

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 236—ASSEMBLYMEMBERS  
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Referred to Committee on Education

SUMMARY—Revises provisions governing the selection of members to certain state boards and councils performing duties related to education. (BDR 34-78)

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

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~fornitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to education; revising provisions governing the selection of members to certain boards and councils; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**Legislative Counsel’s Digest:**

1 Under existing law, the Governor is required to appoint teachers at public  
2 schools to the State Board of Education, the Teachers and Leaders Council of  
3 Nevada and the Statewide Council for the Coordination of the Regional Training  
4 Programs from lists of candidates or nominees submitted by the Nevada State  
5 Education Association. (NRS 385.021, 391.455, 391A.130) **Sections 1-3** of this bill  
6 maintain the number of teachers appointed to these committees but instead require  
7 the Governor to appoint teachers from lists of nominees submitted by: (1) the  
8 employee organization representing the plurality of teachers who are employed by a  
9 large school district; and (2) the employee organization representing the plurality of  
10 teachers who are employed by school districts in this State other than a large school  
11 district. Under existing law, a “large school district” is defined as any school  
12 district in this State which has more than 100,000 pupils enrolled in its public  
13 schools (currently only the Clark County School District). (NRS 388G.530)

14 Existing law requires the Governor to appoint to the Teachers and Leaders  
15 Council of Nevada one school counselor, psychologist, speech-language  
16 pathologist, audiologist or social worker who is licensed as educational personnel.  
17 The Governor is required to appoint this member from a list of nominees submitted  
18 by the Nevada State Education Association. (NRS 391.455) **Section 2** instead  
19 requires the Governor to appoint this member from lists of nominees submitted by:  
20 (1) the employee organization representing the plurality of school counselors,  
21 psychologists, speech-language pathologists, audiologists and social workers who  
22 are not administrators and who are employed by a large school district; and (2) the  
23 employee organization representing the plurality of school counselors,  
24 psychologists, speech-language pathologists, audiologists and social workers who



25 are not administrators and who are employed by school districts other than a large  
26 school district.

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

1 **Section 1.** NRS 385.021 is hereby amended to read as follows:

2 385.021 1. The State Board of Education is hereby created.  
3 The State Board consists of the following voting members:

4 (a) One member elected by the registered voters of each  
5 congressional district described in the shapefile adopted by  
6 NRS 304.095;

7 (b) One member appointed by the Governor;

8 (c) One member appointed by the Governor, nominated by the  
9 Majority Leader of the Senate; and

10 (d) One member appointed by the Governor, nominated by the  
11 Speaker of the Assembly.

12 2. In addition to the voting members described in subsection 1,  
13 the State Board consists of the following four nonvoting members:

14 (a) One member appointed by the Governor who is a member of  
15 a board of trustees of a school district, nominated by the Nevada  
16 Association of School Boards;

17 (b) One member appointed by the Governor who is the  
18 superintendent of schools of a school district, nominated by the  
19 Nevada Association of School Superintendents;

20 (c) One member appointed by the Governor who represents the  
21 Nevada System of Higher Education, nominated by the Board of  
22 Regents of the University of Nevada; and

23 (d) One member appointed by the Governor who is a pupil  
24 enrolled in a public school in this State, nominated by the Nevada  
25 Association of Student Councils or its successor organization and in  
26 consultation with the Nevada Youth Legislature. After the initial  
27 term, the term of the member appointed pursuant to this paragraph  
28 commences on June 1 and expires on May 31 of the following year.

29 3. Each member of the State Board elected pursuant to  
30 paragraph (a) of subsection 1 must be a qualified elector of the  
31 district from which that member is elected.

32 4. Each member appointed pursuant to paragraphs (b), (c) and  
33 (d) of subsection 1 and each member appointed pursuant to  
34 subsection 2 must be a resident of this State.

