
SENATE BILL NO. 52—COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

(ON BEHALF OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR)

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Referred to Committee on Education

SUMMARY—Authorizes incentive scholarships for students seeking licenses to teach classes in certain endorsement areas relating to business and industry. (BDR 34-430)

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 relating to education; making an appropriation to provide grants to universities, colleges and programs of professional development for teachers and administrators in this State to award scholarships to students seeking to obtain or renew a teaching license with an endorsement in certain areas relating to business and industry; prescribing the manner in which such scholarships must be awarded; requiring a university, college or program in professional development for educators that receives a grant to repay a certain amount if a scholarship recipient leaves the program before completion; providing for the payment of a certain amount to a university, college or program in professional development for educators if a scholarship recipient completes the program on schedule; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

1 Existing law establishes various grant and scholarship programs to provide
2 incentives to improve education in this State. (NRS 391A.400-391A.590) **Sections**
3 **6-9** of this bill establish the Nevada Industry Engage Scholarship Program to
4 provide scholarships to students seeking to obtain or renew a license granted by the
5 Department of Education with an endorsement in certain areas relating to business
6 and industry. **Section 6** of this bill establishes the Nevada Industry Engage



7 Scholarship Program Account in the State General Fund to receive money to pay
8 for Nevada Industry Engage Scholarships. **Section 10** of this bill makes an
9 appropriation of money to the Account. **Section 7** of this bill authorizes a
10 university, college or program of professional development for teachers and
11 administrators in this State to apply to the State Board of Education for a grant of
12 money to fund Nevada Industry Engage Scholarships. A university, college or
13 program of professional development for teachers and administrators is eligible to
14 receive a grant if completing the program makes a student eligible to obtain or
15 renew a license granted by the Department of Education with an endorsement in
16 certain areas relating to business and industry, including, without limitation, health
17 science and public safety, information and media technologies, and the skilled and
18 technical sciences. **Section 7** requires the State Board to establish the number of
19 scholarships available each year based on available money and review such
20 applications and award such grants. **Section 7** also requires the State Board to
21 retain 25 percent of such an award in the Account to disburse to a scholarship
22 recipient who meets certain requirements. **Section 7** allows a student who attends
23 or has been accepted to attend a university, college or program of professional
24 development for teachers and administrators that receives a grant to apply for a
25 Nevada Industry Engage Scholarship.

26 **Section 8** of this bill requires a university, college or program of professional
27 development for teachers and administrators that receives such a grant to award
28 scholarships to approved students at the beginning of each semester by disbursing
29 75 percent of the scholarship amount for the semester to the scholarship recipient.
30 **Section 8** allows a scholarship recipient to receive the 25 percent of the scholarship
31 money that was retained by the State Board only if the scholarship recipient
32 completes the program for which he or she was awarded the scholarship, is
33 employed as a teacher at a public school in this State for 5 consecutive school years
34 following completion of the program and meets any other requirements established
35 by the State Board.

36 **Section 9** of this bill requires a university, college or program of professional
37 development for teachers and administrators that awards a scholarship to repay a
38 certain amount to the State Board if the scholarship recipient leaves the program
39 offered by the university, college or program of professional development for
40 teachers and administrators. **Section 9** also requires the State Board, to the extent
41 that money is available, to pay a certain amount to the university, college or
42 program of professional development for teachers and administrators that awards a
43 scholarship if the scholarship recipient completes the program. A university,
44 college or program of professional development for teachers and administrators that
45 receives such a payment must use the money to pay costs associated with providing
46 the program.

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

1 **Section 1.** Chapter 391A of NRS is hereby amended by
2 adding thereto the provisions set forth as sections 2 to 9, inclusive,
3 of this act.

4 **Sec. 2.** *As used in sections 2 to 9, inclusive, of this act, unless*
5 *the context otherwise requires, the words and terms defined in*
6 *sections 3, 4 and 5 of this act have the meanings ascribed to them*
7 *in those sections.*



1 **Sec. 3.** *“Account” means the Nevada Industry Engage*
2 *Scholarship Program Account created by section 6 of this act.*

3 **Sec. 4.** *“Nevada Industry Engage Scholarship” means a*
4 *scholarship awarded by a university, college or program of*
5 *professional development for teachers and administrators to a*
6 *student pursuant to section 8 of this act.*

7 **Sec. 5.** *“Scholarship recipient” means the recipient of a*
8 *Nevada Industry Engage Scholarship awarded pursuant to section*
9 *8 of this act.*

10 **Sec. 6. 1.** *The Nevada Industry Engage Scholarship*
11 *Program Account is hereby created in the State General Fund.*
12 *The Account must be administered by the State Board.*

13 **2.** *The interest and income earned on:*

14 **(a)** *The money in the Account, after deducting any applicable*
15 *charges; and*

16 **(b)** *Unexpended appropriations made to the Account from the*
17 *State General Fund,*

18 **↪** *must be credited to the Account.*

19 **3.** *Any money remaining in the Account at the end of a fiscal*
20 *year, including, without limitation, any unexpended*
21 *appropriations made to the Account from the State General Fund,*
22 *does not revert to the State General Fund, and the balance in the*
23 *Account must be carried forward to the next fiscal year.*

24 **4.** *The State Board may accept gifts and grants of money*
25 *from any source for deposit in the Account.*

26 **5.** *The money in the Account may only be used to:*

27 **(a)** *Award grants to universities, colleges and programs of*
28 *professional development for teachers and administrators that are*
29 *approved to award Nevada Industry Engage Scholarships*
30 *pursuant to section 8 of this act.*

