

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 367—ASSEMBLYWOMEN TOLLES;  
ANDERSON, HANSEN, HARDY AND TORRES

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JOINT SPONSORS: SENATORS DENIS AND SEEVERS GANSERT

Referred to Committee on Education

SUMMARY—Revises provisions governing education.  
(BDR 34-87)

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; eliminating the requirement that a combined course of American government and economics use an advanced placement curriculum for the American government credit; requiring elementary and secondary educational institutions to provide pupils with instruction in disciplinary skills as part of the required instruction in American government; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**Legislative Counsel’s Digest:**

- 1 Existing law authorizes a school district to offer a combined course in
- 2 American government and economics for one unit of credit if the curriculum of an
- 3 advanced placement course is used for American government in the combined
- 4 course. (NRS 389.018) **Section 1** of this bill eliminates the requirement for the
- 5 curriculum of an advanced placement course to be used for the American
- 6 government credit in a combined course.
- 7 Existing law designates the academic subjects and courses of study which must
- 8 be taught in both public and private schools in this State. (NRS 338A.366, 389.003-
- 9 389.077, 394.130) **Section 1.5** of this bill requires such schools to provide pupils
- 10 with instruction in disciplinary skills as part of the required instruction in American
- 11 government.



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

1       **Section 1.** NRS 389.018 is hereby amended to read as follows:

2       389.018 1. The following subjects are designated as the core  
3 academic subjects that must be taught, as applicable for grade  
4 levels, in all public schools, the Caliente Youth Center, the Nevada  
5 Youth Training Center and any other state facility for the detention  
6 of children that is operated pursuant to title 5 of NRS:

7       (a) English language arts;

8       (b) Mathematics;

9       (c) Science; and

10      (d) Social studies, which includes only the subjects of history,  
11 geography, economics and government.

12      2. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, a pupil  
13 enrolled in a public high school must enroll in a minimum of:

14      (a) Four units of credit in English language arts;

15      (b) Four units of credit in mathematics, including, without  
16 limitation, Algebra I and geometry, or an equivalent course of study  
17 that integrates Algebra I and geometry;

18      (c) Three units of credit in science, including two laboratory  
19 courses; and

20      (d) Three units of credit in social studies, including, without  
21 limitation:

22          (1) One-half unit of credit in American government;

23          (2) Two units of credit in American history, world history or  
24 geography; and

25          (3) One-half unit of credit in economics.

26      ↪ A pupil is not required to enroll in the courses of study and  
27 credits required by this subsection if the pupil, the parent or legal  
28 guardian of the pupil and an administrator or a counselor at the  
29 school in which the pupil is enrolled mutually agree to a modified  
30 course of study for the pupil and that modified course of study  
31 satisfies at least the requirements for a standard high school  
32 diploma, an adjusted diploma or an alternative diploma, as  
33 applicable. A school district may authorize one or more public high  
34 schools in the school district to offer a combined course in  
35 American government and economics for one unit of credit which  
36 satisfies the requirements of subparagraphs (1) and (3) . ~~if the~~  
37 ~~curriculum of an advanced placement course is used for American~~  
38 ~~government in the combined course.~~

39      3. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, in addition  
40 to the core academic subjects, the following subjects must be taught  
41 as applicable for grade levels and to the extent practicable in all  
42 public schools, the Caliente Youth Center, the Nevada Youth



1 Training Center and any other state facility for the detention of  
2 children that is operated pursuant to title 5 of NRS:

- 3 (a) The arts;
- 4 (b) Computer education and technology;
- 5 (c) Health; and
- 6 (d) Physical education.

7 ↪ If the State Board requires the completion of course work in a  
8 subject area set forth in this subsection for graduation from high  
9 school or promotion to the next grade, a public school shall offer the  
10 required course work. Except as otherwise provided for a course of  
11 study in health prescribed by subsection 1 of NRS 389.021 and the  
12 instruction prescribed by subsection 1 of NRS 389.064, unless a  
13 subject is required for graduation from high school or promotion to  
14 the next grade, a charter school is not required to comply with this  
15 subsection.

16 4. Instruction in health and physical education provided  
17 pursuant to subsection 3 must include, without limitation,  
18 instruction concerning the importance of annual physical  
19 examinations by a provider of health care and the appropriate  
20 response to unusual aches and pains.

21 **Sec. 1.5.** NRS 389.054 is hereby amended to read as follows:

22 389.054 1. In all public schools, the Caliente Youth Center,  
23 the Nevada Youth Training Center and any other state facility for  
24 the detention of children that is operated pursuant to title 5 of NRS,  
25 instruction must be given in American government, including,  
26 without limitation, instruction on:

27 (a) The essentials of:

28 (1) The Constitution of the United States, including, without  
29 limitation, the Bill of Rights;

30 (2) The Constitution of the State of Nevada; and

31 (3) The Declaration of Independence;

32 (b) The origin and history of the Constitutions;

33 (c) The study of and devotion to American institutions and  
34 ideals; ~~and~~

35 (d) Civics ~~and~~; and

36 (e) *Disciplinary skills.*

37 2. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 388C.120, the  
38 instruction required in subsection 1 must be given during at least 1  
39 year of the elementary school grades and for a period of at least 1  
40 year in all high schools.

41 **Sec. 2.** 1. This section becomes effective upon passage and  
42 approval.

43 2. Sections 1 and 1.5 of this act become effective:



- 1 (a) Upon passage and approval for the purpose of adopting
- 2 regulations and performing any preliminary administrative tasks that
- 3 are necessary to carry out the provisions of this act; and
- 4 (b) On January 1, 2022, for all other purposes.