35 5. Except as otherwise provided in paragraphs (a) and (c) of  
36 subsection 2, a person who is elected to serve as an officer of this  
37 State or any political subdivision thereof or a person appointed to  
38 serve for the unexpired term of such an office may not serve or  
39 continue to serve on the State Board.



1 6. The Governor shall ensure that the members appointed  
2 pursuant to paragraphs (b), (c) and (d) of subsection 1 represent the  
3 geographic diversity of this State and that:

4 (a) One member is a teacher at a public school selected from a  
5 list of *six candidates consisting of* three candidates provided by the  
6 ~~[Nevada State Education Association.]~~ *employee organization*  
7 *representing the plurality of teachers employed by a large school*  
8 *district and three candidates provided by the employee*  
9 *organization representing the plurality of teachers employed by*  
10 *school districts in this State other than a large school district.*

11 (b) One member is the parent or legal guardian of a pupil  
12 enrolled in a public school.

13 (c) One member is a person active in a private business or  
14 industry of this State.

15 7. After the initial terms, each member:

16 (a) Elected pursuant to paragraph (a) of subsection 1 serves a  
17 term of 4 years. A member may be elected to serve not more than  
18 three terms but may be appointed to serve pursuant to paragraph (b),  
19 (c) or (d) of subsection 1 or subsection 2 after service as an elected  
20 member, notwithstanding the number of terms the member served as  
21 an elected member.

22 (b) Appointed pursuant to paragraphs (b), (c) and (d) of  
23 subsection 1 serves a term of 2 years, except that each member  
24 continues to serve until a successor is appointed. A member may be  
25 reappointed for additional terms of 2 years in the same manner as  
26 the original appointment.

27 (c) Appointed pursuant to subsection 2 serves a term of 1 year.  
28 A member may be reappointed for additional terms of 1 year in the  
29 same manner as the original appointment.

30 8. If a vacancy occurs during the term of:

31 (a) A member who was elected pursuant to paragraph (a) of  
32 subsection 1, the Governor shall appoint a member to fill the  
33 vacancy until the next general election, at which election a member  
34 must be chosen for the balance of the unexpired term. The appointee  
35 must be a qualified elector of the district where the vacancy occurs.

36 (b) A voting member appointed pursuant to paragraph (b), (c) or  
37 (d) of subsection 1 or a nonvoting member appointed pursuant to  
38 subsection 2, the vacancy must be filled in the same manner as the  
39 original appointment for the remainder of the unexpired term.

40 **9. As used in this section, "large school district" has the**  
41 **meaning ascribed to it in NRS 388G.530.**

42 **Sec. 2.** NRS 391.455 is hereby amended to read as follows:

43 391.455 1. There is hereby created the Teachers and Leaders  
44 Council of Nevada consisting of the following 16 members:



1 (a) The Superintendent of Public Instruction, or his or her  
2 designee, who serves as an ex officio member of the Council.

3 (b) The Chancellor of the Nevada System of Higher Education,  
4 or his or her designee, who serves as an ex officio member of the  
5 Council.

6 (c) Four teachers in public schools appointed by the Governor  
7 from a list of *six* nominees *consisting of three nominees* submitted  
8 by the ~~[Nevada State Education Association.]~~ *employee*  
9 *organization representing the plurality of teachers employed by a*  
10 *large school district and three nominees submitted by the*  
11 *employee organization representing the plurality of teachers*  
12 *employed by school districts in this State other than a large school*  
13 *district.* The members appointed pursuant to this paragraph must  
14 represent the geographical diversity of the school districts in this  
15 State.

