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AN ACT relating to education; requiring the board of trustees of a school district and the governing bodies of certain charter and private schools to provide support and assistance to certain pupils and their parents and guardians in completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid; requiring the board of trustees of a school district and the governing bodies of certain charter and private schools to report certain information to the State Treasurer; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

Existing federal law establishes the Free Application for Federal Student Aid to determine the need and eligibility of students for financial assistance to receive postsecondary education. (20 U.S.C. § 1090) **Section 1** of this bill requires the board of trustees of a school district and the governing body of a charter school that operates as a high school to: (1) educate pupils on the importance of financial planning and completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid and on the Nevada College Kick Start Program; (2) with certain exceptions, hold at least two annual events for pupils enrolled in grade 12 in a public school in this State and their parents and guardians at which the pupils and their parents and guardians may complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid; and (3) coordinate with a community college, state college or university to ensure pupils and their families receive support in completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid. **Section 1** also requires the board of trustees of a school district and the governing body of a charter school to report to the State Treasurer, for pupils enrolled in grade 12: (1) the number of pupils or the parents or guardians of pupils who attended an event; (2) the number of pupils who did not attend an event but otherwise received assistance in completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid from the school district or charter school; (3) the number of pupils who completed the Free Application for Federal Student Aid; (4) if known, the number of pupils who were offered financial aid; (5) if known, the number of pupils who accepted financial aid; and (6) if known, the type and amount of financial aid offered to or accepted by a pupil. **Section 2** of this bill imposes similar requirements on the governing body of a private school that operates as a high school.

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

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

Section 1. Chapter 388 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

1. On or before September 30 of each year, the board of trustees of a school district and the governing body of a charter



school that operates as a high school shall ensure that pupils receive:

(a) Education about the importance and value of financial planning and completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid provided for by 20 U.S.C. § 1090, including, without limitation, that financial aid can be used for attending an online, trade or vocational school and information on what financial aid is available for pupils with the legal right to live in the United States pursuant to any federal law, regulation or internal policy or program of a federal agency or department and undocumented pupils;

(b) Information regarding the events at the high school in which the pupil is enrolled to complete or receive assistance in completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid provided for by 20 U.S.C. § 1090 held pursuant to subsection 3;

(c) Any information a pupil needs to bring to an event held pursuant to subsection 3 to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid; and

(d) Information to encourage pupils enrolled in grade 12 to register for an account and identification number to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid provided for by 20 U.S.C. § 1090, including, without limitation, hyperlinks to appropriate Internet websites, notice regarding opportunities to register during the school day and notice that pupils and their parents or legal guardians need separate accounts.

2. On or before September 30 of each year, the board of trustees of a school district and the governing body of a charter school that enrolls pupils in grade 4 or grade 12 shall ensure that such pupils and the parents or legal guardians of such pupils receive information on the Nevada College Kick Start Program established pursuant to NRS 353B.335.

3. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the board of trustees of a school district and the governing body of a charter school that operates as a high school shall hold at least two annual events at each high school within the school district and each charter school, as applicable, one in the first week of October and one at the end of February, at which pupils enrolled in grade 12 and their parents or guardians may complete, or receive assistance in completing, the Free Application for Federal Student Aid provided for by 20 U.S.C. § 1090. The high school where the event is held shall provide access to technology, including, without limitation, a computer lab, to assist pupils and their parents or guardians with completing the Free Application for Federal



Student Aid. An event held pursuant to this subsection may be attended by a pupil enrolled in the high school or charter school and his or her family. The board of trustees of a school district that is located in a county whose population is less than 100,000 may:

(a) Hold one annual event pursuant to this subsection if, based on the number of pupils enrolled in the school district, the board of trustees believes that one event is sufficient to meet the needs of the school district; or

(b) Offer an annual event or other assistance to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid provided for by 20 U.S.C. § 1090 through the use of information and audio-visual communication technology, if appropriate.

4. The board of trustees of a school district and the governing body of a charter school that operates as a high school shall coordinate with a community college, state college or university to ensure that pupils enrolled in grade 12 and their families receive assistance and support to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid provided for by 20 U.S.C. § 1090, including, without limitation, ensuring staff of a community college, state college or university are present at both events held pursuant to subsection 3.

