SENATE BILL NO. 81-COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

(ON BEHALF OF THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION)

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Referred to Committee on Education

SUMMARY—Revises various provisions governing education. (BDR 34-276)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: May have Fiscal Impact. Effect on the State: Yes.

EXPLANATION - Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets [omitted material] is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to education; requiring the Department of Education to create and conduct certain surveys of public school employees; revising provisions governing the timing of certain transfers of money into the State Education Fund and Education Stabilization Account; revising terminology related to services provided to certain students; revising various reporting requirements relating to education; revising provisions governing the ratios of pupils to licensed teachers; eliminating certain audits of empowerment schools; revising provisions governing the licensure of administrators; revising provisions governing certain scholarship and grant programs for students in education and related fields of study; eliminating provisions requiring the Department to recommend that a minimum amount be spent by public schools on textbooks and other instructional supplies; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Existing law creates the Department of Education, which consists of the State Board of Education and the Superintendent of Public Instruction. (NRS 385.010) Section 1 of this bill requires the Department to create and conduct surveys of: (1) public school employees, assessing school climate and working conditions in schools; and (2) public school employees who are leaving employment at a public school. Section 1 additionally: (1) sets forth when such surveys must be administered; (2) sets forth how a school district must use the results of such





8 surveys; (3) prohibits data collected from such surveys from being used in certain
9 evaluations; (4) requires the Department to recognize schools which achieve a
10 certain response rate on such surveys in the statewide system of accountability; and
11 (5) requires the Department to submit annually to the Commission on School
12 Funding and the State Board a report containing data from the surveys.

Existing law requires the principal of each school, in consultation with the employees of the school, to prepare a plan to improve the achievement of the pupils enrolled in the school. (NRS 385A.650) Section 2 of this bill requires the plan to be informed by the results of surveys conducted pursuant to section 1.

17 Existing law creates the State Education Fund as a special revenue fund for the 18 purpose of supporting the operation of the public schools in this State and identifies 19 sources of revenue for the Fund, including: (1) all money derived from interest on $\tilde{20}$ the State Permanent School Fund, together with all money derived from other 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 sources provided by law; and (2) certain revenues from excise taxes on cannabis or cannabis products or generated from fees imposed on cannabis establishments. (NRS 387.1212, 372A.290, 387.030, 678B.390) Section 3 of this bill requires all money derived from interest on the State Permanent School Fund, together with all money derived from other sources provided by law, to be transferred to the State Education Fund on a quarterly basis. Sections 33 and 34 of this bill likewise require the Department of Taxation and the Cannabis Compliance Board, 28 29 respectively, to distribute certain revenues from excise taxes on cannabis and cannabis products and fees imposed on cannabis establishments to the State 30 Treasurer on a quarterly basis for deposit in the State Education Fund.

31 Existing law creates the Education Stabilization Account in the State Education 32 33 Fund and requires each school district, each year after the close of the previous fiscal year and before the issuance of the State Controller's annual report, to 34 transfer from the county school district fund to the Education Stabilization Account 35 any amount by which the actual ending fund balance of the county school district 36 fund exceeds 16.6 percent of the total actual expenditures for the fund. (NRS 37 387.1213) Section 4 of this bill requires each school district to make this transfer 38 after the close of the previous fiscal year and before the close of the then current 39 fiscal year.

40 Under the Pupil-Centered Funding Plan, existing law requires a public school 41 that receives weighted funding for one or more at-risk pupils or pupils who are 42 English learners to use such funding only to provide services to such pupils, which 43 are referred to as "Victory services" and "Zoom services," respectively. (NRS 44 387.121, 387.12445) **Section 5** of this bill changes the term "Victory services" to 45 "services for at-risk pupils," and "Zoom services" to "services for pupils who are 46 English learners."

47 Existing law requires the board of trustees of each school district and the 48 governing body of each charter school to submit to the Superintendent of Public 49 Instruction and certain other recipients, on or before November 1 of each year, a 50 report regarding the budget of the school district or charter school. (NRS 387.303, 51 388A.345) Existing law requires the Superintendent of Public Instruction, on or 52 before November 25 of each year, to submit a compilation of the reports made by 53 each school district and charter school to the Office of Finance in the Office of the 54 Governor and the Fiscal Analysis Division of the Legislative Counsel Bureau. 55 (NRS 387.303, 388A.345) Existing law requires the governing body of a university 56 school for profoundly gifted pupils to submit a similar report to the Department of 57 Education on or before November 15 of each year. (NRS 388C.250) Sections 6, 13 58 and 15 of this bill require these reports to be submitted annually, on or before the 59 Friday of the first week in January that contains 5 business days. Sections 6 and 13 60 require the compilation of reports to be submitted on or before the last Friday in 61 January.





Existing law requires the Governor, on or before January 1 of each year, to compile a report on the status of the finances of the State, including the information published in the most recent annual report regarding the budget of each school district. (NRS 353.333) Section 32 of this bill requires that this report be compiled on or before February 15 of each year, to conform with the change made by section 6 to the date by which the compilation of reports regarding the budget of each school district is required to be submitted to the Office of Finance.

Existing law requires the clerk of the board of trustees of a county school district to publish a quarterly expenditure report for the school district in a newspaper that meets certain qualifications. (NRS 387.320) Section 7 of this bill requires the expenditure report to instead be published on the Internet website of the county school district.

74 Existing law authorizes the board of trustees of a school district, with the 75 approval of the juvenile court and the board of county commissioners, to employ 76 qualified teachers for the instruction of children detained in facilities for the 77 detention of children, alternative programs and juvenile forestry camps. (NRS 78 388.550) Existing law requires the board of trustees of a school district providing 79 such instruction to report to the Superintendent of Public Instruction at such times 80 and in such manner as the Superintendent of Public Instruction prescribes. (NRS 81 388.570) Section 8 of this bill eliminates the requirement for the board of trustees 82 83 of such a school district to provide such reports to the Superintendent of Public Instruction.

84 Existing law prohibits the ratio of pupils per licensed teacher in certain classes 85 from exceeding certain ratios during each school quarter of a school year. (NRS 86 388.700) Existing law requires the board of trustees of each school district to report 87 to the Department, on a quarterly basis, the average daily enrollment of pupils and 88 the ratio of pupils per licensed teacher for certain grade levels. (NRS 388.725) If 89 the ratio of pupils per licensed teacher at one or more elementary schools in a 90 school district exceeds the ratio prescribed by statute during any quarter of a school 91 year, existing law requires the school district to request a variance from the State 92 Board for each such school for the subsequent quarter. (NRS 388.700) Section 12 93 of this bill eliminates the requirement to submit quarterly reports regarding the 94 average daily enrollment of pupils and the ratio of pupils per licensed teacher for 95 certain grade levels and requires the board of trustees of each school district to 96 instead report such information to the Department only on a semiannual basis each 97 year for: (1) the period beginning on July 1 and ending on September 30; and (2) 98 the period beginning on January 1 and ending on March 31. Section 9 of this bill 99 requires a school district to request a variance for an elementary school which 100 exceeds the maximum ratio of pupils per licensed teacher only if the ratio is 101 exceeded during a reporting period. Section 9 also: (1) reduces the frequency of the 102reports regarding variances requested by school districts which the State Board is 103 required to submit to the Interim Finance Committee from quarterly to 104 semiannually; and (2) eliminates the requirement for the State Board to submit a 105 report to the Legislature regarding variances and the data collected by school 106 districts on the effectiveness of plans to reduce pupil-teacher ratios.

Existing law requires each school district, in cooperation with the recognized associations representing licensed educational personnel, to develop a plan to reduce the pupil-teacher ratio per class in certain grade levels and submit that plan to the State Board. (NRS 388.720) **Section 10** of this bill requires this plan to be submitted to the State Board on or before October 1 of each year.

Section 11 of this bill eliminates the requirement for the Department to develop policies and procedures for the distribution of money to each school district for the reduction of pupil-teacher ratios.

Existing law requires the sponsor of a charter school that has received, within each of the immediately preceding 3 consecutive school years, one of the two





lowest ratings of performance pursuant to the statewide system of accountability for
public schools to submit a report to the Joint Interim Standing Committee on
Education on or before December 15 of each odd-numbered year describing certain
actions taken by the sponsor of the charter school. (NRS 388A.355) Section 14 of
this bill requires this report to be submitted annually, on or before February 15.

122 Existing law requires: (1) certain charter schools that are approved to operate as 123 empowerment schools to submit a quarterly report to the Department containing 124 certain financial information and information concerning the school's compliance 125 with its empowerment plan; (2) the board of trustees of a school district and the 126 Department to conduct financial audits of empowerment schools; and (3) such reports and audits concerning empowerment schools to be compiled and forwarded 127 128 to certain entities. (NRS 388G.200) Section 16 of this bill eliminates these 129 requirements.

Existing law authorizes the board of trustees of a school district or the governing body of a charter school to offer a work-based learning program upon the approval of the Superintendent of Public Instruction. (NRS 389.167) Section 17 of this bill eliminates the requirement for a school district or charter school offering a work-based learning program to submit a biennial report to the State Board and the Legislature concerning the manner in which the program has been carried out.

Existing law requires the Commission on Professional Standards in Education to prescribe by regulation the qualifications for licensing teachers and other educational personnel. (NRS 391.019) Section 18 of this bill: (1) eliminates the requirement for the Commission to prescribe qualifications for licensing administrators through an alternative route to licensure; and (2) requires the Commission to prescribe qualifications and procedures for licensed teachers and other licensed educational personnel to become licensed as an administrator.

Existing law requires each school district that employs a consultant to submit a report to the Interim Finance Committee at least once every 6 months. (NRS 391.155) Section 19 of this bill reduces the frequency of this report to at least once annually.

147 Existing law: (1) establishes the Teach Nevada Scholarship Program, the Nevada Teacher Advancement Scholarship Program and the Incentivizing Pathways to Teaching Grant Program; and (2) sets forth requirements for the 148 149 150 administration of these programs. (NRS 391A.550-391A.595, 391A.650-391A.695, 151 391A.700, 391A.705, 391A.710) Sections 20-31 of this bill transfer the 152 administration of these programs from the State Board to the Department. Section 153 21 expands the eligibility for Teach Nevada Scholarships to include Nevada 154 residents who graduated from high school in another state or who, before the age of 155 20, successfully completed the high school equivalency assessment selected by the 156 State Board in another state. Section 26 additionally expands the programs for 157 which a student is eligible to receive a Nevada Teacher Advancement Scholarship 158 to include programs which: (1) result in a certificate of advanced study or other 159 degree which is more advanced than a bachelor's degree, in education or a related 160 field of study; or (2) upon completion, make a student eligible to obtain a license 161 and endorsement to teach in a subject area for which there is a shortage of teachers. 162 Section 27 makes a conforming change relating to the amount which may be 163 awarded under the Nevada Teacher Advancement Scholarship Program to reflect 164 the additional programs for which a Nevada Teacher Advancement Scholarship 165 may be awarded as provided in section 26.

166 Section 35 of this bill repeals provisions requiring the Department to: (1) 167 recommend that a minimum amount of money be spent during each fiscal year of 168 the biennium on textbooks, instructional supplies, instructional software and 169 instructional hardware by all school districts, charter schools and university schools 170 for profoundly gifted pupils; and (2) publish a report on school districts, charter 171 schools and university schools for profoundly gifted pupils which did not spend the





172 recommended minimum amount. Section 35 also repeals provisions requiring the 173 board of trustees of each school district to submit an annual report concerning 174 professional development training offered by the school district.

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

Section 1. Chapter 385A of NRS is hereby amended by 1 2 adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

The Department shall, to the extent that money is available 3 1. 4 for that purpose, create and conduct at each school in a school 5 district and at each charter school in this State:

(a) In a school year which begins in an odd-numbered 6 7 calendar year, a survey administered to persons employed at the 8 school, measuring the school climate.

9 (b) In a school year which begins in an even-numbered calendar year, a survey administered to persons employed at the 10 school, measuring working conditions in the school. 11

12 (c) On an ongoing basis, a survey administered to persons who 13 are leaving their employment at the school, including, without 14 limitation, through retirement, transfer or resignation.