16 (d) One school counselor, psychologist, speech-language  
17 pathologist, audiologist or social worker who is licensed pursuant to  
18 chapter 391 of NRS appointed by the Governor from a list of *six*  
19 nominees *consisting of three nominees* submitted by the ~~[Nevada~~  
20 ~~State Education Association.]~~ *employee organization representing*  
21 *the plurality of school counselors, psychologists, speech-language*  
22 *pathologists, audiologists and social workers who are not*  
23 *administrators and who are employed by a large school district*  
24 *and three nominees submitted by the employee organization*  
25 *representing the plurality of school counselors, psychologists,*  
26 *speech-language pathologists, audiologists and social workers*  
27 *who are not administrators and who are employed by school*  
28 *districts in this State other than a large school district.* The persons  
29 nominated pursuant to this paragraph must represent the  
30 geographical diversity of school districts in this State.

31 (e) Two administrators in public schools appointed by the  
32 Governor from a list of nominees submitted by the Nevada  
33 Association of School Administrators and one superintendent of  
34 schools of a school district appointed by the Governor from a list of  
35 nominees submitted by the Nevada Association of School  
36 Superintendents. The members appointed pursuant to this paragraph  
37 must represent the geographical diversity of the school districts in  
38 this State.

39 (f) Two persons who are members of boards of trustees of  
40 school districts and who are appointed by the Governor from a list  
41 of nominees submitted by the Nevada Association of School  
42 Boards.

43 (g) One representative of the regional training programs for the  
44 professional development of teachers and administrators created by



1 NRS 391A.120 appointed by the Governor from a list of nominees  
2 submitted by the Nevada Association of School Superintendents.

3 (h) One parent or legal guardian of a pupil enrolled in public  
4 school appointed by the Governor from a list of nominees submitted  
5 by the Nevada Parent Teacher Association.

6 (i) Two persons with expertise in the development of public  
7 policy relating to education appointed by the Superintendent of  
8 Public Instruction. The members appointed pursuant to this  
9 paragraph must not otherwise be eligible for appointment pursuant  
10 to paragraphs (a) to (h), inclusive.

11 2. After the initial terms, each appointed member of the  
12 Council serves a term of 3 years commencing on July 1 and may be  
13 reappointed to one additional 3-year term following his or her initial  
14 term. If any appointed member of the Council ceases to be qualified  
15 for the position to which he or she was appointed, the position shall  
16 be deemed vacant and the appointing authority shall appoint a  
17 replacement for the remainder of the unexpired term. A vacancy  
18 must be filled in the same manner as the original appointment.

19 3. The Council shall, at its first meeting and annually  
20 thereafter, elect a Chair from among its members.

21 4. The Council shall meet at least semiannually and may meet  
22 at other times upon the call of the Chair or a majority of the  
23 members of the Council. Nine members of the Council constitute a  
24 quorum, and a quorum may exercise all the power and authority  
25 conferred on the Council.

26 5. Members of the Council serve without compensation, except  
27 that for each day or portion of a day during which a member of the  
28 Council attends a meeting of the Council or is otherwise engaged in  
29 the business of the Council, the member is entitled to receive the per  
30 diem allowance and travel expenses provided for state officers and  
31 employees generally.

32 6. A member of the Council who is a public employee must be  
33 granted administrative leave from the member's duties to engage in  
34 the business of the Council without loss of his or her regular  
35 compensation. Such leave does not reduce the amount of the  
36 member's other accrued leave.

37 7. Any costs associated with employing a substitute teacher  
38 while a member of the Council who is a teacher attends a meeting of  
39 the Council must be:

40 (a) Paid by the school district or charter school that employs the  
41 member; or

42 (b) Reimbursed to the school district or charter school that  
43 employs the member by the organization that submitted the name of  
44 the member to the Governor for appointment pursuant to paragraph  
45 (c), (d), (e), (f), (g) or (h) of subsection 1.



1 8. The Department shall provide administrative support to the  
2 Council.

3 9. The Council may apply for and accept gifts, grants,  
4 donations and contributions from any source for the purpose of  
5 carrying out its duties pursuant to NRS 391.460.

