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AN ACT relating to educational personnel; requiring licensed teachers to complete training in the laws of this State relating to schools and the provisions of the Nevada Constitution relating to schools; removing the requirement that examinations for the initial licensing of teachers and other educational personnel include the laws of Nevada relating to schools, the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Nevada; repealing provisions requiring teachers and other educational personnel to show knowledge of the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Nevada; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

Existing law requires the Commission on Professional Standards in Education to adopt regulations governing examinations for the initial licensing of teachers and other educational personnel. Existing law also requires that such examinations include the laws of Nevada relating to schools, the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of Nevada. (NRS 391.021) **Section 1.5** of this bill removes the requirement that examinations for the initial licensing of teachers and other educational personnel include these subjects. **Section 1** of this bill instead requires a person licensed as a teacher to complete training in the laws of this State relating to schools and the provisions of the Nevada Constitution relating to schools within 1 year after being issued a license to teach and being initially hired by the board of trustees of a school district. **Section 1** also requires the Commission to prescribe the required contents of this training and review and, if necessary, revise the contents of this training biennially. **Section 1.7** of this bill provides certain teachers who have not passed the examination on the laws of this State relating to schools, the Nevada Constitution and the Constitution of the United States with additional time to complete the training required by **section 1**.

Existing law requires certain educational personnel to show, by examination or credentials showing college, university or normal school study, evidence of adequate knowledge of the origin, history, provisions and principles of the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of Nevada. (NRS 391.090) **Section 2** of this bill repeals these requirements.

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

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

Section 1. Chapter 391 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

1. A licensed teacher, except a teacher who is licensed only as a substitute teacher, must complete training in the laws of this



State relating to schools and the provisions of the Nevada Constitution relating to schools within 1 year after being issued a license to teach and being initially hired by the board of trustees of a school district.

2. The Commission shall:

(a) Establish by regulation the required contents of the training required by subsection 1;

(b) Establish by regulation the standard of proficiency required for a teacher to receive credit for completing the training required by subsection 1, which may include, without limitation, an examination to test the proficiency of a teacher in the laws of this State relating to schools and the provisions of the Nevada Constitution relating to schools; and

(c) At least once each biennium, review the contents of the training required by subsection 1 and, if necessary, revise the content of the training.

3. The training required by subsection 1:

(a) Must be tailored to the professional needs of teachers.

(b) May be conducted in person or interactively through the use of communications technology by the school district that employs a teacher or by a vendor approved by such a school district.

Sec. 1.5. NRS 391.021 is hereby amended to read as follows:

391.021 **1.** Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (j) of subsection 1 of NRS 391.019 and NRS 391.027, the Commission shall adopt regulations governing examinations for the initial licensing of teachers and other educational personnel. The examinations must test the ability of the applicant to teach and the applicant's knowledge of each specific subject he or she proposes to teach. ~~Each examination must include the following subjects:~~

- ~~1. The laws of Nevada relating to schools;~~
- ~~2. The Constitution of the State of Nevada; and~~
- ~~3. The Constitution of the United States.~~

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2. The provisions of this section do not prohibit the Commission from adopting regulations pursuant to subsection 2 of NRS 391.032 that provide an exemption from the examinations for teachers and other educational personnel from another state if the Commission determines that the examinations required for initial licensure for teachers and other educational personnel in that state are comparable to the examinations required for initial licensure in this State.



Sec. 1.7. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 1 of this act:

1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, a licensed teacher, except a teacher who is licensed only as a substitute teacher, who is initially hired by the board of trustees of a school district on or before July 1, 2018, and has not passed the examination on the laws of Nevada relating to schools, the Constitution of the State of Nevada and the Constitution of the United States prescribed by NRS 391.021 before the effective date of this act must complete the training required by section 1 of this act within 2 years after being initially hired or the effective date of this act, whichever is later.

2. A teacher who was issued a conditional license on or before the effective date of this act and has not passed the examination on the laws of Nevada relating to schools, the Constitution of the State of Nevada and the Constitution of the United States prescribed by NRS 391.021 before the effective date of this act must complete the training required by section 1 of this act within 2 years after the effective date of this act.

Sec. 1.9. The provisions of NRS 354.599 do not apply to any additional expenses of a local government that are related to the provisions of this act.

Sec. 2. NRS 391.090 is hereby repealed.

Sec. 3. This act becomes effective upon passage and approval.