15 2. A school district or charter school shall use the results of 16 surveys conducted pursuant to this section to assess and improve: 17

(a) Strategies for the retention of staff; and

(b) The school climate and working conditions at schools 18 within the school district or at the charter school, as applicable. 19

20 3. Data collected from a survey conducted pursuant to this 21 section must not be used in the evaluation of any:

22 (a) School district or school as part of the statewide system of accountability set forth in NRS 385A.600 to 385A.840, inclusive; 23 24 or

25 (b) Teacher, administrator or other licensed educational 26 personnel conducted pursuant to NRS 391.650 to 391.730, 27 inclusive.

28 4. The Department shall include in the statewide system of accountability set forth in NRS 385A.600 to 385A.840, inclusive, 29 recognition of public schools at which the rate of response to a 30 31 survey administered pursuant to this section is at least 85 percent.

32 5. The Department shall annually submit to the Commission on School Funding created pursuant to NRS 387.1246 and the 33 State Board a report of the data collected from a survey conducted 34 pursuant to this section. 35

The Department may, to the extent that money is available 36 **6**. for that purpose, contract with a qualified vendor to carry out the 37 provisions of this section. 38





7. As used in this section, "school climate" has the meaning 1 2 ascribed to it in NRS 385A.650. Sec. 2. NRS 385A.650 is hereby amended to read as follows: 3 The principal of each school, including, without 4 385A.650 1. limitation, each charter school, shall, in consultation with the 5 employees of the school, prepare a plan to improve the achievement 6 7 of the pupils enrolled in the school. 8 2. The plan developed pursuant to subsection 1 must: 9 (a) Include any information prescribed by regulation of the State 10 Board: 11 (b) Be developed in accordance with the provisions of 12 NRS 388.885: 13 (c) Be informed by the results of the surveys conducted 14 *pursuant to section 1 of this act;* 15 (d) Include, without limitation, methods for evaluating and 16 improving the school climate in the school; and (d) (e) Comply with the provisions of 20 U.S.C. § 6311(d). 17 18 3. The principal of each school shall, in consultation with the 19 employees of the school: (a) Review the plan prepared pursuant to this section annually to 20 21 evaluate the effectiveness of the plan; and 22 (b) Based upon the evaluation of the plan, make revisions, as 23 necessary, to ensure that the plan is designed to improve the 24 academic achievement of pupils enrolled in the school. 25 On or before the date prescribed by the Department, the 4. 26 principal of each school shall submit the plan or the revised plan, as 27 applicable, to the: 28 (a) Department; 29 (b) Committee; 30 (c) Bureau: and (d) Board of trustees of the school district in which the school is 31 32 located or, if the school is a charter school, the sponsor of the 33 charter school and the governing body of the charter school. As used in this section, "school climate" means the basis of 34 5. 35 which to measure the relationships between pupils and the parents 36 or legal guardians of pupils and educational personnel, the cultural 37 and linguistic competence of instructional materials and educational personnel, the emotional and physical safety of pupils and 38 educational personnel and the social, emotional and academic 39 40 development of pupils and educational personnel. 41 **Sec. 3.** NRS 387.030 is hereby amended to read as follows: 42 387.030 All money derived from interest on the State 43 Permanent School Fund, together with all money derived from other 44 sources provided by law, must:





1 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 387.191, be [placed] 2 in] transferred quarterly to the State Education Fund; and

2. 3 Except as otherwise provided in NRS 387.528, be apportioned among the several school districts and charter schools 4 5 of this State at the times and in the manner provided by law. 6

Sec. 4. NRS 387.1213 is hereby amended to read as follows:

7 387.1213 1. The Education Stabilization Account is hereby 8 created in the State Education Fund. Except as otherwise provided 9 in this section, each year after the close of the previous fiscal year and before the *lissuance of the State Controller's annual report*.] 10 *close of the then current fiscal year*, each county school district 11 12 shall transfer from the county school district fund to the Education 13 Stabilization Account any amount by which the actual ending fund 14 balance of the county school district fund exceeds 16.6 percent of 15 the total actual expenditures for the fund. The interest and income 16 earned on the money in the Account, after deducting any applicable 17 charges, must be credited to the Account.

18 Money transferred pursuant to subsection 1 to the Education 2. 19 Stabilization Account is a continuing appropriation solely for the 20 purpose of authorizing the expenditure of the transferred money for 21 the purposes set forth in this section.

22 The balance in the Education Stabilization Account must not 3. exceed 20 percent of the total of all appropriations and 23 24 authorizations from the State Education Fund, excluding the 25 Education Stabilization Account, for the immediately preceding 26 fiscal year. Any money transferred to the Education Stabilization 27 Account which exceeds this amount must instead be transferred to 28 the State Education Fund.

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4. If the Interim Finance Committee finds that:

30 (a) Upon submission of a request from the Department, the 31 actual enrollment growth for a fiscal year exceeds the projected 32 enrollment growth by an amount that the Interim Finance 33 Committee determines would make a transfer of money to the State Education Fund necessary to fund the excess enrollment; 34

35 (b) The collection of revenue in any fiscal year will result in the 36 State Education Fund receiving less money than authorized for 37 expenditure from the State Education Fund;

38 (c) Upon submission of a request from the Department, any 39 amount of money which was deposited in the State Education Fund 40 is found by an audit to have been deposited in error; or

41 (d) Upon submission of a request from the Department, any 42 error in the application of the Pupil-Centered Funding Plan by the 43 Department has created a shortfall in the State Education Fund,

44 → the Committee shall by resolution establish an amount of money 45 to transfer from the Education Stabilization Account to the State





Education Fund and direct the State Controller to transfer that
 amount to the State Education Fund. The State Controller shall
 thereupon make the transfer.

5. When determining the actual ending fund balance for the purposes of subsection 1, each county school district shall exclude:

6 (a) Any money deposited in the county school district fund on or 7 before June 30, 2020;

8 (b) Any money apportioned to the county school district for 9 capital projects or debt service pursuant to subsection 2 of NRS 10 362.170 and deposited in the county school district fund when 11 authorized by law; and

12 (c) Any money transferred to the county school district and 13 authorized for expenditure as a continuing appropriation pursuant to 14 paragraph (b) of subsection 6 of NRS 387.1214.

15 6. If the Superintendent of Public Instruction determines that 16 the money due from the State Education Fund to a county school 17 district, charter school or university school for profoundly gifted pupils pursuant to NRS 387.185 exceeds the amount of money 18 19 available in the State Education Fund because of a delay in expected 20 receipts, he or she may request from the Director of the Office of 21 Finance a temporary advance from the Education Stabilization 22 Account for the payment of such money due. Upon receipt of such a 23 request, the Director of the Office of Finance shall make a 24 recommendation to the Interim Finance Committee to approve the 25 temporary advance in whole or in part or to deny the request. If the 26 Interim Finance Committee approves the request in whole or in part, 27 the Director of the Office of Finance shall notify the State Controller 28 and the Fiscal Analysis Division of the Legislative Counsel Bureau 29 of the amount approved by the Interim Finance Committee, and the 30 State Controller shall draw his or her warrant upon receipt of such a 31 notice of approval. Any money which is temporarily advanced from 32 the Education Stabilization Account pursuant to this subsection 33 must be repaid by August 31 following the end of the fiscal year in which the temporary advance is made. 34

7. The balance remaining in the State Education Fund, excluding the balance remaining in the Education Stabilization Account, that has not been committed for expenditure on or before June 30 of an odd-numbered fiscal year must be transferred to the Education Stabilization Account to the extent that such a transfer would not cause the balance in the Education Stabilization Account to exceed the limit established in subsection 3.

42 Sec. 5. NRS 387.12445 is hereby amended to read as follows:

43 387.12445 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2,
44 each school district shall ensure that all adjusted base per pupil
45 funding received by the school district pursuant to paragraph (c) of





subsection 2 of NRS 387.1214 is accounted for separately and, after
 a deduction for the administrative expenses of the school district in
 an amount which does not exceed the amount prescribed by the
 Department by regulation for each school district, be distributed and
 used as described in this subsection. The adjusted base per pupil
 funding provided to each school district must:

7 (a) Be distributed by each school district to its public schools in
8 a manner that ensures each pupil in the school district receives a
9 reasonably equal educational opportunity.

(b) Be used to support the educational needs of all pupils in the school district, including, without limitation, operating each public school in the school district, training and supporting educational personnel and carrying out any program or service established by, or requirement imposed pursuant to, this title for any purpose for which specific funding is not appropriated pursuant to paragraph (a), (b) or (e) of subsection 2 of NRS 387.1214 or NRS 387.122.

17 2. If a school district determines that an additional amount of 18 money is necessary to satisfy requirements for maintenance of effort 19 or any other requirement under federal law for pupils with 20 disabilities enrolled in the school district, the school district may 21 transfer the necessary amount of money from the adjusted base per 22 pupil funding received by the school district for that purpose.

3. Each school district shall ensure that all weighted funding received by the school district pursuant to paragraph (e) of subsection 2 of NRS 387.1214 is accounted for separately and distributed directly to each school in which the relevant pupils are estimated to be enrolled.

28 4. Each public school shall account separately for the local 29 funding for pupils with disabilities received by the public school 30 pursuant to paragraph (b) of subsection 2 of NRS 387.1214, for the 31 adjusted base per pupil funding received by the public school pursuant to paragraph (c) of subsection 2 of NRS 387.1214, for each 32 33 category of weighted funding received by the public school pursuant to paragraph (e) of subsection 2 of NRS 387.1214 and for money 34 received from the statewide multiplier pursuant to NRS 387.122. 35 Unless the provisions of subsection 7 or 8 impose greater 36 37 restrictions on the use of weighted funding by a public school, the 38 public school must use the weighted funding received for each 39 relevant pupil:

40 (a) As a supplement to the adjusted base per pupil funding 41 received for the pupil; and

42 (b) Solely for the purpose of providing such additional
43 educational programs, services or support as are necessary to ensure
44 the pupil receives a reasonably equal educational opportunity.





1 5. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 6, the separate 2 accounting required by subsection 4 for pupils with disabilities and 3 gifted and talented pupils must include:

4 (a) The amount of money provided to the public school for 5 special education; and

6 (b) The cost of:

7 (1) Instruction provided by licensed special education 8 teachers and supporting staff;

9 (2) Related services, including, without limitation, services 10 provided by psychologists, therapists and health-related personnel;

11 (3) Transportation of the pupils with disabilities and gifted 12 and talented pupils to and from school;

13 (4) The direct supervision of educational and supporting 14 programs; and

15 (5) The supplies and equipment needed for providing special 16 education.

6. Money received from federal sources must be accounted forseparately and excluded from the accounting required pursuant tosubsection 5.

20 7. A public school that receives weighted funding for one or 21 more at-risk pupils must use that weighted funding only to provide 22 [Victory] services for at-risk pupils and, if one or more at-risk 23 pupils for whom the school received weighted funding in the at-risk 24 pupil category also belong to one or more other categories of pupils 25 who receive weighted funding, the additional services for each such 26 at-risk pupil which are appropriate for each category to which the at-27 risk pupil belongs.

28 A public school that receives weighted funding for one or 8. 29 more pupils who are English learners must use that weighted 30 funding only to provide [Zoom] services for pupils who are English *learners* and, if one or more English learners for whom the school 31 32 received weighted funding in the English learner category also 33 belong to one or more other categories of pupils who receive weighted funding, the additional services for each such English 34 35 learner which are appropriate for each category to which the English 36 learner belongs.

9. The Department shall adopt regulations prescribing the maximum amount of money that each school district may deduct for its administrative expenses from the adjusted base per pupil funding received by the school district. When adopting such regulations, the Department may express the maximum amount of money that may be deducted as a percentage of the adjusted base per pupil funding received by the school district.

44 10. As used in this section:





1 (a) ["Victory services"] "Services for at-risk pupils" means any 2 one or more of the following services:

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(1) A prekindergarten program provided free of charge.

4 (2) A summer academy or other instruction for pupils 5 provided free of charge at times during the year when school is not 6 in session.

7 (3) Additional instruction or other learning opportunities 8 provided free of charge at times of day when school is not in 9 session.

10 (4) Professional development for teachers and other 11 educational personnel concerning instructional practices and 12 strategies that have proven to be an effective means to increase pupil 13 achievement in populations of at-risk pupils.