6 *10. As used in this section, "large school district" has the*  
7 *meaning ascribed to it in NRS 388G.530.*

8 **Sec. 3.** NRS 391A.130 is hereby amended to read as follows:

9 391A.130 1. The Statewide Council for the Coordination of  
10 the Regional Training Programs, consisting of nine members, is  
11 hereby created. The membership of the Council consists of:

12 (a) The Superintendent of Public Instruction or his or her  
13 designee.

14 (b) One member, who is not a Legislator, appointed by the  
15 Majority Leader of the Senate.

16 (c) One member, who is not a Legislator, appointed by the  
17 Speaker of the Assembly.

18 (d) One member who is a teacher *at a public school* appointed  
19 by the Governor from a list of *six* nominees *consisting of three*  
20 *nominees* submitted by the ~~[Nevada State Education Association.]~~  
21 *employee organization representing the plurality of teachers*  
22 *employed by a large school district and three nominees submitted*  
23 *by the employee organization representing the plurality of teachers*  
24 *employed by school districts in this State other than a large school*  
25 *district.*

26 (e) One member who is an administrator at a public school  
27 employed to provide administrative services at the school level and  
28 not to provide administrative services at the district level, appointed  
29 by the Governor from a list of nominees submitted by the Nevada  
30 Association of School Administrators.

31 (f) One member appointed by the Governor.

32 (g) Three members, each of whom is a superintendent of  
33 schools, or his or her designee, appointed by the governing body of  
34 each regional training program to represent the school districts  
35 served by the regional training program.

36 2. In making the appointments pursuant to paragraphs (b) to  
37 (g), inclusive, of subsection 1, the appointing authorities shall  
38 consider whether the appointments provide a geographical balance  
39 between urban and rural areas of this State and represent the cultural  
40 diversity of this State.

41 3. The Statewide Council shall elect a Chair from among its  
42 members.

43 4. After the initial terms, the appointed members of the  
44 Statewide Council serve a term of 2 years, commencing on July 1 of



1 the year of appointment. A member may not be appointed to serve  
2 more than 3 consecutive terms.

3 5. A vacancy on the Statewide Council must be filled for the  
4 remainder of the unexpired term in the same manner as the original  
5 appointment.

6 6. Members of the Statewide Council serve without salary for  
7 their service on the Council. The members who are appointed by the  
8 Majority Leader of the Senate and the Speaker of the Assembly are  
9 entitled to receive the per diem allowance and travel expenses  
10 provided for state officers and employees generally for each day or  
11 portion of a day during which a member attends a meeting of the  
12 Statewide Council or is otherwise engaged in the work of the  
13 Statewide Council. The per diem allowance and travel expenses for  
14 the members who are appointed by the Majority Leader of the  
15 Senate and the Speaker of the Assembly must be paid from the  
16 Legislative Fund. To the extent that money is appropriated for this  
17 purpose, all other members of the Statewide Council are entitled to  
18 receive the per diem allowance and travel expenses provided for  
19 state officers and employees generally for each day or portion of a  
20 day during which a member attends a meeting of the Statewide  
21 Council or is otherwise engaged in the work of the Statewide  
22 Council. The per diem allowance and travel expenses for such  
23 members must be paid by the Department.

24 7. Any costs associated with employing a substitute teacher  
25 while a member of the Statewide Council who is a teacher attends a  
26 meeting of the Statewide Council must be:

27 (a) Paid by the school district or charter school that employs the  
28 member; or

29 (b) Reimbursed to the school district or charter school that  
30 employs the member by the organization that submitted the name of  
31 the member to the Governor for appointment pursuant to paragraph  
32 (d), (e), (f) or (g) of subsection 1.

33 8. The Department shall provide administrative support to the  
34 Statewide Council.

35 9. The governing bodies of the regional training programs may  
36 mutually agree to expend a portion of their respective budgets to pay  
37 for any administrative support of the Statewide Council that is  
38 required in addition to that provided pursuant to subsection 8.

39 ***10. As used in this section, "large school district" has the***  
40 ***meaning ascribed to it in NRS 388G.530.***



