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SENATE BILL NO. 58—COMMITTEE ON FINANCE  
(ON BEHALF OF THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION)

PREFILED NOVEMBER 20, 2024

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Referred to Committee on Finance

SUMMARY—Revises provisions governing grants for certain prekindergarten programs. (BDR 34-272)

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 ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

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AN ACT relating to education; revising provisions governing the children who must be served by a prekindergarten program supported by certain grants from the Department of Education; establishing the method for determining the amount awarded for such grants; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**Legislative Counsel’s Digest:**

1 Existing law establishes a program, known as Nevada Ready! State Pre K, that  
2 requires the Department of Education, to the extent money is available, to award  
3 grants of money to school districts, sponsors of charter schools and nonprofit  
4 organizations to support prekindergarten programs that meet certain standards.  
5 Under existing law, a prekindergarten program that is supported by such a grant is  
6 required to satisfy certain requirements concerning the children it serves. (NRS  
7 387.652) This bill increases the maximum household income level of the children  
8 that must be served by a prekindergarten program supported by such a grant. This  
9 bill additionally authorizes a prekindergarten program to qualify to be supported by  
10 such a grant by serving children who have a household income below that level or  
11 who, regardless of household income level, have: (1) an individualized education  
12 program; or (2) a documented need for behavioral, social or emotional supports.  
13 Finally, this bill provides that the amount of such a grant is determined by  
14 multiplying certain adjusted base per pupil funding amounts by the number of  
15 children served by the prekindergarten program.

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

1       **Section 1.** NRS 387.652 is hereby amended to read as follows:

2       387.652 1. The Department shall, to the extent money is  
3 available, award grants of money to school districts, sponsors of  
4 charter schools and nonprofit organizations to support  
5 prekindergarten programs. Each prekindergarten program supported  
6 by a grant awarded pursuant to this section must:

7       (a) Employ at least one teacher per classroom who has a  
8 bachelor's degree or higher in early childhood education and  
9 compensate those teachers with pay and benefits similar to those  
10 provided to licensed teachers by the school district in which the  
11 prekindergarten program is located;

12       (b) Serve children who are 4 years of age at the beginning of the  
13 school year and ~~whose~~ :

14       (1) *Whose* household has a household income which is not  
15 more than ~~200~~ 250 percent of the federally designated level  
16 signifying poverty;

17       (2) *Who have an individualized education program; or*

18       (3) *Who have a documented need for behavioral, social or*  
19 *emotional supports;*

20       (c) Provide instruction in prekindergarten for at least 25 hours  
21 each week for the entire school year;

22       (d) Utilize a comprehensive curriculum for prekindergarten that  
23 is aligned to any standards of content and performance established  
24 for prekindergarten pursuant to NRS 389.520;

25       (e) Maintain the size of each class at not more than 20 pupils  
26 and a ratio of not more than 10 pupils for each adult with  
27 supervision in the classroom;

28       (f) Participate in any evaluation of the program or the pupils  
29 who participate in the program that is prescribed by the regulations  
30 adopted pursuant to NRS 387.656;

31       (g) Effectively engage the parents or guardians of pupils and  
32 participate in any evaluation of such engagement that is required by  
33 the regulations adopted pursuant to NRS 387.656;

34       (h) Serve pupils with disabilities at a rate that is not less than the  
35 percentage of pupils in this State or in the United States, whichever  
36 is greater, who are 4 years of age at the beginning of the school year  
37 who receive services funded pursuant to 20 U.S.C. § 1419;

38       (i) Ensure that the percentage of pupils with disabilities in each  
39 class is less than 49 percent of the total number of pupils;

40       (j) Provide appropriate individualized accommodations and  
41 supports for pupils with disabilities;



1 (k) Provide the comprehensive services prescribed pursuant to  
2 NRS 387.656; and

3 (l) Meet the minimum standards of performance prescribed  
4 pursuant to NRS 387.656.

5 2. *If a school district, sponsor of a charter school or*  
6 *nonprofit organization is awarded a grant of money pursuant to*  
7 *this section, the Department shall determine the amount of the*  
8 *grant by:*

9 (a) *For a school district or charter school, multiplying the*  
10 *adjusted base per pupil funding amount established for that school*  
11 *district or charter school for that school year by the number of*  
12 *children served by the applicable prekindergarten program; or*

13 (b) *For a nonprofit organization, multiplying the adjusted base*  
14 *per pupil funding amount established for a charter school in the*  
15 *county in which the prekindergarten program provided by a*  
16 *nonprofit organization is located by the number of children served*  
17 *by the applicable prekindergarten program.*

18 3. The board of trustees of a school district, the sponsor of a  
19 charter school or a nonprofit organization that wishes to receive a  
20 grant of money pursuant to this section must submit an application  
21 to the Department. The application must include, without limitation:

22 (a) A detailed description of the manner in which the board of  
23 trustees, sponsor of a charter school or nonprofit organization  
24 proposes to:

25 (1) Ensure that the prekindergarten program supported by the  
26 grant meets the requirements of subsection 1; and

27 (2) Use the grant of money; and

28 (b) Any other information required by the Department.

29 4. *As used in this section, "individualized education*  
30 *program" has the meaning ascribed to it in 20 U.S.C. §*  
31 *1414(d)(1)(A).*

32 **Sec. 2.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2025.



