ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 312–ASSEMBLYWOMAN KRASNER

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Referred to Committee on Education

SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to standardized examinations provided to pupils at public schools in this State. (BDR 34-828)

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; revising provisions governing the manner in which ratings are made for a school; requiring school districts and charter schools to provide parents and guardians of pupils with information about certain examinations; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

1 Existing law requires the board of trustees of each school district to issue
2 preliminary and final ratings for each public school in the school district in
3 accordance with the statewide system of accountability for public schools. Existing
4 law also requires the Department of Education to issue preliminary and final ratings
5 for certain schools. (NRS 385A.720) **Section 1** of this bill requires the board of
6 trustees of a school district or the Department, as applicable, to assign no more than
7 a de minimis weight to information concerning the number of pupils who
8 completed certain standardized examinations when making a preliminary or final
9 rating for a school.
10 Existing law requires the State Board of Education, in consultation with the
11 Council to Establish Academic Standards for Public Schools, to prescribe certain
12 standardized examinations to measure the achievement and proficiency of pupils.
13 (NRS 390.105) **Section 2** of this bill requires the Department of Education to
14 prescribe the form and contents of a notice regarding such standardized
15 examinations. **Section 2** requires that the notice include information about the
16 standardized examinations and the date on which each such examination will be
17 administered. **Section 2** further requires each school district and charter school in
18 this State to provide the parent or guardian of each pupil who is less than 18 years
19 of age and any pupil who is at least 18 years of age with such notice at the
20 beginning of each school year.

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

1   **Section 1.** NRS 385A.720 is hereby amended to read as
2 follows:
3   385A.720 1. Based upon the information received from the
4 Department pursuant to NRS 385A.670, the board of trustees of
5 each school district shall, on or before August 15 of each year, issue
6 a preliminary rating for each public school in the school district in
7 accordance with the statewide system of accountability for public
8 schools, excluding charter schools sponsored by the State Public
9 Charter School Authority, the Achievement School District or a
10 college or university within the Nevada System of Higher
11 Education. The board of trustees shall make preliminary ratings for
12 all charter schools that are sponsored by the board of trustees. The
13 Department shall make preliminary ratings for all charter schools
14 sponsored by the State Public Charter School Authority, all charter
15 schools sponsored by the Achievement School District and all
16 charter schools sponsored by a college or university within the
17 Nevada System of Higher Education.
18   2. Before making a final rating for a school, the board of
19 trustees of the school district or the Department, as applicable, shall
20 provide the school an opportunity to review the data upon which the
21 preliminary rating is based and to present evidence. If the school is a
22 public school of the school district or a charter school sponsored by
23 the board of trustees, the board of trustees of the school district
24 shall, in consultation with the Department, make a final
25 determination concerning the rating for the school on September 15.
26 If the school is a charter school sponsored by the State Public
27 Charter School Authority, the Achievement School District or a
28 college or university within the Nevada System of Higher
29 Education, the Department shall make a final determination
30 concerning the rating for the school on September 15.
31   3. *When making a preliminary rating or a final rating*
32 *pursuant to this section, the board of trustees of the school district*
33 *or the Department, as applicable, shall consider the number of*
34 *pupils enrolled in a school who completed the examinations*
35 *required by NRS 390.105 as a factor, but shall assign no more*
36 *than a de minimis weight in using such information to determine*
37 *the rating for a school.*
38   *4.* On or before September 15 of each year, the Department
39 shall post on the Internet website maintained by the Department the
40 determinations and final ratings made for all schools in this State.

Sec. 2. Chapter 390 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

1.   The Department shall prescribe by regulation the form and contents of a notice regarding the examinations administered pursuant to NRS 390.105 which is to be provided by each school district and each charter school in this State to each pupil or the parent or guardian of each pupil, as appropriate.

2.   Such a notice must include, without limitation:

(a) Information regarding which examinations administered pursuant to NRS 390.105 will be administered to pupils; and

(b) The date on which each examination administered pursuant to NRS 390.105 will be administered to pupils during the upcoming school year.

3.   At the beginning of each school year, the board of trustees of each school district and the governing body of each charter school shall provide the notice required by this section to each pupil who is at least 18 years of age and to a parent or legal guardian of each pupil who is less than 18 years of age.

Sec. 3. This act becomes effective upon passage and approval for purposes of adopting regulations and performing any preliminary administrative tasks that are necessary to carry out the provisions of this act and on January 1, 2020, for all other purposes.