14 (5) Incentives for hiring and retaining teachers and other 15 licensed educational personnel who provide [Victory] services [.] 16 *for at-risk pupils*.

17 (6) Employment of paraprofessionals, other educational 18 personnel and other persons who provide [Victory] services [..] for 19 at-risk pupils.

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(7) A reading skills center.

21 (8) Integrated student supports, wrap-around services and 22 evidence-based programs designed to meet the needs of at-risk 23 pupils.

(9) Any other service or program that has a demonstrated
record of success for similarly situated pupils in comparable school
districts and has been reviewed and approved as a [Victory] service *for at-risk pupils* by the Superintendent of Public Instruction.

(b) ["Zoom services"] "Services for pupils who are English
 learners" means any one or more of the following services:

30 31 A prekindergarten program provided free of charge.
 A reading skills center.

32 (3) Professional development for teachers and other licensed
 33 educational personnel regarding effective instructional practices and
 34 strategies for pupils who are English learners.

(4) Incentives for hiring and retaining teachers and other
licensed educational personnel who provide [Zoom] services [-] for *pupils who are English learners.*

(5) Engagement and involvement with parents and families
of pupils who are English learners, including, without limitation,
increasing effective, culturally appropriate communication with and
outreach to parents and families to support the academic
achievement of those pupils.

43 (6) A summer academy or, for those schools that do not
44 operate on a traditional school calendar, an intersession academy
45 provided free of charge, including, without limitation, the provision





of transportation to attend the summer academy or intersession
 academy.

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(7) An extended school day.

4 (8) Any other service or program that has a demonstrated 5 record of success for similarly situated pupils in comparable school 6 districts and has been reviewed and approved as a [Zoom] service 7 *for pupils who are English learners* by the Superintendent of 8 Public Instruction.

Sec. 6. NRS 387.303 is hereby amended to read as follows:

10 387.303 1. [Not later than November 1 of each] Each year, 11 on or before the Friday of the first week in January that contains 12 5 business days, the board of trustees of each school district shall 13 submit to the Superintendent of Public Instruction and the 14 Department of Taxation a report which includes the following 15 information:

16 (a) For each fund within the school district, including, without 17 limitation, the school district's general fund and any special revenue 18 fund which receives state money, the total number and salaries of licensed and nonlicensed persons whose salaries are paid from the 19 20 fund and who are employed by the school district in full-time positions or in part-time positions added together to represent full-21 22 time positions. Information must be provided for the current school 23 year based upon the school district's final budget, including any 24 amendments and augmentations thereto, and for the preceding 25 school year. An employee must be categorized as filling an 26 instructional, administrative, instructional support or other position.

(b) The school district's actual expenditures in the fiscal yearimmediately preceding the report.

(c) The school district's proposed expenditures for the currentfiscal year.

(d) The schedule of salaries for licensed employees in the 31 32 current school year and a statement of whether the negotiations 33 regarding salaries for the current school year have been completed. If the negotiations have not been completed at the time the schedule 34 35 of salaries is submitted, the board of trustees shall submit a 36 supplemental report to the Superintendent of Public Instruction upon completion of negotiations or the determination of an arbitrator 37 38 concerning the negotiations that includes the schedule of salaries 39 agreed to or required by the arbitrator.

(e) The number of employees who received an increase in salary
pursuant to NRS 391.161, 391.162 or 391.163 for the current and
preceding fiscal years. If the board of trustees is required to pay an
increase in salary retroactively pursuant to NRS 391.161, the board
of trustees shall submit a supplemental report to the Superintendent
of Public Instruction not later than February 15 of the year in which





1 the retroactive payment was made that includes the number of 2 teachers to whom an increase in salary was paid retroactively.

3 (f) The number of employees eligible for health insurance within 4 the school district for the current and preceding fiscal years and the 5 amount paid for health insurance for each such employee during 6 those years.

7 (g) The rates for fringe benefits, excluding health insurance, 8 paid by the school district for its licensed employees in the 9 preceding and current fiscal years.

10 (h) The amount paid for extra duties, supervision of 11 extracurricular activities and supplemental pay and the number of 12 employees receiving that pay in the preceding and current fiscal 13 years.

2. On or before [November 25] the last Friday in January of each year, the Superintendent of Public Instruction shall submit to the Office of Finance and the Fiscal Analysis Division of the Legislative Counsel Bureau, in a format approved by the Director of the Office of Finance, a compilation of the reports made by each school district pursuant to subsection 1.

3. In preparing the agency biennial budget request for the State
Education Fund for submission to the Office of Finance, the
Superintendent of Public Instruction:

(a) Shall compile the information from the most recentcompilation of reports submitted pursuant to subsection 2; and

(b) May consider the cost of enhancements to existing programs
or the projected cost of proposed new educational programs,
regardless of whether those enhancements or new programs are
included in the adjusted base per pupil funding for inclusion in the
biennial budget request to the Office of Finance.

30 4. The Superintendent of Public Instruction shall, in the 31 compilation required by subsection 2, reconcile the revenues of the 32 school districts with the apportionment received by those districts 33 from the State Education Fund for the preceding year.

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5. The request prepared pursuant to subsection 3 must:

(a) Be presented by the Superintendent of Public Instruction to
such standing committees of the Legislature as requested by the
standing committees for the purposes of developing educational
programs and providing appropriations for those programs; and

(b) Provide for a direct comparison of appropriations to the
proposed budget of the Governor submitted pursuant to subsection 4
of NRS 353.230.

42 Sec. 7. NRS 387.320 is hereby amended to read as follows:

43 387.320 [1.] During each quarter of each school year, the 44 clerk of the board of trustees of a county school district shall cause 45 to be published *on the Internet website of the county school district*





a list of expenditures of the county school district made during the 1 2 previous quarter school year. The published list of expenditures 3 shall be in the form prescribed by the Superintendent of Public 4 Instruction.

5 [2. The publication required by subsection 1 shall be printed in 6 some newspaper published and of general circulation in the county 7 the boundaries of which are conterminous with the boundaries of the 8 county school district.

3. The newspaper described in subsection 2 must possess the 9 qualifications prescribed in chapter 238 of NRS. 10

11 -4. If no qualified newspaper is published within a county, then 12 the required publication shall be printed in some qualified 13 newspaper printed in the State of Nevada and having a general 14 circulation within the county.]

Sec. 8. NRS 388.570 is hereby amended to read as follows:

16 388.570 [1.] The State Board shall establish regulations for 17 the computation of enrollment and average daily attendance of 18 children detained in facilities for the detention of children, 19 alternative programs and juvenile forestry camps receiving 20 instruction pursuant to the provisions of this section and NRS 21 388.550 and 388.560.

22 2. Boards of trustees of school districts providing such 23 instruction shall report to the Superintendent of Public Instruction at 24 such times and in such manner as the Superintendent prescribes.] 25

Sec. 9. NRS 388.700 is hereby amended to read as follows:

26 388.700 1. Except as otherwise provided in this section, [for 27 each school quarter of a school year, the ratio in each school district 28 of pupils per licensed teacher designated to teach, on a full-time 29 basis, in classes where core curriculum is taught:

30 (a) In kindergarten and grades 1 and 2, must not exceed 16 to 1, 31 and in grade 3, must not exceed 18 to 1; or

32 (b) If a plan is approved pursuant to subsection 3 of NRS 33 388.720, must not exceed the ratio set forth in that plan for the grade 34 levels specified in the plan.

→ In determining this ratio, all licensed educational personnel who 35 teach a grade level specified in paragraph (a) or a grade level 36 37 specified in a plan that is approved pursuant to subsection 3 of NRS 38 388.720, as applicable for the school district, must be counted except teachers of art, music, physical education or special 39 40 education, teachers who teach one or two specific subject areas to 41 more than one classroom of pupils, counselors, librarians, administrators, deans, specialists, any administrators or other 42 43 licensed educational personnel, including, without limitation, 44 counselors, coaches and special education teachers, who may be 45 present in a classroom but do not teach every pupil in the classroom



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and teachers who are not actively teaching pupils during a class
 period or who do not teach a subject area for which the ratio of
 pupils per licensed teacher is being determined.

4 2. A school district may, within the limits of any plan adopted 5 pursuant to NRS 388.720, assign a pupil whose enrollment in a 6 grade occurs after the end of a [quarter] reporting period during the 7 school year to any existing class regardless of the number of pupils 8 in the class if the school district requests and is approved for a 9 variance from the State Board pursuant to subsection 4 [..] for any 10 relevant reporting period.

3. Each school district that includes one or more elementary
schools which exceed the ratio of pupils per class during any
[quarter of] reporting period during a school year [, as reported to
the Department] pursuant to NRS 388.725:

- 15 (a) Set forth in subsection 1;
- (b) Prescribed in conjunction with a legislative appropriation forthe support of the class-size reduction program; or
- 18 (c) Defined by a legislatively approved alternative class-size 19 reduction plan, if applicable to that school district,

20 \rightarrow must request a variance for each such school for the next fquarter 21 of the current school year if a quarter remains in that school year or 22 for the next quarter of the succeeding school year, as applicable,] 23 *reporting period* from the State Board by providing a written 24 statement that includes the reasons for the request, the justification 25 for exceeding the applicable prescribed ratio of pupils per class and 26 a plan of actions that the school district will take to reduce the ratio 27 of pupils per class.

4. The State Board may grant to a school district a variance from the limitation on the number of pupils per class set forth in paragraph (a), (b) or (c) of subsection 3 for good cause, including the lack of available financial support specifically set aside for the reduction of pupil-teacher ratios.

5. The State Board shall, on a [quarterly] semiannual basis, submit a report to the Interim Finance Committee on each variance requested by a school district pursuant to subsection 4 during the preceding [quarter] reporting period and, if a variance was granted, an identification of each elementary school for which a variance was granted and the specific justification for the variance.

39 6. [The State Board shall, on or before February 1 of each odd 40 numbered year, submit a report to the Legislature on:

41 (a) Each variance requested by a school district pursuant to

42 subsection 4 during the preceding biennium and, if a variance was

43 granted, an identification of each elementary school for which

44 variance was granted and the specific justification for the variance.





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1 (b) The data reported to it by the various school districts

2 pursuant to subsection 2 of NRS 388.710, including an explanation

3 of that data, and the current pupil-teacher ratios per class in the

4 grade levels specified in paragraph (a) of subsection 1 or the grade 5 levels specified in a plan that is approved pursuant to subsection 3

6 of NRS 388.720, as applicable for the school district.

7 -7.] The Department shall, on or before November 15 of each year, report to the Chief of the Budget Division of the Office of
 9 Finance and the Fiscal Analysis Division of the Legislative Counsel
 10 Bureau:

(a) The number of teachers employed full-time;

12 (b) The number of teachers employed in order to attain the ratio 13 required by subsection 1;

14 (c) The number of substitute teachers filling vacancies or long-15 term positions;

16 (d) The number of pupils enrolled; and

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17 (e) The number of teachers assigned to teach in the same 18 classroom with another teacher or in any other arrangement other 19 than one teacher assigned to one classroom of pupils,

 \rightarrow during the current school year in the grade levels specified in paragraph (a) of subsection 1 or the grade levels specified in a plan that is approved pursuant to subsection 3 of NRS 388.720, as applicable, for each school district.

24 [8.] 7. The provisions of this section do not apply to a charter 25 school or to a program of distance education provided pursuant to 26 NRS 388.820 to 388.874, inclusive.

27 8. As used in this section, "reporting period" means the 28 reporting periods described in subsection 1 of NRS 388.725.

Sec. 10. NRS 388.720 is hereby amended to read as follows:

30 388.720 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, 31 each school district together with the recognized associations 32 representing licensed educational personnel shall develop a plan to 33 reduce the district's pupil-teacher ratio per class in kindergarten and 34 grades 1, 2 and 3 within the limits of available financial support 35 specifically set aside for this purpose and submit that plan to the 36 State Board *H* on or before October 1 of each year.