5. On or before July 1 of each year, the board of trustees of a school district and the governing body of a charter school that operates as a high school shall report to the State Treasurer, for pupils enrolled in grade 12:

(a) The total number of pupils or the parents or guardians of pupils who attended the events held pursuant to subsection 3;

(b) The number of pupils who did not attend an event held pursuant to subsection 3 but otherwise received assistance in completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid from the school district or charter school;

(c) The number of pupils who completed the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, including, without limitation, if known, the number of pupils who completed the Free Application for Federal Student Aid on their own and the number of pupils who completed the Free Application for Federal Student Aid with assistance from the school in which the pupil is enrolled or through assistance from an event held pursuant to subsection 3; and

(d) If known, as a result of completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid:

(1) The number of pupils who were offered financial aid;



- (2) The number of pupils who accepted financial aid; and*
- (3) The type and amount of financial aid offered to or accepted by a pupil.*

Sec. 2. Chapter 394 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

1. On or before September 30 of each year, the governing body of a private school that operates as a high school shall ensure that pupils receive:

(a) Education about the importance and value of financial planning and completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid provided for by 20 U.S.C. § 1090, including, without limitation, that financial aid can be used for attending an online, trade or vocational school and information on what financial aid is available for pupils with the legal right to live in the United States pursuant to any federal law, regulation or internal policy or program of a federal agency or department and undocumented pupils;

(b) Information regarding the events to complete or receive assistance in completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid provided for by 20 U.S.C. § 1090 held pursuant to subsection 3;

(c) Any information a pupil needs to bring to an event held pursuant to subsection 3 to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid; and

(d) Information to encourage pupils enrolled in grade 12 to register for an account and identification number to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid provided for by 20 U.S.C. § 1090, including, without limitation, hyperlinks to appropriate Internet websites, notice regarding opportunities to register during the school day and notice that pupils and their parents or legal guardians need separate accounts.

2. On or before September 30 of each year, the governing body of a private school that enrolls pupils in grade 4 or grade 12 shall ensure that such pupils and the parents or legal guardians of such pupils receive information on the Nevada College Kick Start Program established pursuant to NRS 353B.335.

3. The governing body of a private school that operates as a high school shall hold at least two annual events, one in the first week of October and one at the end of February, at which pupils enrolled in grade 12 and their parents or guardians may complete, or receive assistance in completing, the Free Application for Federal Student Aid provided for by 20 U.S.C. § 1090. The school where the event is held shall provide access to technology,



including, without limitation, a computer lab, to assist pupils and their parents or guardians with completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid. An event held pursuant to this subsection may be attended by a pupil enrolled in the school and his or her family.

4. The governing body of a private school that operates as a high school shall coordinate with a community college, state college or university to ensure that pupils enrolled in grade 12 and their families receive assistance and support to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid provided for by 20 U.S.C. § 1090, including, without limitation, ensuring staff of a community college, state college or university are present at both events held pursuant to subsection 3.

5. On or before July 1 of each year, the governing body of a private school that operates as a high school shall report to the State Treasurer, for pupils enrolled in grade 12:

(a) The total number of pupils or the parents or guardians of pupils who attended the events held pursuant to subsection 3;

(b) The number of pupils who did not attend an event held pursuant to subsection 3 but otherwise received assistance in completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid from the school;

(c) The number of pupils who completed the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, including, without limitation, if known, the number of pupils who completed the Free Application for Federal Student Aid on their own and the number of pupils who completed the Free Application for Federal Student Aid with assistance from the school in which the pupil is enrolled or through assistance from an event held pursuant to subsection 3; and

(d) If known, as a result of completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid:

(1) The number of pupils who were offered financial aid;

(2) The number of pupils who accepted financial aid; and

(3) The type and amount of financial aid offered to or accepted by a pupil.

Sec. 3. The provisions of NRS 354.599 do not apply to any additional expenses of a local government that are related to the provisions of this act.

Sec. 4. This act becomes effective on July 1, 2021.



