

SENATE BILL NO. 227—SENATORS DENIS AND WOODHOUSE

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Referred to Committee on Finance

SUMMARY—Requires certain information to be reported concerning public school expenditures. (BDR 34-825)

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 Department of Education to prescribe a template for reporting information about expenditures by public schools; requiring the Department to publish a description of the personnel and services that a public school may employ and provide with the amount budgeted for the public school; requiring each public school to report certain information prescribed by the Department relating to expenditures by the public school; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

1 Existing law requires the board of trustees of each school district to annually
2 report various information to the Superintendent of Public Instruction and the
3 Department of Taxation relating to the expenditures of the school district. (NRS
4 387.303) Existing law also establishes a statewide system of accountability for
5 public schools and requires the Department of Education to annually determine
6 whether each public school is meeting the measurable objectives and performance
7 targets established pursuant to the statewide system of accountability for public
8 schools. (NRS 385A.600, 385A.670) This bill requires the Department of
9 Education to report to the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau each year and
10 post on its Internet website a description of the personnel and services that the
11 Department reasonably believes an average elementary school, middle school and
12 high school in this State could provide on the basis of the amount of money
13 budgeted or appropriated for public education by the State when combined with all
14 local and federal money available for public education. This bill also requires each
15 public school to annually publish a description of the personnel employed and
16 services provided by the school during the immediately preceding academic year
17 and any changes to the personnel or services that the school expects to employ or



18 provide during the current academic year. Finally, this bill requires the Department
19 to prescribe the format and contents of the reports required and published by each
20 public school.

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

1 **Section 1.** Chapter 387 of NRS is hereby amended by adding
2 thereto a new section to read as follows:

3 *1. On or before March 1 of each odd-numbered year, the
4 Department shall create a report that includes a description of the
5 personnel and services that the Department reasonably believes an
6 average elementary school, middle school and high school in this
7 State could employ and provide using the amount of money for
8 public education contained in the proposed budget submitted by
9 the Governor to the Legislature pursuant to NRS 353.230 when
10 combined with all other local and federal money expected to be
11 available for public education. The report must be submitted to the
12 Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for transmission to the
13 Legislature and posted on an Internet website maintained by
14 the Department.*

15 *2. On or before July 1 of each year, the Department shall
16 create a report that includes a description of the personnel and
17 services that the Department reasonably believes an average
18 elementary school, middle school and high school in this State
19 could employ and provide using the amount of money for public
20 education appropriated by the Legislature when combined with all
21 other local and federal money expected to be available for public
22 education. The report must be submitted to the Director of the
23 Legislative Counsel Bureau for transmission to the Legislative
24 Committee on Education and posted on an Internet website
25 maintained by the Department.*

26 *3. On or before October 1 of each year, each public school
27 shall create a report that includes a description of the personnel
28 employed and services provided by the school during the
29 immediately preceding academic year and any changes the school
30 anticipates making to the personnel and services during the
31 current academic year. The public school shall provide a written
32 copy of the report to the parent or legal guardian of each pupil
33 who attends the public school and, if the public school maintains
34 an Internet website, post a copy of the report on the website.*

35 *4. The Department shall prescribe by regulation the format
36 and contents of the information to be provided to create the
37 reports required pursuant to subsections 1 and 2 by the
38 Department and for the report created by each public school*



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1 pursuant to subsection 3. The reports must include, without
2 limitation:

3 (a) Each grade level at which the public school enrolls pupils;
4 (b) The number of pupils attending the public school;
5 (c) The average class size at the public school;
6 (d) The number of persons employed by a public school to
7 provide instruction, support to pupils, administrative support and
8 other personnel including, without limitation, the number of
9 employees in any subgroup of each type or classification of
10 personnel as prescribed by the Department;

11 (e) The professional development provided to each teacher at
12 the public school;

13 (f) The amount of money spent per pupil for supplies,
14 materials, equipment and textbooks; and

15 (g) For each category of pupils for which the public school
16 receives any additional funding, including, without limitation,
17 pupils with disabilities, pupils who are English learners, pupils
18 who are at risk and gifted and talented pupils:

19 (1) The number of pupils in each category who attend the
20 public school;

21 (2) If the Department determines that pupils within a
22 category must be divided based on severity of need, the number of
23 pupils in each such subcategory; and

24 (3) The number of persons employed to provide instruction,
25 support to pupils, administrative support and other personnel
26 employed by the public school and dedicated to providing services
27 to each category or subcategory of pupils, including, without
28 limitation, any subgroup of each kind of personnel prescribed by
29 the Department.

30 5. As used in this section, “pupils who are at risk” means
31 pupils who are eligible for free or reduced-price lunches pursuant
32 to 42 U.S.C. §§ 1751 et seq., or an alternative measure prescribed
33 by the State Board of Education.

34 Sec. 2. The provisions of subsection 1 of NRS 218D.380 do
35 not apply to any provision of this act which adds or revises a
36 requirement to submit a report to the Legislature.

37 Sec. 3. This act becomes effective on July 1, 2019.