37 In lieu of complying with the pupil-teacher ratio prescribed 2. 38 in paragraph (a) of subsection 1 of NRS 388.700, a school district in 39 a county whose population is less than 100,000 may, in consultation 40 with the recognized associations representing licensed educational 41 personnel, develop a plan to reduce the district's pupil-teacher ratios 42 per class for specified grade levels in elementary schools. 43 Alternative ratios for grade 6 may only be approved for those school 44 districts that include grade 6 in elementary school. The alternative 45 pupil-teacher ratios must not:





2 (b) Exceed 25 to 1 in grades 4 and 5 or grades 4, 5 and 6, as 3 applicable. 4 The State Board shall approve a plan submitted pursuant to 3. 5 subsection 2 if the plan: (a) Reduces the district's pupil-teacher ratio in the elementary 6 7 schools within the school district; and 8 (b) Is fiscally neutral such that the plan will not cost more to carry out than a plan that complies with the ratios prescribed in 9 paragraph (a) of subsection 1 of NRS 388.700. 10 NRS 388.723 is hereby amended to read as follows: 11 Sec. 11. 12 388.723 The Department shall: 13 Develop policies and procedures for: 1. 14 (a) Monitoring the plan of each school district to reduce the 15 pupil-teacher ratio per class developed pursuant to NRS 388.720, 16 which must include, without limitation, provisions for: 17 (1) The review of each plan submitted to the State Board to 18 ensure the adequacy of such plans; and 19 (2) The review of any data submitted to the State Board 20 pursuant to NRS 388.710. 21 (b) Monitoring the [quarterly] semiannual reports concerning 22 the average daily enrollment of pupils and the pupil-teacher ratios in 23 each school district submitted by the board of trustees of the school 24 district pursuant to NRS 388.725 to ensure the completeness and 25 accuracy of such reports. 26 (c) The review of any requests for a variance submitted to the 27 State Board pursuant to NRS 388.700, which must include, without 28 limitation, provisions to verify the information in such requests to 29 ensure the accuracy of the reports on variances submitted by the 30 State Board to the [Legislature] Interim Finance Committee 31 pursuant to that section. 32 [(d) The distribution of money to each school district for the reduction of pupil-teacher ratios, which must include, without 33 34 limitation, provisions for: 35 (1) The retention of all documents and records related to the 36 distribution: and (2) The review of the work performed to determine the 37 38 distribution of such money to ensure the accuracy of supporting 39 information and the calculations used in making such 40 determinations.]

41 2. Provide guidance to the school districts on:

(a) The development of a plan to reduce the pupil-teacher ratio
per class pursuant to NRS 388.720. In developing such guidance,
the Department shall:



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(a) Exceed 22 to 1 in grades 1, 2 and 3; and

1 (1) Outline the criteria that each plan must include to meet 2 the requirements of NRS 388.720.

3 (2) Provide examples of policies, plans or strategies adopted 4 by other states to reduce class sizes.

5 (b) The requirements for reporting information related to the 6 reduction of pupil-teacher ratios.

7 (c) The data that must be monitored pursuant to NRS 388.710
8 by each school district and used to measure the effectiveness of the
9 implementation of any plan to reduce pupil-teacher ratios.

10 3. Communicate with the board of trustees of each school 11 district regarding the expectations of the Department for the use of 12 any money distributed to reduce pupil-teacher ratios in the school 13 district, including, without limitation, the minimum number of 14 teachers the school district is expected to employ.

15 Sec. 12. NRS 388.725 is hereby amended to read as follows:

16 388.725 1. [On or before August 1, November 1, February 1 and May 1 of each] Each year, the board of trustees of each school district shall report to the Department on or before October 15 for 19 the [preceding quarter:] reporting period beginning on July 1 and 20 ending on September 30 and on or before April 15 for the 21 reporting period beginning January 1 and ending on March 31:

(a) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (b), the average daily enrollment of pupils and the ratio of pupils per licensed teacher for grades 1, 2 and 3 for each elementary school in the school district.

(b) If the State Board has approved an alternative class-size reduction plan for the school district pursuant to NRS 388.720, the average daily enrollment of pupils and the ratio of pupils per licensed teacher for those grades which are required to comply with the alternative class-size reduction plan for each elementary school in the school district.

32 2. The board of trustees of each school district shall post on the33 Internet website maintained by the school district:

(a) The information concerning average daily enrollment and
 class size for each elementary school in the school district, as
 reported to the Department pursuant to subsection 1; and

(b) An identification of each elementary school in the school
district, if any, for which a variance from the prescribed pupilteacher ratios was granted by the State Board pursuant to subsection
4 of NRS 388.700.

41 Sec. 13. NRS 388A.345 is hereby amended to read as follows:

388A.345 1. [On] Each year, on or before [November 1 of
each year,] the Friday of the first week in January that contains 5 *business days*, the governing body of each charter school shall
submit to the sponsor of the charter school, the Superintendent of





Public Instruction and the Director of the Legislative Counsel
 Bureau for transmission to the Majority Leader of the Senate and the
 Speaker of the Assembly a report that includes:

4 (a) A written description of the progress of the charter school in 5 achieving the mission and goals of the charter school set forth in its 6 application.

7 (b) For each fund maintained by the charter school, including, 8 without limitation, the general fund of the charter school and any 9 special revenue fund which receives state money, the total number and salaries of licensed and nonlicensed persons whose salaries are 10 paid from the fund and who are employed by the governing body in 11 12 full-time positions or in part-time positions added together to 13 represent full-time positions. Information must be provided for the 14 current school year based upon the final budget of the charter 15 school, including any amendments and augmentations thereto, and 16 for the preceding school year. An employee must be categorized as 17 filling an instructional, administrative, instructional support or other 18 position.

19 (c) The actual expenditures of the charter school in the fiscal 20 year immediately preceding the report.

21 (d) The proposed expenditures of the charter school for the 22 current fiscal year.

(e) The salary schedule for licensed employees and nonlicensed
teachers in the current school year and a statement of whether salary
negotiations for the current school year have been completed. If
salary negotiations have not been completed at the time the salary
schedule is submitted, the governing body shall submit a
supplemental report to the Superintendent of Public Instruction upon
completion of negotiations.

(f) The number of employees eligible for health insurance within
the charter school for the current and preceding fiscal years and the
amount paid for health insurance for each such employee during
those years.

(g) The rates for fringe benefits, excluding health insurance,
 paid by the charter school for its licensed employees in the
 preceding and current fiscal years.

(h) The amount paid for extra duties, supervision of
extracurricular activities and supplemental pay and the number of
employees receiving that pay in the preceding and current fiscal
years.

41 2. On or before [November 25] the last Friday in January of 42 each year, the Superintendent of Public Instruction shall submit to 43 the Office of Finance and the Fiscal Analysis Division of the 44 Legislative Counsel Bureau, in a format approved by the Director of





the Office of Finance, a compilation of the reports made by eachgoverning body pursuant to subsection 1.

3 3. The Superintendent of Public Instruction shall, in the 4 compilation required by subsection 2, reconcile the revenues and 5 expenditures of the charter schools with the apportionment received 6 by those schools from the State Education Fund for the preceding 7 year.

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Sec. 14. NRS 388A.355 is hereby amended to read as follows:

9 388A.355 On or before [December] *February* 15 of each [oddnumbered] year, the sponsor of a charter school must submit a report describing any actions the sponsor of the charter school has taken pursuant to NRS 388A.330 to the Joint Interim Standing Committee on Education if:

14 1. The charter school has received, within each of the 15 immediately preceding 3 consecutive school years, one of the two 16 lowest ratings of performance pursuant to the statewide system of 17 accountability for public schools; and

18 2. The governing body of the charter school does not plan to 19 close the charter school pursuant to NRS 388A.306 or change the 20 sponsorship of the charter school pursuant to NRS 388A.231.

21 Sec. 15. NRS 388C.250 is hereby amended to read as follows:

22 388C.250 1. The governing body of a university school for 23 profoundly gifted pupils shall submit to the Department in a format 24 prescribed by the Department such information as requested by the 25 Superintendent of Public Instruction for purposes of accountability 26 reporting for the university school.

27 2. [The] Each year, the governing body of a university school
28 for profoundly gifted pupils shall, on or before [November 15 of
29 each year,] the Friday of the first week in January that contains 5
30 business days, submit to the Department in a format prescribed by
31 the Department the following information:

(a) The actual expenditures of the university school for
 profoundly gifted pupils in the fiscal year immediately preceding the
 report; and

35 (b) The proposed expenditures of the university school for 36 profoundly gifted pupils for the current fiscal year.

37 Sec. 16. NRS 388G.200 is hereby amended to read as follows:

38 388G.200 [1.] Each empowerment school, other than a 39 charter school that is sponsored by the State Public Charter School 40 Authority, by a college or university within the Nevada System of 41 Higher Education or by a city or county, shall, on a quarterly basis, 42 submit to the board of trustees of the school district in which the 43 school is located a report that includes:

44 [(a)] 1. The financial status of the school; and





[(b)] 2. A description of the school's compliance with each 1 2 component of the empowerment plan for the school. 3 2. Each charter school that is sponsored by the State Public 4 Charter School Authority, by a college or university within the 5 Nevada System of Higher Education or by a city or county which is 6 approved to operate as an empowerment school shall, on a quarterly 7 basis, submit to the Department a report that includes: 8 (a) The financial status of the school: and 9 (b) A description of the school's compliance with each 10 component of the empowerment plan for the school. -3. The board of trustees of a school district shall conduct a 11 12 financial audit of each empowerment school within the school 13 district, other than a charter school that is sponsored by the State 14 Public Charter School Authority, by a college or university within 15 the Nevada System of Higher Education or by a city or county. Each 16 financial audit must be conducted on an annual basis and more 17 frequently if determined necessary by the board of trustees. 18 4. The Department shall conduct a financial audit of each 19 charter school that is sponsored by the State Public Charter School 20 Authority, by a college or university within the Nevada System of 21 Higher Education or by a city or county which operates as an 22 empowerment school on an annual basis and more frequently if 23 determined necessary by the Department. 24 5. On or before July 1 of each year, the board of trustees of 25 each school district shall compile the reports and audits required 26 pursuant to subsections 1 and 3, if any, and forward the compilation 27 to the: 28 (a) Governor; 29 (b) Department; and 30 31 6. On or before July 1 of each year, the Department shall 32 compile the reports and audits required pursuant to subsections 2 33 and 4, if any, and forward the compilation to the: 34 (a) Governor; and 35 (b) Joint Interim Standing Committee on Education.] 36 NRS 389.167 is hereby amended to read as follows: Sec. 17. 37 389.167 1. A pupil enrolled at a public school must be 38 allowed to apply one or more credits toward the total number of credits required for graduation from high school if the pupil 39 40 successfully completes the number of hours in a work-based 41 learning program required by regulation of the State Board to earn 42 such credits. Any credits earned for successful completion of a 43 work-based learning program must be applied toward the pupil's 44 elective course credits and not toward a course that is required for 45 graduation from high school.





1 2. The board of trustees of a school district or the governing 2 body of a charter school may offer a work-based learning program 3 upon application to and with the approval of the Superintendent of 4 Public Instruction. An application to offer a work-based learning 5 program must include, without limitation:

6 (a) The fields, trades or occupations in which a work-based 7 learning program will be offered.

8 (b) The qualifications of a pupil to participate in the work-based 9 learning program. Such qualifications must allow a majority of 10 pupils to be eligible to participate in the work-based learning 11 program.

12 (c) A description of the process that will be used by pupils to 13 apply to participate in a work-based learning program.

14 (d) A description of the manner in which participation in a 15 work-based learning program and completion of the requirements of 16 a work-based learning program will be verified.

17 (e) A description of the manner in which the performance of a 18 pupil who participates in the work-based learning program will be 19 evaluated, which must include, without limitation, an on-site 20 evaluation of the performance of the pupil.

3. Upon approval by the Superintendent of Public Instruction
of an application to offer a work-based learning program submitted
pursuant to subsection 2, the board of trustees or the governing body
shall:

(a) Designate an employee of the school district or charter
school, as applicable, to serve as a work-based learning coordinator
to coordinate and oversee work-based learning programs. Such an
employee must ensure that each business, agency or organization
that will offer employment and supervision of a pupil as part of the
work-based learning program is suitable for participation in a workbased learning program.

32 (b) Establish and maintain a list of businesses, agencies and 33 organizations that have been found suitable by the work-based 34 learning coordinator pursuant to paragraph (a).