31 **(b)** *Disburse the money retained pursuant to paragraph (b) of*
32 *subsection 2 of section 7 of this act to a scholarship recipient who*
33 *meets the requirements of subsection 3 of section 8 of this act.*

34 **Sec. 7. 1.** *Any public or private university, college or*
35 *program of professional development for teachers and*
36 *administrators in this State is eligible to apply to the State Board*
37 *for a grant from the Account to award scholarships to students*
38 *who attend the university, college or program of professional*
39 *development for teachers and administrators to complete courses*
40 *that have been approved by the State Board and which upon*
41 *completion make a student eligible to obtain or renew a license*
42 *granted by the Department of Education with an endorsement in*
43 *certain areas relating to business and industry, including, without*
44 *limitation, health science and public safety, information and*
45 *media technologies, and the skilled and technical sciences.*



1 2. *The State Board shall:*

2 (a) *Establish the number of Nevada Industry Engage*
3 *Scholarships that will be available each year based upon the*
4 *amount of money available in the Account.*

5 (b) *Review all applications submitted pursuant to subsection 1*
6 *and award a grant of money from the Account to a university,*
7 *college or program of professional development for teachers and*
8 *administrators that is approved to award the Nevada Industry*
9 *Engage Scholarship to the extent that money is available in an*
10 *amount determined by the State Board. The State Board shall*
11 *retain 25 percent of such an award in the Account for*
12 *disbursement to a scholarship recipient who meets the*
13 *requirements of subsection 3 of section 8 of this act.*

14 3. *The State Board may prioritize the award of grants from*
15 *the Account to a university, college or program of professional*
16 *development for teachers and administrators which demonstrates*
17 *that it will provide scholarships to a greater number of recipients*
18 *who:*

19 (a) *Are veterans or the spouses of veterans;*

20 (b) *Intend to teach in public schools in this State which have*
21 *the highest shortage of teachers;*

22 (c) *Have been economically disadvantaged or belong to a*
23 *racial or ethnic minority group; or*

24 (d) *Will be eligible to teach in an endorsement area for which*
25 *there is a shortage of teachers.*

26 4. *A student may apply for a Nevada Industry Engage*
27 *Scholarship from a university, college or program of professional*
28 *development for teachers and administrators that receives a grant*
29 *from the Account only if the student attends or has been accepted*
30 *to attend the university, college or program of professional*
31 *development for teachers and administrators to complete a*
32 *program described in subsection 1. An application submitted by*
33 *the student must identify the program to be completed and the*
34 *anticipated date by which the student intends to complete the*
35 *program.*

36 5. *The State Board may adopt any regulations necessary to*
37 *carry out the provisions of sections 2 to 9, inclusive, of this act,*
38 *including, without limitation, regulations which establish*
39 *requirements that a program of professional development for*
40 *teachers and administrators must meet to be approved by the State*
41 *Board to award the Nevada Industry Engage Scholarship.*

42 **Sec. 8. 1.** *A university, college or program of professional*
43 *development for teachers and administrators may award a Nevada*
44 *Industry Engage Scholarship to a scholarship recipient in an*
45 *amount not to exceed \$3,000 in the aggregate.*



1 2. A university, college or program of professional
2 development for teachers and administrators that awards a
3 Nevada Industry Engage Scholarship shall, at the beginning of
4 each semester, disburse to the scholarship recipient 75 percent of
5 the scholarship money awarded to the scholarship recipient for the
6 semester.

7 3. A scholarship recipient may only receive the 25 percent of
8 the scholarship money that is retained by the State Board pursuant
9 to paragraph (b) of subsection 2 of section 7 of this act if the
10 scholarship recipient:

11 (a) Completes the program for which he or she was awarded
12 the scholarship;

13 (b) Maintains employment as a teacher at a public school in
14 this State for 5 consecutive school years following completion of
15 the program, unless the State Board waives this requirement for
16 good cause shown; and

17 (c) Meets any other requirements established by the State
18 Board.

19 4. To receive the 25 percent of the scholarship money
20 retained by the State Board pursuant to paragraph (b) of
21 subsection 2 of section 7 of this act, a scholarship recipient who
22 meets the requirements set forth in subsection 3 must request the
23 State Board to disburse the money within 1 year after the 5-year
24 anniversary of the date on which the scholarship recipient meets
25 the requirements of subsection 3.

26 **Sec. 9. 1.** If a scholarship recipient does not complete the
27 program for which the scholarship was awarded within 3 years for
28 any reason, the university, college or program of professional
29 development for teachers and administrators that awarded the
30 scholarship must pay to the State Board for credit to the Account:

31 (a) Any amount of money that the university, college or
32 program of professional development for teachers and
33 administrators has received but has not yet disbursed to the
34 scholarship recipient pursuant to section 8 of this act; and

35 (b) An amount of money equal to the total amount of money
36 disbursed to the scholarship recipient pursuant to section 8 of this
37 act or \$1,000, whichever is less.

38 2. If a scholarship recipient completes the program for which
39 the scholarship was awarded, as described in the application for
40 the scholarship submitted pursuant to section 7 of this act, to the
41 extent that money is available for this purpose, the State Board
42 shall pay \$1,000 to the university, college or program of
43 professional development for teachers and administrators that
44 awarded the scholarship. Any money received by a university,
45 college or program of professional development for teachers and



1 *administrators pursuant to this section must be used to pay costs*
2 *associated with providing a program described in subsection 1 of*
3 *section 7 of this act.*

4 **Sec. 10.** There is hereby appropriated from the State General
5 Fund to the Nevada Industry Engage Scholarship Program Account
6 created by section 6 of this act the following sums:

7 For the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 \$300,000
8 For the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 \$300,000

9 **Sec. 11.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2019.

