

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 253—ASSEMBLYWOMEN MUNK
AND MONROE-MORENO

MARCH 13, 2019

Referred to Committee on Education

SUMMARY—Provides for the establishment of the Prekindergarten Improvement and Expansion Program. (BDR 34-1012)

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

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

AN ACT relating to education; requiring the Department of Education to establish the Prekindergarten Improvement and Expansion Program; setting forth the requirements of the Program; making an appropriation; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

1 **Section 1** of this bill requires the Department of Education to establish the
2 Prekindergarten Improvement and Expansion Program. **Section 1** requires the
3 Department to: (1) accept and approve applications from schools, child care
4 facilities and school districts that wish to establish new prekindergarten education
5 programs or expand existing prekindergarten education programs; and (2) identify
6 the needs that must be met for those schools, facilities or school districts to
7 establish or expand prekindergarten education programs. **Section 2** of this bill
8 appropriates money to fund the Program. **Section 1** prescribes the required uses of
9 money appropriated for the Program, including addressing the identified needs of
10 schools, facilities and school districts participating in the Program and supporting
11 programs for the education and training of teachers aimed at increasing the number
12 of qualified prekindergarten teachers in Nevada.



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

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

3 1. *The Department of Education shall establish the*
4 *Prekindergarten Improvement and Expansion Program. To carry*
5 *out the Program, the Department shall:*

6 (a) *Solicit applications from public schools, private schools,*
7 *child care facilities and school districts that wish to establish new*
8 *prekindergarten education programs or expand existing*
9 *prekindergarten education programs;*

10 (b) *Approve applications based on the quality of the*
11 *application and the ability of the applicant to effectively establish a*
12 *new prekindergarten education program or expand an existing*
13 *prekindergarten education program;*

14 (c) *Identify the needs that must be met for the schools,*
15 *facilities or school districts whose applications have been approved*
16 *to establish new prekindergarten education programs or expand*
17 *existing prekindergarten education programs; and*

18 (d) *To the extent money is available for the Program from*
19 *gifts, grants, donations or legislative appropriations, use such*
20 *money for the purposes prescribed in subsections 2, 4 and 5.*

21 2. *Except as otherwise provided in subsections 4 and 5 and*
22 *section 2 of this act, the Department shall use the money available*
23 *for the Program to address the needs identified pursuant to*
24 *paragraph (c) of subsection 1, including, without limitation, by:*

25 (a) *Purchasing portable classrooms to provide additional*
26 *classroom space.*

27 (b) *Remodeling or renovating existing space to provide*
28 *additional classroom space.*

29 (c) *Supplementing other resources to build or develop*
30 *buildings or classroom space.*

31 (d) *Purchasing appropriate furniture, equipment and supplies*
32 *for classroom spaces.*

33 3. *The Department may require, as a condition of approval of*
34 *an application submitted pursuant to subsection 1, an applicant to*
35 *provide an amount of money, at least equal to the amount the*
36 *Department will expend on the proposal of the applicant, for the*
37 *same purpose.*

38 4. *The Department shall use a portion of the money available*
39 *for the Program, not to exceed 10 percent of the total amount of*
40 *money available in each fiscal year, to support programs for the*
41 *education and training of teachers aimed at increasing the*
42 *number of qualified prekindergarten teachers in this State.*



1 **5. If any money remains available for the Program after**
2 **satisfying the purposes set forth in subsections 2 and 4, the**
3 **Department shall use the remaining money to:**

4 (a) **Increase the number of scholarships available to students**
5 **who are enrolled in a program of early childhood education at a**
6 **college or university located in this State.**

7 (b) **Expand the Nevada Silver State Stars Quality Rating and**
8 **Improvement System for prekindergarten education programs.**

9 (c) **Collect data concerning pupils enrolled in prekindergarten**
10 **education programs for inclusion in the statewide longitudinal**
11 **data system maintained pursuant to NRS 223.820. Such data must**
12 **be collected and maintained in a manner that complies with all**
13 **applicable federal and state requirements concerning the privacy**
14 **of data concerning pupils.**

15 (d) **Provide wrap-around services to pupils with special needs**
16 **who are enrolled in prekindergarten education programs and their**
17 **families.**

18 **6. As used in this section:**

19 (a) **“Child care facility” has the meaning ascribed to it in**
20 **NRS 432A.024.**

21 (b) **“Private school” has the meaning ascribed to it in**
22 **NRS 394.103.**

23 (c) **“Public school” has the meaning ascribed to it in**
24 **NRS 385.007.**

25 (d) **“School district” means a county school district created**
26 **pursuant to chapter 386 of NRS.**

27 (e) **“Wrap-around services” means supplemental services**
28 **provided to a pupil with special needs or the family of such a pupil**
29 **that are not otherwise covered by any federal or state program of**
30 **assistance.**

31 **Sec. 2. 1. There is hereby appropriated from the State**
32 **General Fund to the Department of Education for the purposes**
33 **prescribed in section 1 of this act the following sums:**

34 For the Fiscal Year 2019-2020..... \$4,000,000

35 For the Fiscal Year 2020-2021..... \$4,000,000

36 **2. The sums appropriated by subsection 1 are available for**
37 **either fiscal year. Any remaining balance of those sums must not be**
38 **committed for expenditure after June 30, 2021, by the entity to**
39 **which the appropriation is made or any entity to which money from**
40 **the appropriation is granted or otherwise transferred in any manner,**
41 **and any portion of the appropriated money remaining must not be**
42 **spent for any purpose after September 17, 2021, by either the entity**
43 **to which the money was appropriated or the entity to which the**
44 **money was subsequently granted or transferred, and must be**
45 **reverted to the State General Fund on or before September 17, 2021.**



1 **Sec. 3.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2019.

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