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ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 319—ASSEMBLYMEN ROBERTS AND JAUREGUI

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Referred to Committee on Education

SUMMARY—Establishes a pilot program relating to dual credit courses. (BDR S-925)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: May have Fiscal Impact.
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 College of Southern Nevada to establish a pilot program to enhance opportunities for pupils to enroll in dual credit courses; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

1 Existing law authorizes a pupil enrolled in high school to enroll in a dual credit
2 course. (NRS 389.300) Existing law requires each school district and charter school
3 to enter into cooperative agreements with one or more community colleges, state
4 colleges and universities to offer dual credit courses to pupils. (NRS 389.310) This
5 bill establishes a pilot program for dual credit courses at the College of Southern
6 Nevada. **Section 1** of this bill requires the College of Southern Nevada to offer a
7 pilot program for dual credit courses. **Section 1** requires the pilot program to
8 include: (1) strategies to expand opportunities for enrollment in dual credit courses
9 for certain pupils; (2) a plan to promote enrollment in dual credit courses through
10 the pilot program; and (3) a system of instruction by which a pupil who participates
11 in the pilot program may earn at least 15 college credits. **Section 2** of this bill
12 requires the College of Southern Nevada and the board of trustees of a school
13 district and governing body of a charter school that participates in a pilot program
14 established pursuant to **section 1** to submit a report containing certain information
15 related to the pilot program to: (1) the Governor; (2) the State Board of Education;
16 (3) the Board of Regents of the University of Nevada; and (4) the Legislative
17 Committee on Education. **Section 3** of this bill authorizes the College of Southern
18 Nevada to apply for and accept any gift, donation, bequest, grant or other source of
19 money to administer the pilot program. **Section 5** of this bill provides that the pilot
20 program created by this bill expires by limitation on June 30, 2023.

1 WHEREAS, Dual credit courses represent an essential strategy in
2 the statewide effort to develop a skilled and competitive workforce



1 by increasing the number of Nevadans who are ready for college or
2 a career upon graduation from high school and who successfully
3 attain a postsecondary credential, certificate or degree; and

4 WHEREAS, It is a strategic priority for this State to increase the
5 number of persons who complete a postsecondary credential,
6 certificate or degree, especially in high-demand occupations; and

7 WHEREAS, It is in the interest of this State to enhance existing
8 programs for dual credit courses whereby a pupil in high school may
9 earn college credit for courses taken in high school; and

10 WHEREAS, Expanding the opportunity to participate in dual
11 credit courses will allow dual credit courses to serve a broader range
12 of pupils in this State, including, without limitation, pupils who are
13 part of underserved or at-risk communities and communities with
14 historically low rates of participation in postsecondary education;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, Successful implementation of dual credit courses
17 requires partnership and collaboration between public schools and
18 the Nevada System of Higher Education; and

19 WHEREAS, A pilot program using the dual credit program at the
20 College of Southern Nevada can be used to increase opportunities
21 for certain pupils within the service area of the College of Southern
22 Nevada; and

23 WHEREAS, The purpose of the pilot program described in this
24 act is to provide a model for achieving the strategic objectives of
25 this State relating to postsecondary education by enhancing the
26 opportunities for enrollment in dual credit courses available to
27 pupils in this State; now, therefore,

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29 THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
30 SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:
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32 **Section 1.** 1. The College of Southern Nevada shall develop,
33 create and administer a pilot program in accordance with the
34 provisions of NRS 389.310 to offer enhanced opportunities for
35 pupils to enroll in dual credit courses including, without limitation,
36 dual credit courses offered through a concurrent enrollment model.
37 The pilot program must include, without limitation:

38 (a) Strategies to expand opportunities for enrollment in dual
39 credit courses for pupils who are:

40 (1) Part of underserved populations;

41 (2) At-risk;

42 (3) Interested in postsecondary education but may need
43 remedial courses in mathematics or English language arts; and

44 (4) Interested in pursuing a program of career and technical
45 education in a high-demand occupation;



1 (b) A plan to promote enrollment in dual credit courses through
2 the pilot program in public schools that are within the service region
3 of the College of Southern Nevada, including, without limitation,
4 the manner by which:

5 (1) Pupils and the parents or legal guardians of pupils will be
6 informed of the pilot program as an educational option and
7 mechanism for acceleration of opportunities for postsecondary
8 education; and

9 (2) The College of Southern Nevada and the board of
10 trustees of a school district or governing body of a charter school
11 that participates in the pilot program pursuant to this section will
12 ensure timely and efficient access to libraries and support services
13 including, without limitation, academic advising, counseling,
14 tutoring and career planning services for pupils enrolled in the pilot
15 program in order to address the progress of a pupil in any academic
16 program established for the pupil, including, without limitation, the
17 academic plan developed for the pupil pursuant to NRS 388.205;
18 and

19 (c) A system of instruction by which a pupil who participates in
20 the pilot program may earn at least 15 college credits while still
21 enrolled in high school.

22 2. The College of Southern Nevada may extend enrollment in
23 remedial courses pursuant to subparagraph (3) of paragraph (a) of
24 subsection 1 to a pupil who does not otherwise meet any
25 requirements for eligibility to enroll in the pilot program.

26 3. As used in this section:

27 (a) "At-risk" means a pupil who has an economic or academic
28 disadvantage such that he or she requires special services and
29 assistance to enable him or her to succeed in educational programs.
30 The term includes, without limitation, pupils who are members of
31 economically disadvantaged families, pupils who are English
32 learners, pupils who are at risk of dropping out of high school and
33 pupils who do not meet minimum standards of academic
34 proficiency. The term does not include a pupil with a disability.

35 (b) "Concurrent enrollment model" means the teaching of
36 courses in a dual credit program:

37 (1) Principally in a high school classroom during the regular
38 school day, either in a traditional setting or virtually;

39 (2) By a teacher employed at a high school who is approved
40 to teach a dual credit course by a community college, state college
41 or university; and

42 (3) To pupils who earn both high school and college credit
43 for a course.

44 **Sec. 2.** 1. On or before August 1, 2022, the College of
45 Southern Nevada and the board of trustees of a school district and



1 governing body of a charter school that participates in a pilot
2 program established pursuant to section 1 of this act shall submit a
3 report with its findings and any recommendations relating to the
4 pilot program or for expanding opportunities for enrollment in dual
5 credit courses in this State to:

- 6 (a) The Governor;
- 7 (b) The State Board of Education;
- 8 (c) The Board of Regents of the University of Nevada; and
- 9 (d) The Legislative Committee on Education.

10 2. The report submitted pursuant to subsection 1 must include:

11 (a) Data on pupil participation and completion of dual credit
12 courses in the pilot program; and

13 (b) The revenues and expenditures attributable to the activities
14 of the pilot program for the immediately preceding school year.

15 **Sec. 3.** The College of Southern Nevada may apply for and
16 accept any gift, donation, bequest, grant or other source of money to
17 carry out the provisions of sections 1 and 2 of this act.

18 **Sec. 4.** The provisions of subsection 1 of NRS 218D.380 do
19 not apply to any provision of this act which adds or revises a
20 requirement to submit a report to the Legislature.

21 **Sec. 5.** 1. This section and section 4 of this act become
22 effective upon passage and approval.

23 2. Sections 1, 2 and 3 of this act become effective:

24 (a) Upon passage and approval for the purpose of adopting
25 regulations and performing any preparatory administrative tasks
26 necessary to carry out the provisions of this act; and

27 (b) On July 1, 2021, for all other purposes.

28 3. Sections 1, 2 and 3 of this act expire by limitation on
29 June 30, 2023.