4. To receive approval from the Superintendent of Public
Instruction to offer a work-based learning program, the work-based
learning program must include, without limitation, requirements
that:

(a) A detailed training agreement and training plan be completed
for each pupil participating in the work-based learning program for
credit that identifies the specific tasks in which the pupil will
participate that will develop competency of the pupil in the
workplace;





1 (b) A pupil participating in the work-based learning program be 2 allowed to leave the public school in which he or she is enrolled 3 during the school day to participate in such a program;

4 (c) Participation by a pupil in the work-based learning program
5 will develop a broad range of skills and will allow a pupil to focus
6 on his or her chosen career pathway; and

7 (d) Training be completed by each pupil participating in the 8 work-based learning program on:

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(1) Identifying and reporting harassment in the workplace;

10 (2) Developing and maintaining healthy relationships in the 11 workplace; and

12 (3) Identifying the signs of a person engaging in predatory 13 conduct to prepare a pupil for sexual activity or to foster an 14 inappropriate personal or professional relationship with a pupil, 15 including, without limitation, through communicating or attempting 16 to befriend or establish a relationship or other connection with a 17 parent or legal guardian of a pupil in furtherance of such conduct.

18 5. A school district or charter school may allow a pupil who 19 successfully completes a work-based learning program to earn dual 20 credit for participation in the work-based learning program.

21 [6. On or before January 15 of each odd numbered year, the 22 board of trustees of a school district and the governing body of a 23 charter school that offers a work based learning program shall 24 prepare a report concerning the manner in which the work based 25 learning program has been carried out and submit the report to the 26 State Board and the Legislature. The report must include, without 27 limitation:

(a) The number of pupils participating in the work-based
 learning program; and

30 (b) The types of work based learning offered through the work 31 based learning program.

32 7. The number of pupils participating in the work-based
 33 learning program reported pursuant to paragraph (a) of subsection 6

34 must be disaggregated on the basis of the following characteristics:

35 <u>(a) Pupils who are American Indian or Alaska Native, Asian,</u>

36 Black or African American, Hispanic or Latino, Native Hawaiian or

37 Pacific Islander, white or two or more races;

- 38 (b) Gender of pupils;
- 39 (c) Pupils who are migrants; and

40 <u>(d) Pupils who are members of special populations, as defined in</u>

- 41 20 U.S.C. § 2302(48).]
- 42 Sec. 18. NRS 391.019 is hereby amended to read as follows:

43 391.019 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 391.027, 44 the Commission shall adopt regulations:





1 (a) Prescribing the qualifications for licensing teachers and other 2 educational personnel and the procedures for the issuance and 3 renewal of those licenses. The regulations:

4 (1) Must include, without limitation, the qualifications for 5 licensing teachers [and administrators] pursuant to an alternative 6 route to licensure which provides that the required education and 7 training may be provided by any qualified provider which has been 8 approved by the Commission, including, without limitation, institutions of higher education and other providers that operate 9 independently of an institution of higher education. The regulations 10 11 adopted pursuant to this subparagraph must:

12 (I) Establish the requirements for approval as a qualified 13 provider;

14 (II) Require a qualified provider to be selective in its 15 acceptance of students;

16 (III) Require a qualified provider to provide in-person or 17 virtual supervised, school-based experiences and ongoing support 18 for its students, such as mentoring and coaching;

19 (IV) Significantly limit the amount of course work 20 required or provide for the waiver of required course work for 21 students who achieve certain scores on tests;

22 (V) Allow for the completion in 2 years or less of the 23 education and training required under the alternative route to 24 licensure;

(VI) Provide that a person who has completed the education and training required under the alternative route to licensure and who has satisfied all other requirements for licensure may apply for a regular license pursuant to sub-subparagraph (VII) regardless of whether the person has received an offer of employment from a school district, charter school or private school; and

(VII) Upon the completion by a person of the education and training required under the alternative route to licensure and the satisfaction of all other requirements for licensure, provide for the issuance of a regular license to the person pursuant to the provisions of this chapter and the regulations adopted pursuant to this chapter.

(2) Must include, without limitation, qualifications and
 procedures for licensed teachers and other licensed educational
 personnel to become licensed as an administrator.

40 (3) Must require an applicant for a license to teach middle 41 school or junior high school education or secondary education to 42 demonstrate proficiency in a field of specialization or area of 43 concentration by successfully completing course work prescribed by 44 the Department or completing a subject matter competency





examination prescribed by the Department with a score deemed
 satisfactory.

3 [(3)] (4) Must not prescribe qualifications which are more 4 stringent than the qualifications set forth in NRS 391.0315 for a 5 licensed teacher who applies for an additional license in accordance 6 with that section.

7 (b) Identifying fields of specialization in teaching which require 8 the specialized training of teachers.

9 (c) Except as otherwise provided in NRS 391.125, requiring 10 teachers to obtain from the Department an endorsement in a field of 11 specialization to be eligible to teach in that field of specialization.

12 (d) Setting forth the educational requirements a teacher must 13 satisfy to qualify for an endorsement in each field of specialization.

14 (e) Setting forth the qualifications and requirements for 15 obtaining a license or endorsement to teach American Sign 16 Language, including, without limitation, being registered with the 17 Aging and Disability Services Division of the Department of Health 18 and Human Services pursuant to NRS 656A.100 to engage in the 19 practice of sign language interpreting in a primary or secondary 20 educational setting.

(f) Requiring teachers and other educational personnel to be
 registered with the Aging and Disability Services Division pursuant
 to NRS 656A.100 to engage in the practice of sign language
 interpreting in a primary or secondary educational setting if they:

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(1) Provide instruction or other educational services; and

26 (2) Concurrently engage in the practice of sign language 27 interpreting, as defined in NRS 656A.060.

(g) Prescribing course work on parental involvement and family
 engagement. The Commission shall:

30 (1) Work in cooperation with the Office of Parental 31 Involvement and Family Engagement created by NRS 385.630 in 32 developing the regulations required by this paragraph.

(2) Establish standards for professional development training
 which may be used to satisfy any course work requirement
 prescribed pursuant to this paragraph.

(h) Establishing the requirements for obtaining an endorsement
on the license of a teacher, administrator or other educational
personnel in cultural competency.

(i) Authorizing the Superintendent of Public Instruction to issue
a license by endorsement to an applicant who holds an equivalent
license or authorization issued by a governmental entity in another
country if the Superintendent determines that the qualifications for
the equivalent license or authorization are substantially similar to
those prescribed pursuant to paragraph (a).





1 (j) Establishing the requirements for obtaining an endorsement 2 on the license of a teacher, administrator or other educational 3 personnel in teaching courses relating to financial literacy.

4 (k) Authorizing a person who is employed as a paraprofessional 5 and enrolled in a program to become a teacher to complete an 6 accelerated program of student teaching in the same or a 7 substantially similar area in which the person is employed as a paraprofessional while remaining employed as a paraprofessional. 8

9 (1) Requiring the Department to accept a program of student teaching or other teaching experience completed in another state or 10 foreign country by an applicant for a license if the Department 11 12 determines that the program or experience substantially fulfills the 13 standards of a program of student teaching in this State.

14 (m) Authorizing a person who is employed by a public school to 15 provide support or other services relating to school psychology, if 16 the person does not hold a license or endorsement as a school 17 psychologist but is enrolled in a program that would allow the 18 person to obtain such a license or endorsement, to complete a 19 program of internship in school psychology while remaining 20 employed in such a position. 21

(n) To carry out the provisions of NRS 391B.010.

22 Except as otherwise provided in NRS 391.027, 2. the 23 Commission may adopt such other regulations as it deems necessary 24 for its own government or to carry out its duties.

3. 25 Any regulation which increases the amount of education, 26 training or experience required for licensing:

27 (a) Must, in addition to the requirements for publication in 28 chapter 233B of NRS, be publicized before its adoption in a manner 29 reasonably calculated to inform those persons affected by the 30 change.

31 (b) Must not become effective until at least 1 year after the date 32 it is adopted by the Commission.

(c) Is not applicable to a license in effect on the date the 33 34 regulation becomes effective.

Sec. 19. NRS 391.155 is hereby amended to read as follows:

36 391.155 Each school district in this State that employs a 37 consultant shall, at least fonce every 6 months, annually, submit to 38 the Interim Finance Committee a report setting forth: 39

The number of consultants employed by the school district; 1.

40 2. The purpose for which the school district employs each 41 consultant;

42 3. The amount of money or other remuneration received by 43 each consultant from the school district; and

44 4. The length of time each consultant has been employed by the school district. 45



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1 Sec. 20. NRS 391A.575 is hereby amended to read as follows: 2 391A.575 The Teach 1. Nevada Scholarship Program 3 Account is hereby created in the State General Fund. The Account 4 must be administered by the [State Board.] Department. 5 The interest and income earned on: 2. 6 (a) The money in the Account, after deducting any applicable 7 charges; and 8 (b) Unexpended appropriations made to the Account from the 9 State General Fund. → must be credited to the Account. 10 Any money remaining in the Account at the end of a fiscal 11 3. 12 year, including, without limitation, any unexpended appropriations 13 made to the Account from the State General Fund does not revert to 14 the State General Fund, and the balance in the Account must be 15 carried forward to the next fiscal year. 16 4. The [State Board] *Department* may accept gifts and grants 17 of money from any source for deposit in the Account. 18 5. The money in the Account may only be used to: 19 (a) Award grants to universities, colleges and other providers of 20 an alternative licensure program that are approved to award Teach 21 Nevada Scholarships pursuant to NRS 391A.585. 22 (b) Disburse the money retained pursuant to paragraph (b) of 23 subsection 2 of NRS 391A.580 to a scholarship recipient who meets 24 the requirements of subsection 4 of NRS 391A.585. 25 **Sec. 21.** NRS 391A.580 is hereby amended to read as follows: 26 A public or private university, college or other 391A.580 1. 27 provider of an alternative licensure program in this State is eligible 28 to apply to the [State Board] Department for a grant from the 29 Account to award scholarships to students who attend the university, 30 college or other provider of an alternative licensure program to complete a program offered by the university, college or other 31 32 provider of an alternative licensure program that has been approved 33 by the State Board and which: (a) Upon completion makes a student eligible to obtain a license 34 35 to teach kindergarten, any grade from grades 1 through 12 or in the 36 subject area of special education in this State; or 37 (b) Allows a student to specialize in the subject area of early 38 childhood education. 39 The [State Board] *Department* shall: 2. 40 (a) Establish the number of Teach Nevada Scholarships that will 41 be available each year based upon the amount of money available in 42 the Account. (b) Review all applications submitted pursuant to subsection 1 43 44 and award a grant of money from the Account to an approved 45 university, college or other provider of an alternative licensure





program to the extent that money is available in an amount
 determined by the [State Board.] Department. The [State Board]
 Department shall retain 25 percent of such an award in the Account
 for disbursement to a scholarship recipient who meets the
 requirements of subsection 4 of NRS 391A.585.

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3. The [State Board:] Department:

7 (a) Shall prioritize the award of grants from the Account to a 8 university, college or other provider of an alternative licensure 9 program *that* will provide scholarships to a greater number of 10 recipients who are veterans or the spouses of veterans.

(b) May prioritize the award of grants from the Account to a
university, college or other provider of an alternative licensure
program that demonstrates the university, college or other provider
of an alternative licensure program will provide scholarships to a
greater number of recipients who:

16 (1) Agree to complete the requirements to obtain an 17 endorsement to teach English as a second language or an 18 endorsement to teach special education;

19 (2) Intend to teach in public schools in this State which have 20 the highest shortage of teachers;

(3) Have been economically disadvantaged or belong to a
 racial or ethnic minority group; or

(4) Will be eligible to teach in a subject area for which there
is a shortage of teachers. Such a subject area may include, without
limitation, science, technology, engineering, mathematics, special
education or English as a second language.

