EDUCATION)

PREFILED JANUARY 24, 2019

Referred to Committee on Education

SUMMARY—Revises provisions governing the English Mastery Council. (BDR 34-393)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.  
Effect on the State: Yes.

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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; expanding the duties of the English Mastery Council; extending the termination date of the Council; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**Legislative Counsel’s Digest:**

1 Existing law establishes the English Mastery Council and prescribes the duties  
2 of the Council which include reviewing certain policies and making  
3 recommendations relating to the education of English learners to the  
4 Superintendent of Public Instruction, the Commission on Professional Standards in  
5 Education, the Board of Regents of the University of Nevada, the boards of trustees  
6 of school districts and the State Board of Education. (NRS 388.409, 388.411)  
7 “English learner” is generally defined to mean certain pupils who come from an  
8 environment where a language other than English either is dominant or has had a  
9 significant impact on the pupil’s level of English language proficiency. (20 U.S.C.  
10 § 7801(20)) **Section 1** of this bill expands the duties of the Council to include  
11 making recommendations to the State Board to improve the academic achievement  
12 and English proficiency of pupils who do not fall within the definition of English  
13 learners but have scored at or below the 25th percentile in the subject area of  
14 English language arts in certain examinations.  
15 **Sections 2-4** of this bill extend the termination date of the Council from  
16 June 30, 2019, to June 30, 2022.



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

1       **Section 1.** NRS 388.411 is hereby amended to read as follows:  
2       388.411 The English Mastery Council created by NRS 388.409  
3 shall:

4       1. Make recommendations to the State Board for the adoption  
5 of regulations concerning criteria for the policies to teach English to  
6 pupils who are English learners that are developed by the board of  
7 trustees of each school district pursuant to NRS 388.407.

8       2. Review annually each policy to teach English to pupils who  
9 are English learners that is developed by the board of trustees of  
10 each school district pursuant to NRS 388.407 and make  
11 recommendations for improvement to the State Board and the  
12 applicable board of trustees.

13       3. Make recommendations to the Superintendent of Public  
14 Instruction, the Commission on Professional Standards in Education  
15 and the State Board for:

16       (a) The adoption of regulations pursuant to NRS 391.019  
17 concerning the requirements for an endorsement to teach English as  
18 a second language, including, without limitation, the teachers who  
19 should be required to obtain the endorsement; and

20       (b) After the adoption of the regulations pursuant to paragraph  
21 (a), any revisions to those regulations as deemed necessary by the  
22 Council.

23       4. Develop standards and criteria for a curriculum for pupils  
24 who are English learners and submit those standards and criteria to  
25 the State Board for consideration.

26       5. Review any course of study offered by the Nevada System  
27 of Higher Education for training to teach English as a second  
28 language to determine if the course of study, including, without  
29 limitation, student teaching, is sufficiently rigorous to provide  
30 teachers with the tools necessary to improve the English proficiency  
31 and academic achievement and proficiency of pupils who are  
32 English learners.

33       6. Make recommendations to the Board of Regents of the  
34 University of Nevada for the improvement of any course of study  
35 described in subsection 5 and submit a copy of those  
36 recommendations to the Governor and the State Board.

37       7. *Make recommendations to the State Board to improve the*  
38 *English proficiency and academic achievement of pupils who are*  
39 *not English learners and who have scored at or below the 25th*  
40 *percentile in the subject area of English language arts in an*  
41 *examination administered pursuant to NRS 390.105.*



1       **Sec. 2.** Section 17 of chapter 515, Statutes of Nevada 2013, at  
2 page 3422, is hereby amended to read as follows:

3               Sec. 17. 1. This section and section 16.4 of this act  
4 become effective upon passage and approval.

5               2. Sections 1 to 4, inclusive, 5 to 16.3, inclusive, 16.5  
6 and 16.6 of this act become effective on July 1, 2013.

7               3. Section 4.5 of this act becomes effective on July 1,  
8 ~~2019.~~ **2022.**

9               4. Sections 1.4, 1.5, 1.6 and 16.1 of this act expire by  
10 limitation on June 30, ~~2019.~~ **2022.**

11       **Sec. 3.** Section 34 of chapter 341, Statutes of Nevada 2017, at  
12 page 2133, is hereby amended to read as follows:

13               Sec. 34. 1. This act becomes effective on July 1, 2017.

14               2. Section 1.7 of this act expires by limitation on  
15 June 30, ~~2019.~~ **2022.**

16       **Sec. 4.** Section 84 of chapter 501, Statutes of Nevada 2017, at  
17 page 3292, is hereby amended to read as follows:

18               Sec. 84. 1. This section and sections 1 to 77,  
19 inclusive, 81, 82 and 83 of this act become effective on  
20 July 1, 2017.

21               2. Sections 28 and 29 of this act expire by limitation on  
22 June 30, ~~2019.~~ **2022.**

23               3. Sections 78, 79 and 80 of this act become effective on  
24 July 1, 2019.

25       **Sec. 5.** This act becomes effective upon passage and approval.

