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SENATE BILL NO. 2—SENATOR SCHNEIDER

PREFILED DECEMBER 13, 2010

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Referred to Committee on Finance

**SUMMARY**—Makes an appropriation to the State Distributive School Account to ensure that the amount of money expended per pupil meets or exceeds the national average. (BDR S-4)

**FISCAL NOTE:** Effect on Local Government: No.  
Effect on the State: Contains Appropriation not included in Executive Budget.

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

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**AN ACT** relating to public education; making an appropriation to the State Distributive School Account to ensure that the amount of money expended per pupil in this State for the 2011-2013 biennium meets or exceeds the current national average; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**Legislative Counsel’s Digest:**

1 This bill appropriates money to the State Distributive School Account for  
2 kindergarten through grade 12 to ensure that the money expended per pupil in this  
3 State meets or exceeds the current national average expended per pupil in  
4 kindergarten through grade 12 by state and local governments combined. This  
5 money is in addition to money that is otherwise allocated for the school districts  
6 and charter schools from the State Distributive School Account during the  
7 2011-2013 biennium.

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1 WHEREAS, An effective public school system relies significantly  
2 upon the financial support of both state and local governments; and

3 WHEREAS, The Nevada Plan seeks to ensure that each child in  
4 Nevada has a reasonably equal educational opportunity by providing  
5 for the establishment of school district basic support guarantees for  
6 each fiscal year and requiring that the difference between the school  
7 district basic support guarantee and the local money available for  
8 public schools be provided to the school districts and charter schools



1 by periodic apportionments from the State Distributive School  
2 Account; and

3 WHEREAS, The costs incurred by the school districts and charter  
4 schools in this State to provide educational services and programs to  
5 pupils enrolled in public schools continue to rise, and meeting those  
6 substantial costs requires a strong partnership between both the State  
7 and its local governments that includes a significant financial  
8 contribution by both; and

9 WHEREAS, Current estimates indicate that the statewide average  
10 amount of money expended by this State and its local governments  
11 combined is approximately \$1,965 below the current national  
12 average for the total amount of money expended per pupil in  
13 kindergarten through grade 12 by state and local governments  
14 combined; and

15 WHEREAS, Current estimates indicate that there will be  
16 approximately 420,035 pupils enrolled in public schools in this State  
17 in Fiscal Year 2011-2012 and approximately 419,849 pupils in  
18 Fiscal Year 2012-2013; now, therefore,

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20 THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN  
21 SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:  
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23 **Section 1.** 1. There is hereby appropriated from the State  
24 General Fund to the State Distributive School Account:

25 For the Fiscal Year 2011-2012.....\$825,473,784  
26 For the Fiscal Year 2012-2013.....\$825,108,247

27 2. The money appropriated by subsection 1 must be added to  
28 the money that is otherwise allocated for the school districts and  
29 charter schools from the State Distributive School Account in the  
30 2011-2013 biennium to ensure that the total amount of money  
31 expended per pupil in each fiscal year of the 2011-2013 biennium is  
32 equal to or exceeds the current national average for the total amount  
33 of money expended per pupil in kindergarten through grade 12 by  
34 state and local governments combined.

35 **Sec. 2.** This act becomes effective upon passage and approval.