4. A student may apply for a Teach Nevada Scholarship from a
university, college or other provider of an alternative licensure
program that receives a grant from the Account only if:

30 (a) The student attends or has been accepted to attend the 31 university, college or other provider of an alternative licensure 32 program to complete a program described in subsection 1; and 33 (b) The student lebtering licensure

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(b) The student [obtained]:

Obtained a high school diploma awarded by a public or
private high school located in this State [or public high school that is
located in a county that borders this State and accepts pupils who
are residents of this State or];

(2) Is a resident of this State who obtained a high school
diploma awarded by a public or private high school located in
another state;

(3) Before 20 years of age, successfully completed the high
school equivalency assessment selected by the State Board pursuant
to NRS 390.055 [before 20 years of age.], if the assessment was
administered in this State; or





1 (4) Is a resident of this State who, before 20 years of age, 2 successfully completed the high school equivalency assessment 3 selected by the State Board pursuant to NRS 390.055 if the 4 assessment was administered outside of this State.

5 5. An application submitted by the student must identify the 6 program to be completed and the date by which the student must 7 complete the program to finish on schedule.

8 6. The [State Board] *Department* may adopt any regulations 9 necessary to carry out the provisions of NRS 391A.550 to 10 391A.595, inclusive.

Sec. 22. NRS 391A.585 is hereby amended to read as follows:

12 391A.585 1. Each university, college or other provider of an 13 alternative licensure program that is awarded a grant of money from 14 the Account pursuant to NRS 391A.580 shall use the money to award Teach Nevada Scholarships to students who will attend the 15 university, college or other provider of an alternative licensure 16 17 program with the intent to complete a program described in subsection 1 of NRS 391A.580. Such students may include, without 18 19 limitation:

(a) Recent high school graduates who enroll in a program
described in subsection 1 of NRS 391A.580;

(b) Students who are enrolled at a university or college who
change their academic program or major to a program described in
subsection 1 of NRS 391A.580;

(c) Students who have completed some credits at a university or
 college and who enroll in a program described in subsection 1 of
 NRS 391A.580;

(d) Students who possess a bachelor's degree in a field other
than education who pursue an alternative route to licensure as a
teacher;

31 (e) Veterans and the spouses of veterans; and

32 (f) Students who have had some experience working in a 33 classroom, including, without limitation, as a paraprofessional or 34 substitute teacher.

2. A university, college or other provider of an alternative
licensure program may award a Teach Nevada Scholarship to a
scholarship recipient in an amount:

(a) Not to exceed the cost of receiving a bachelor's degree at a
public university in this State prorated over the number of semesters
required for the student to complete the program; and

(b) Equal to the difference between the amount of tuition,
registration fees and other mandatory fees charged to the student for
the program described in subsection 1 of NRS 391A.580, excluding
any amount of the tuition and fees that is waived by the university,



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college or other provider of an alternative licensure program, and
 the total amount of any other gift aid received by the student.

3 3. A university, college or other provider of an alternative 4 licensure program that awards a Teach Nevada Scholarship shall, at 5 the beginning of each semester disburse to the scholarship recipient 6 75 percent of the scholarship money awarded to the scholarship 7 recipient for the semester.

4. A scholarship recipient may only receive the 25 percent of
9 the scholarship money that is retained by the [State Board]
10 Department pursuant to paragraph (b) of subsection 2 of NRS
11 391A.580 if the scholarship recipient:

(a) Completes the program for which he or she was awarded thescholarship;

(b) Maintains employment as a teacher at a public school in this
State for 5 consecutive school years immediately following
completion of the program unless the [State Board] Department
waives this requirement for good cause shown; and

(c) Meets any other requirements established by the [State
 Board.] Department.

5. To receive the 25 percent of the scholarship money retained by the [State Board] *Department* pursuant to paragraph (b) of subsection 2 of NRS 391A.580, a scholarship recipient who meets the requirements set forth in subsection 4 must request *that* the [State Board to] *Department* disburse the money within 1 year after the 5-year anniversary of the date on which the scholarship recipient meets the requirements of subsection 4.

6. As used in this section, "gift aid" means any grant or scholarship awarded to a student which is restricted for use only to pay for tuition, registration fees or other mandatory fees.

Sec. 23. NRS 391A.590 is hereby amended to read as follows:

31 391A.590 1. If a scholarship recipient does not complete the 32 program for which the scholarship was awarded for any reason, including, without limitation, withdrawing from the university, 33 34 college or other provider of an alternative licensure program or 35 pursuing another course of study, the university, college or other 36 provider of an alternative licensure program that awarded the 37 scholarship must pay to the [State Board] Department for credit to the Account: 38

(a) Any amount of money that the university, college or other
provider of an alternative licensure program has received but has not
yet disbursed to the scholarship recipient pursuant to NRS
391A.585; and

(b) An amount of money equal to the total amount of money
disbursed to the scholarship recipient pursuant to NRS 391A.585 or
\$1,000, whichever is less.



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1 2. If a scholarship recipient completes the program for which 2 the scholarship was awarded on schedule, as described in the application for the scholarship submitted pursuant to NRS 3 391A.580, to the extent that money is available for this purpose, the 4 5 **State Board Department** shall pay \$1,000 to the university, college or other provider of an alternative licensure program that awarded 6 7 the scholarship. Any money received by a university, college or 8 other provider of an alternative licensure program pursuant to this 9 section must be used to pay costs associated with providing a program described in subsection 1 of NRS 391A.580. 10

Sec. 24. NRS 391A.595 is hereby amended to read as follows:

391A.595 On or before November 1 of each year, the [State
 Board] Department shall:

14 1. Review all Teach Nevada Scholarships awarded for the 15 immediately preceding academic year;

16 2. Compile a report for the immediately preceding academic 17 year which must include, without limitation:

(a) The number of students who applied for a Teach NevadaScholarship;

20 (b) The number of scholarship recipients;

21 (c) The total cost of all Teach Nevada Scholarships;

22 (d) The graduation rate of scholarship recipients;

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(e) The percentage of students who:

(1) Were scholarship recipients in the academic year thatimmediately precedes the year which is the subject of the report;

26 (2) Did not graduate by the end of the academic year that 27 immediately precedes the year which is the subject of the report; and

(3) Received a Nevada Teacher Advancement Scholarship,
as defined in NRS 391A.660, for the academic year which is the
subject of the report;

(f) The percentage of scholarship recipients who graduated and
 became employed as a teacher at a public school in this State; and

(g) The number of scholarship recipients who subsequently
 fulfilled the requirements of subsection 4 of NRS 391A.585; and

35 3. Submit the report compiled pursuant to subsection 2 to the 36 Governor and the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for 37 distribution to the next regular session of the Legislature.

38 Sec. 25. NRS 391A.675 is hereby amended to read as follows:
39 391A.675 1. The Nevada Teacher Advancement Scholarship
40 Program Account is hereby created in the State General Fund. The
41 Account must be administered by the [State Board.] Department.

42 2. The interest and income earned on:

(a) The money in the Account, after deducting any applicablecharge; and





1 (b) Unexpended appropriations made to the Account from the 2 State General Fund,

3 \rightarrow must be credited to the Account.

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

9 4. The [State Board] *Department* may accept gifts and grants 10 of money from any source for deposit in the Account.

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

(a) Award grants to universities, colleges and other providers of
 an alternative licensure program that are approved to award Nevada
 Teacher Advancement Scholarships pursuant to NRS 391A.685.

(b) Disburse the money retained pursuant to paragraph (b) of
subsection 2 of NRS 391A.680 to a scholarship recipient who meets
the requirements of subsection 4 of NRS 391A.685.

Sec. 26. NRS 391A.680 is hereby amended to read as follows:

19 391A.680 1. A public or private university or college or other 20 provider of an alternative licensure program in this State is eligible 21 to apply to the [State Board] Department for a grant from the 22 Account to award scholarships to students who attend the university, 23 college or other provider of an alternative licensure program to 24 complete a program offered by the university, college or other 25 provider of an alternative licensure program that has been approved 26 by the [State Board] Commission on Professional Standards in 27 *Education* and which *[results]*:

(a) Results in a certificate of advanced study, master's or other
 degree which is more advanced than a bachelor's degree, in
 education or a related field of study [-]; or

(b) Upon completion, makes a student eligible to obtain a
license and endorsement to teach in a subject area for which there
is a shortage of teachers, including, without limitation, science,
technology, engineering, mathematics, special education or
English as a second language.

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2. The [State Board] *Department* shall:

(a) Establish the number of Nevada Teacher Advancement
Scholarships that will be available each year based upon the amount
of money available in the Account.

(b) Review all applications submitted pursuant to subsection 1
and award a grant of money from the Account to an approved
university, college or other provider of an alternative licensure
program to the extent that money is available in an amount
determined by the [State Board.] Department. The [State Board]
Department shall retain 25 percent of such an award in the Account





1 for disbursement to a scholarship recipient who meets the 2 requirements of subsection 4 of NRS 391A.685.

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3. The [State Board:] Department:

4 (a) Shall prioritize the award of grants from the Account to a 5 university, college or other provider of an alternative licensure 6 program that demonstrates the university, college or other provider 7 of an alternative licensure program will provide scholarships to a 8 greater number of recipients who:

9 (1) Received the Teach Nevada Scholarship, as defined in 10 NRS 391A.570, and successfully fulfilled the requirements of 11 subsection 4 of NRS 391A.585; or

(2) Are veterans or the spouses of veterans.

(b) May prioritize the award of grants from the Account to a
university, college or other provider of an alternative licensure
program that demonstrates the university, college or other provider
of an alternative licensure program will provide scholarships to a
greater number of recipients who:

18 (1) Agree to complete the requirements to obtain an 19 endorsement to teach English as a second language or an 20 endorsement to teach special education;

(2) Intend to teach in public schools in this State which have
the highest shortage of teachers;

(3) Have been economically disadvantaged or belong to aracial or ethnic minority group; or

(4) Will be eligible to teach in a subject area for which there
is a shortage of teachers. Such a subject area may include, without
limitation, science, technology, engineering, mathematics, special
education or English as a second language.

4. A student may apply for a Nevada Teacher Advancement
Scholarship from a university, college or other provider of an
alternative licensure program that receives a grant from the Account
only if:

(a) The student attends or has been accepted to attend the
 university, college or other provider of an alternative licensure
 program to complete a program described in subsection 1; and

(b) The student has taught in a public school in this State for not
less than 2 of the immediately preceding 5 years.

5. An application submitted by the student must identify the program to be completed and the date by which the student must complete the program to finish on schedule.

41 6. The **[State Board]** *Department* may adopt any regulations 42 necessary to carry out the provisions of NRS 391A.650 to 43 391A.695, inclusive.





Sec. 27. NRS 391A.685 is hereby amended to read as follows:

2 391A.685 1. Each university, college or other provider of an 3 alternative licensure program that is awarded a grant of money from 4 the Account pursuant to NRS 391A.680 shall use the money to 5 award Nevada Teacher Advancement Scholarships to students who 6 will attend the university, college or other provider of an alternative 7 licensure program with the intent to complete a program described 8 in subsection 1 of NRS 391A.680. Such students may include, 9 without limitation, students who have completed a bachelor's degree and taught in a public school in this State for at least 2 years. 10

11 2. A university, college or other provider of an alternative 12 licensure program may award a Nevada Teacher Advancement 13 Scholarship to a scholarship recipient in an amount:

14 (a) Not to exceed the cost of [receiving]:

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15 (1) Receiving, as applicable, a certificate of advanced study, 16 master's degree or other degree which is more advanced than a 17 bachelor's degree at a public university in this State prorated over 18 the number of semesters required for the student to complete the 19 program; or

20 (2) A course of study or program which, upon completion, 21 makes a student eligible to obtain a license and endorsement to 22 teach in a subject area for which there is a shortage of teachers, 23 including, without limitation, science, technology, engineering, 24 mathematics, special education or English as a second language; 25 and

(b) Equal to the difference between the amount of tuition, registration fees and other mandatory fees charged to the student for the program described in subsection 1 of NRS 391A.680, excluding any amount of the tuition and fees that is waived by the university, college or other provider of an alternative licensure program, and the total amount of any other gift aid received by the student.

32 3. A university, college or other provider of an alternative 33 licensure program that awards a Nevada Teacher Advancement 34 Scholarship shall, at the beginning of each semester disburse to the 35 scholarship recipient 75 percent of the scholarship money awarded 36 to the scholarship recipient for the semester.

