
SENATE BILL NO. 458—COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

MARCH 25, 2019

Referred to Committee on Finance

SUMMARY—Makes an appropriation for the creation and maintenance of school gardens. (BDR S-580)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: Contains Appropriation not 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 making an appropriation for the creation and maintenance of school gardens for certain Title I schools; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

- 1 Senate Bill No. 167 of the 79th Session of the Nevada Legislature was adopted
2 to strongly encourage each school to establish and participate in programs,
3 including a school garden program, to promote the consumption of fresh fruits and
4 vegetables by children.
5 This bill appropriates money to provide for the creation and maintenance of
6 programs that provide school gardens for Title I schools.

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 State Department of Agriculture for the cost of
3 creating and maintaining programs for school gardens that meet the
4 requirements of subsection 4 the following sums:
5 For the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 \$410,000
6 For the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 \$205,000
7 2. Subject to the limitations of subsection 6, the Department
8 shall allocate the money appropriated by subsection 1 to schools
9 which meet the requirements of subsection 3 to provide at the school
10 a program for a school garden which meets the requirements set
11 forth in subsection 4.



1 3. For a school to receive an allocation of money pursuant to
2 subsection 2, the school must be a Title I school as defined in
3 NRS 385A.040.

4 4. For a school to receive an allocation of money to provide a
5 program for a school garden pursuant to subsection 2, the program
6 must:

7 (a) Create and maintain a school garden at the school.

8 (b) Have a curriculum that:

9 (1) Is tailored to pupils of the appropriate grade levels at the
10 school;

11 (2) Is written specifically for Nevada and the desert
12 environment of Nevada;

13 (3) Complies with the standards of content and performance
14 for a course of study in science adopted by the State Board of
15 Education pursuant to NRS 389.520;

16 (4) Uses experiential learning or project-based learning to
17 teach science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics;

18 (5) Is designed with the assistance of teachers and other
19 educational personnel with experience at the appropriate grade
20 levels at the school; and

21 (6) Involves supervised learning experiences for the pupils at
22 the school in a classroom and an outdoor garden.

23 (c) Provide the school with assistance from members of the
24 community, including without limitation, trained educators, local
25 farmers and local chefs.

26 (d) Provide pupils with the:

27 (1) Ability to operate a farmer's market to sell the produce
28 from the school garden; and

29 (2) Opportunity to have a local chef or employee of a school
30 who works in food services demonstrate how to cook a meal using
31 the produce grown from the school garden.

32 (e) Establish garden teams comprised of teachers and, if such
33 persons are available, parents and members of the community. Each
34 garden team shall meet at least once each month.

35 (f) Require any local nonprofit or community-based organization
36 which will provide services to implement the program for a school
37 garden to have at least 2 years of experience implementing such a
38 program.

39 5. Money allocated pursuant to subsection 2 may be used by a
40 school to:

41 (a) Provide professional development for teachers regarding the:

42 (1) Use of a school garden to teach pupils with disabilities;

43 (2) Development and implementation of science, technology,
44 engineering, arts and mathematics curricula that incorporate the use
45 of a school garden; and



1 (3) Development and implementation of a food safety plan
2 designed to ensure that food grown in a school garden is properly
3 handled and safe to sell and consume;

4 (b) Pay for any travel expenses associated with the attendance of
5 a teacher at any training or conference relating to school gardens;
6 and

7 (c) Pay for the costs of a conference regarding school gardens
8 held in this State.

9 6. Pursuant to subsection 2, a school may receive an allocation
10 of not more than \$10,000 for the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 and not
11 more than \$5,000 for the Fiscal Year 2020-2021.

12 7. Any balance of the sums appropriated by subsection 1
13 remaining at the end of the respective fiscal years must not be
14 committed for expenditure after June 30 of the respective fiscal
15 years by the entity to which the appropriation is made or any entity
16 to which money from the appropriation is granted or otherwise
17 transferred in any manner, and any portion of the appropriated
18 money remaining must not be spent for any purpose after
19 September 18, 2020, and September 17, 2021, respectively, by
20 either the entity to which the money was appropriated or the entity
21 to which the money was subsequently granted or transferred, and
22 must be reverted to the State General Fund on or before
23 September 18, 2020, and September 17, 2021, respectively.

24 **Sec. 2.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2019.