4. A scholarship recipient may only receive the 25 percent of
the scholarship money that is retained by the [State Board] *Department* pursuant to paragraph (b) of subsection 2 of NRS
391A.680 if the scholarship recipient:

41 (a) Completes the program for which he or she was awarded the 42 scholarship;

43 (b) Maintains employment as a teacher at a public school in this 44 State for 3 consecutive school years immediately following





completion of the program unless the [State Board] Department
 waives this requirement for good cause shown; and

3 (c) Meets any other requirements established by the [State 4 Board.] Department.

5 5. To receive the 25 percent of the scholarship money retained 6 by the [State Board] *Department* pursuant to paragraph (b) of 7 subsection 2 of NRS 391A.680, a scholarship recipient who meets 8 the requirements set forth in subsection 4 must request the [State 9 Board] *Department* to disburse the money within 1 year after the 2year anniversary of the date on which the scholarship recipient 11 meets the requirements of subsection 4.

12 6. As used in this section, "gift aid" means any grant or 13 scholarship awarded to a student which is restricted for use only to 14 pay for tuition, registration fees or other mandatory fees.

Sec. 28. NRS 391A.690 is hereby amended to read as follows:

16 391A.690 1. If a scholarship recipient does not complete the 17 program for which the scholarship was awarded for any reason, 18 including, without limitation, withdrawing from the university, 19 college or other provider of an alternative licensure program or 20 pursuing another course of study, the university, college or other 21 provider of an alternative licensure program that awarded the 22 scholarship must pay to the [State Board] *Department* for credit to 23 the Account:

(a) Any amount of money that the university, college or other
provider of an alternative licensure program has received but has not
yet disbursed to the scholarship recipient pursuant to NRS
391A.685; and

(b) An amount of money equal to the total amount of money
disbursed to the scholarship recipient pursuant to NRS 391A.685 or
\$1,000, whichever is less.

31 2. If a scholarship recipient completes the program for which 32 the scholarship was awarded on schedule, as described in the 33 application for the scholarship submitted pursuant to NRS 34 391A.680, to the extent that money is available for this purpose, the 35 **State Board** Department shall pay \$1,000 to the university, college 36 or other provider of an alternative licensure program that awarded 37 the scholarship. Any money received by a university, college or 38 other provider of an alternative licensure program pursuant to this 39 section must be used to pay costs associated with providing a 40 program described in subsection 1 of NRS 391A.680.

41 **Sec. 29.** NRS 391A.695 is hereby amended to read as follows: 42 391A.695 On or before November 1 of each year, the [State

43 **Board**] **Department** shall:

44 1. Review all Nevada Teacher Advancement Scholarships45 awarded for the immediately preceding academic year;



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4 Advancement Scholarship; 5 (b) The number of scholarship recipients; 6 (c) The total cost of all Nevada Teacher Advancement 7 Scholarships; 8 (d) The graduation rate of scholarship recipients; 9 (e) The percentage of students who: 10 (1) Received a Teach Nevada Scholarship, as defined in NRS 391A.570, in the academic year that immediately precedes the year 11 12 which is the subject of the report; 13 (2) Did not graduate by the end of the academic year that 14 immediately precedes the year which is the subject of the report; and 15 (3) Were scholarship recipients for the academic year which 16 is the subject of the report; 17 (f) The percentage of scholarship recipients who graduated and 18 became employed as teachers at a public school in this State; and 19 (g) The number of scholarship recipients who subsequently 20 fulfilled the requirements of subsection 4 of NRS 391A.685; and 21 Submit the report compiled pursuant to subsection 2 to the 3. 22 Governor and the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for 23 distribution to the next regular session of the Legislature. 24 NRS 391A.705 is hereby amended to read as follows: Sec. 30. 25 391A.705 1. There is hereby created in the Department the 26 Incentivizing Pathways to Teaching Grant Program to award grants 27 to public and private universities and colleges in this State that offer 28 an approved traditional pathway licensure program for the provision 29 of tuition assistance and stipends to students of such programs who meet requirements established by the [State Board] Department 30 31 pursuant to this section and NRS 391A.710. 32 A public or private university or college in this State that 2. 33 offers an approved traditional pathway licensure program is eligible 34 to apply to the **State Board Department** for a grant to award tuition 35 assistance and stipends to students who attend the university or 36 college to complete such a program. 37 3. The [State Board] *Department* shall: 38 (a) Based on the amount of money appropriated by the Legislature for that purpose, establish the number of awards of 39 40 tuition assistance and stipends that will be available pursuant to the Incentivizing Pathways to Teaching Grant Program each year based 41 42 upon the amount of money available for the Program. 43 (b) Review all applications submitted pursuant to subsection 2 44 and, to the extent that money is available within the limits of 45 legislative appropriations, award a grant of money in an amount



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(a) The number of students who applied for a Nevada Teacher

year which must include, without limitation:

Compile a report for the immediately preceding academic

1 determined by the **[State Board]** *Department* to a public or private 2 university or college that offers an approved traditional pathway

3 licensure program.
4 4. The [State Board] Department may prioritize the award of
5 grants to a public or private university or college that demonstrates

grants to a public or private university or college that demonstrates
the university or college, as applicable, will provide tuition
assistance and stipends to a greater number of students who:

8 (a) Are veterans of the Armed Forces of the United States or the 9 spouses of such veterans;

10 (b) Intend to teach in public schools in this State which have the 11 highest shortage of teachers; or

12 (c) Have been economically disadvantaged or belong to a racial 13 or ethnic minority group.

5. A student may apply for tuition assistance and a stipend awarded pursuant to the Incentivizing Pathways to Teaching Grant Program from a public or private university or college that offers an approved traditional pathway licensure program that receives a grant pursuant to the Incentivizing Pathways to Teaching Grant Program only if:

20 (a) The student attends or has been accepted to attend an 21 approved traditional pathway licensure program at the university or 22 college; and

(b) The student agrees to complete the requirements to obtain an
endorsement to teach English as a second language or an
endorsement to teach special education.

6. An application submitted by the student must identify the approved traditional pathway licensure program to be completed and the date by which the student must complete the program to finish on schedule.

7. The [State Board] Department may adopt any regulations
necessary to carry out the provisions of this section and
NRS 391A.710.

33 Sec. 31. NRS 391A.710 is hereby amended to read as follows:

391A.710 1. Each university or college that offers an 34 35 approved traditional pathway licensure program in this State that is awarded a grant of money pursuant to NRS 391A.705 shall use the 36 37 money to award tuition assistance and stipends pursuant to the 38 Incentivizing Pathways to Teaching Grant Program to students who will attend the university or college with the intent to complete an 39 40 approved traditional pathway licensure program. Such students may 41 include:

42 (a) Students who are enrolled in their final three semesters of an43 approved traditional pathway licensure program; and





(b) Students who are enrolled in their final clinical field 1 2 experience of student teaching in an approved traditional pathway 3 licensure program.

4 A student who is enrolled in his or her final three semesters 2. 5 of an approved traditional pathway licensure program may apply for 6 tuition assistance.

7 3. A student who is enrolled in his or her final clinical field 8 experience of student teaching in an approved traditional pathway 9 licensure program may apply for a stipend.

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4. The student must:

(a) Agree to:

12 (1) Complete the approved traditional pathway licensure 13 program for which he or she was awarded the tuition assistance or 14 stipend; and

15 (2) Maintain employment as a teacher at a public school in 16 this State for 5 consecutive school years immediately following 17 completion of the program unless the [State Board] Department 18 waives this requirement for good cause shown.

19 (b) Meet any other requirements established by the **State** 20 **Board.**] **Department.** 21

Sec. 32. NRS 353.333 is hereby amended to read as follows:

22 On or before [January 1] February 15 of each 353.333 1. 23 year, the Governor shall compile a report on the status of the 24 finances of the State including the information published in:

25 (a) The most recent executive budget report prepared pursuant to 26 the provisions of NRS 353.185;

27 (b) The most recent report prepared by the State Controller 28 pursuant to the provisions of NRS 227.110;

29 (c) The most recent report on the count of state money prepared 30 pursuant to the provisions of NRS 353.075;

31 (d) The most recent report on the transactions and proceedings 32 of the Department of Taxation prepared pursuant to the provisions 33 of NRS 360.100:

34 (e) The most recent report prepared by each school district 35 pursuant to the provisions of NRS 387.303;

36 (f) The most recent report prepared and submitted by each local 37 government pursuant to the provisions of NRS 360.220; and

38 (g) Any other report prepared by the State, or a county, city, town or school district, or any public agency of this State or its 39 40 political subdivisions that the Governor deems to be relevant to the 41 status of finances of the State.

42 2. The report required pursuant to subsection 1 must be:

43 (a) Titled the "Nevada Report to Taxpayers";

(b) Written in plain English; and 44





1 (c) Contain such information as the Governor deems appropriate 2 to provide a full and accurate description on the status of the 3 finances of the State, including, without limitation:

4 (1) The total amount of revenue collected by the State or an 5 agency of the State during the preceding fiscal year;

6 (2) The actual total of all expenses and expenditures by the 7 State or an agency of the State during the preceding fiscal year;

8 (3) A comparison of the total amount appropriated or 9 authorized for expenditure by the State during the preceding fiscal year and the actual total of all expenses and expenditures by the 10 State during the preceding fiscal year; 11

12 (4) The total amount of outstanding public debt of the State 13 at the end of the preceding fiscal year;

(5) The total cost to pay the public debt of the State during 14 15 the preceding fiscal year; and

16 (6) Such information on the revenue, expenditures and public 17 debt of the State, or a county, city, town or school district, or any public agency of this State or its political subdivisions as the 18 19 Governor deems necessary to provide a full and accurate description 20 on the status of the finances of the State.

21 3. The Governor shall make the report required pursuant to 22 subsection 1 available for access by the public on the Internet or its 23 successor, if any. 24

Sec. 33. NRS 372A.290 is hereby amended to read as follows:

25 372A.290 1. An excise tax is hereby imposed on the first 26 wholesale sale in this State of cannabis by a medical cannabis 27 cultivation facility to another cannabis establishment at the rate of 28 15 percent of:

29 (a) The fair market value at wholesale of the cannabis, if the sale 30 is made to an affiliate of the medical cannabis cultivation facility; or

31 (b) The sales price of the cannabis, if the sale is made to a 32 cannabis establishment that is not an affiliate of the medical 33 cannabis cultivation facility.

34 \rightarrow The excise tax imposed pursuant to this subsection is the 35 obligation of the medical cannabis cultivation facility.

36 An excise tax is hereby imposed on the first wholesale sale 2. 37 in this State of cannabis by an adult-use cannabis cultivation facility 38 to another cannabis establishment at the rate of 15 percent of:

39 (a) The fair market value at wholesale of the cannabis, if the sale 40 is made to an affiliate of the adult-use cannabis cultivation facility; 41 or

42 (b) The sales price of the cannabis, if the sale is made to a 43 cannabis establishment that is not an affiliate of the adult-use 44 cannabis cultivation facility.





1 \rightarrow The excise tax imposed pursuant to this subsection is the 2 obligation of the adult-use cannabis cultivation facility.

3 3. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 8, an excise tax 4 is hereby imposed on each retail sale in this State of cannabis or 5 cannabis products by an adult-use cannabis retail store or cannabis 6 consumption lounge at the rate of 10 percent of the sales price of the 7 cannabis or cannabis products. The excise tax imposed pursuant to 8 this subsection:

9 (a) Is the obligation of the seller of the cannabis or cannabis 10 product but may be recovered from the purchaser.

11 (b) Is separate from and in addition to any general state and 12 local sales and use taxes that apply to retail sales of tangible 13 personal property.

14 4. The revenues collected from the excise tax imposed pursuant 15 to subsection 1 must be distributed:

(a) To the Cannabis Compliance Board and to local
governments in an amount determined to be necessary by the Board
to pay the costs of the Board and local governments in carrying out
the provisions of chapter 678C of NRS; and

20 (b) If any money remains after the revenues are distributed 21 pursuant to paragraph (a), *quarterly* to the State Treasurer to be 22 deposited to the credit of the State Education Fund.

5. The revenues collected from the excise tax imposed pursuantto subsection 2 must be distributed:

(a) To the Cannabis Compliance Board and to local
governments in an amount determined to be necessary by the Board
to pay the costs of the Board and local governments in carrying out
the provisions of chapter 678D of NRS; and

(b) If any money remains after the revenues are distributed
pursuant to paragraph (a), *quarterly* to the State Treasurer to be
deposited to the credit of the State Education Fund.

32 For the purpose of subsections 4 and 5, a total amount of 6. 33 \$5,000,000 of the revenues collected from the excise tax imposed 34 pursuant to subsection 1 and the excise tax imposed pursuant to 35 subsection 2 in each fiscal year shall be deemed sufficient to pay the 36 costs of all local governments to carry out the provisions of chapters 37 678C and 678D of NRS. The Board shall, by regulation, determine 38 the manner in which local governments may be reimbursed for the 39 costs of carrying out the provisions of chapters 678C and 678D of NRS. 40

7. The revenues collected from the excise tax imposed pursuant
to subsection 3 must be paid [over as collected] *quarterly* to the
State Treasurer to be deposited to the credit of the State Education
Fund.





1 8. The excise tax imposed pursuant to subsection 3 does not 2 apply to a sale of cannabis for the medical use of cannabis or a 3 medical cannabis product to the holder of a registry identification card or letter of approval by an adult-use cannabis retail store that 4 5 has been deemed to be a dual licensee pursuant to NRS 678D.490. 6 9. As used in this section: 7 (a) "Adult-use cannabis cultivation facility" has the meaning 8 ascribed to it in NRS 678A.025. (b) "Affiliate" means a person who, directly or indirectly 9 through one or more intermediaries, controls, is controlled by or is 10 under common control with, a specified person. 11 (c) "Cannabis product" has the meaning ascribed to it in 12 13 NRS 678A.120. (d) "Letter of approval" has the meaning ascribed to it in 14 15 NRS 678C.070. (e) "Local government" has the meaning ascribed to it in 16 17 NRS 360.640. (f) "Medical cannabis cultivation facility" has the meaning 18 19 ascribed to it in NRS 678A.170. 20 (g) "Medical cannabis establishment" has the meaning ascribed 21 to it in NRS 678A.180. 22 (h) "Medical cannabis product" has the meaning ascribed to it in 23 NRS 678A.200. 24 (i) "Medical use of cannabis" has the meaning ascribed to it in 25 NRS 678A.215. 26 (i) "Registry identification card" has the meaning ascribed to it 27 in NRS 678C.080. 28 (k) "Wholesale sale" means the first sale or transfer of cannabis 29 by a cannabis cultivation facility to another cannabis establishment. 30 The term does not include a transfer of cannabis by a cannabis 31 cultivation facility to another cannabis cultivation facility when both 32 cannabis cultivation facilities share identical ownership. 33 Sec. 34. NRS 678B.390 is hereby amended to read as follows: 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, 34 678B.390 35 the Board shall collect not more than the following maximum fees: 36 For the initial issuance of a medical cannabis 37 38 establishment license for a medical 39 cannabis dispensary......\$30,000 40 For the renewal of a medical cannabis establishment license for a medical 41 42 43 For the initial issuance of a medical cannabis 44 establishment license for a medical 45

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15	cannabis independent testing laboratory
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18	adult-use cannabis retail store
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20	establishment license for an adult-use
21	cannabis retail store
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23	cannabis establishment license for an
24	adult-use cannabis cultivation facility
25	For the renewal of an adult-use cannabis
26	establishment license for an adult-use
27	cannabis cultivation facility1,000
28	For the initial issuance of an adult-use
29	cannabis establishment license for an
30	adult-use cannabis production facility
31	For the renewal of an adult-use cannabis
32	establishment license for an adult-use
33	cannabis production facility 1,000
34	For the initial issuance of an adult-use
35	cannabis establishment license for an
36	adult-use cannabis independent testing
37	laboratory
38	For the renewal of an adult-use cannabis
39	establishment license for an adult-use
40	cannabis independent testing laboratory
41	For the initial issuance of an adult-use cannabis establishment license for a retail
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43	cannabis consumption lounge 10,000





1	For the renewal of an adult-use cannabis
2	establishment license for a retail cannabis
3	consumption lounge
4	For the initial issuance of an adult-use
5	cannabis establishment license for an
6	independent cannabis consumption lounge
7	For the renewal of an adult-use cannabis
8	establishment license for an independent
9	cannabis consumption lounge 10,000
10	For the initial issuance of an adult-use
11	cannabis establishment license for an
12	adult-use cannabis distributor
13	For the renewal of an adult-use cannabis
14	establishment license for an adult-use
15	cannabis distributor 5,000
16	For each person identified in an application
17	for the initial issuance of a cannabis
18	establishment agent registration card
19	For each person identified in an application
20	for the renewal of a cannabis
21	establishment agent registration card
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23	2. The Board may by regulation establish reduced fees for:
24	(a) The initial issuance and renewal of an adult-use cannabis
25	establishment license for an independent cannabis consumption
26	lounge; and
27	(b) The application fee set forth in subsection 3,
28	\rightarrow for a social equity applicant. Such a reduction must not reduce
29	the fee paid by a social equity applicant by more than 75 percent of
30	the fee paid by an applicant who is not a social equity applicant.
31	3. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, in addition to
32	the fees described in subsection 1, each applicant for a medical
33	cannabis establishment license pursuant to NRS 678B.210 or adult-
34	use cannabis establishment license pursuant to NRS 678B.250 must
35	pay to the Board:
35 36	(a) For an application for a license other than an adult-use
30 37	cannabis establishment license for a retail cannabis consumption
38	lounge or independent cannabis consumption lounge, a one-time,
38 39	nonrefundable application fee of \$5,000;
40	(b) For an application for an adult-use cannabis establishment
41	license for a retail cannabis consumption lounge, a one-time,
42	nonrefundable application fee of \$100,000;
43	(c) For an application for an adult-use cannabis establishment
44	license for an independent cannabis consumption lounge, a one-
45	time, nonrefundable application fee of \$10,000; and





1 (d) The actual costs paid by the Board to a law enforcement 2 agency or other person who is not an employee of the Board to 3 conduct any background checks in connection with the application.

4 4. The Board may charge a cannabis establishment for the 5 actual costs paid by the Board to a law enforcement agency or other 6 person who is not an employee of the Board to conduct any 7 background checks in connection with a transfer of ownership 8 interest in the cannabis establishment pursuant to the regulations 9 adopted by the Board pursuant to NRS 678B.380.

5. In addition to any other applicable fees described in subsections 1, 3 and 4, the Board may charge a licensee or an applicant for a license the amounts specified in subsection 6 for the costs incurred by the Board and its staff for an investigation conducted in connection with:

(a) A transfer of ownership interest in a cannabis establishment
pursuant to the regulations adopted by the Board pursuant to
NRS 678B.380;

(b) An application for the initial issuance of a license;

(c) A request to obtain any approval that may be required by the
 Board to enter into an agreement to provide management services to
 a cannabis establishment; or

(d) A waiver that is requested pursuant to the provisions of thistitle or the regulations adopted pursuant thereto.

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6. The charges authorized by subsection 5 must be limited to:

(a) A reasonable hourly fee at a rate established by the Board by
 regulation for each hour spent by agents of the Board in conducting
 the investigation; and

(b) Costs for the travel expenses and per diem allowances of the agents of the Board conducting the investigation. The per diem allowances and travel expenses must be assessed at the rate established by the State Board of Examiners for state officers and employees generally.

7. Any revenue generated from the fees imposed pursuant tothis section:

(a) Must be expended first to pay the costs of the Board incarrying out the provisions of this title; and

(b) If any excess revenue remains after paying the costs
described in paragraph (a), such excess revenue must be paid over *quarterly* to the State Treasurer to be deposited to the credit of the
State Education Fund.

8. The Board shall not charge a licensee, registrant or applicant for a license or registration card any fee, cost, fine or other charge that is not expressly authorized by the provisions of this title. Such prohibited charges include, without limitation, any charge for the costs of ongoing activities of the Board relating to the oversight of a





cannabis establishment, including, without limitation, any charge for 1 2 costs relating to:

3 (a) Except as otherwise provided in subsection 5, travel or lodging for an agent of the Board: 4 5

(b) Any routine inspection or audit;

(c) The preparation for and attendance at a hearing by an agent 6 7 of the Board;

8 (d) An investigation of a complaint submitted to the Board by a 9 person who is not associated with the Board; or

10 (e) Except as otherwise provided in subsections 3, 4 and 5, any 11 other type of inspection, audit or investigation.

Sec. 35. NRS 387.206, 387.2062 and 391A.205 are hereby 12 13 repealed.

Sec. 36. This act becomes effective on July 1, 2025. 14

TEXT OF REPEALED SECTIONS

387.206 Recommended minimum expenditure by school districts, charter schools and university schools for profoundly gifted pupils for textbooks, instructional supplies, instructional software and instructional hardware.

On or before August 1 of each odd-numbered year, the 1. Department, in consultation with the Budget Division of the Office of Finance and the Fiscal Analysis Division of the Legislative Counsel Bureau, shall determine a recommended minimum amount of money to be expended during each fiscal year of a biennium for textbooks, instructional supplies, instructional software and instructional hardware by all school districts, charter schools and university schools for profoundly gifted pupils. The amount must be determined by increasing the amount that was established for the Fiscal Year 2004-2005 by the percentage of the change in enrollment between Fiscal Year 2004-2005 and the fiscal year for which the amount is being established, plus any inflationary adjustment approved by the Legislature after Fiscal Year 2004-2005.

2. The Department, in consultation with the Budget Division of the Office of Finance and the Fiscal Analysis Division of the Legislative Counsel Bureau, shall develop or revise, as applicable, a formula for determining the minimum amount of money that each school district, charter school and university school for profoundly gifted pupils is recommended to expend each fiscal year for textbooks, instructional supplies, instructional software and





instructional hardware. The sum of all of the minimum amounts determined pursuant to this subsection must be equal to the combined minimum amount determined pursuant to subsection 1. The formula must be used only to develop expenditure recommendations and must not be used to alter the yearly apportionment from the State Education Fund to school districts, charter schools or university schools for profoundly gifted pupils.

3. Upon approval of the formula pursuant to subsection 2, the Department shall provide written notice to each school district, charter school and university school for profoundly gifted pupils on or before August 15 of each odd-numbered year that sets forth the recommended minimum combined amount of money that the school district, charter school and university school for profoundly gifted pupils may expend for textbooks, instructional supplies, instructional software and instructional hardware for each fiscal year of a biennium.

387.2062 Report concerning failure to comply with recommended minimum expenditure.

1. On or before January 1 of each year, the Department shall determine whether each school district, charter school and university school for profoundly gifted pupils has expended, during the immediately preceding fiscal year, the recommended minimum amount of money set forth in the notice provided pursuant to subsection 3 of NRS 387.206. In making this determination, the Department shall use the report submitted by:

(a) The school district pursuant to NRS 387.303.

(b) The charter school pursuant to NRS 388A.345.

(c) The university school for profoundly gifted pupils pursuant to NRS 388C.250.

2. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, if the Department determines that a school district, charter school or university school for profoundly gifted pupils, as applicable, has not expended the recommended minimum amount of money set forth in the notice or the revised notice, as applicable, provided pursuant to subsection 3 of NRS 387.206, the Department shall publish a report on an Internet website maintained by the Department which identifies the difference between the actual combined expenditure for textbooks, instructional supplies, instructional software and instructional hardware and the minimum recommended combined expenditure set forth in the notice provided pursuant to subsection 3 of NRS 387.206.

3. If the actual enrollment of pupils in a school district, charter school or university school for profoundly gifted pupils is less than the enrollment included in the projections used in the biennial budget of the school district submitted pursuant to NRS 387.303, the





budget of the charter school submitted pursuant to NRS 388A.345 or the report of the university school for profoundly gifted pupils submitted pursuant to NRS 388C.250, as applicable, the recommended expenditure for textbooks, instructional supplies, instructional software and instructional hardware pursuant to NRS 387.206 must be reduced proportionately.

391A.205 Submission of annual report concerning professional development training by board of trustees.

1. On or before December 1 of each year, the board of trustees of each school district shall submit, on a form prescribed by the Department, an annual report concerning the professional development training offered by the school district to the State Board, the Commission on Professional Standards in Education, the Joint Interim Standing Committee on Education and the Legislative Bureau of Educational Accountability and Program Evaluation.

2. The State Board shall prescribe by regulation the contents of the report required by subsection 1.

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