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SENATE BILL NO. 236—SENATORS WOODHOUSE, FORD, PARKS,  
DENIS, ATKINSON; KIHUEN, MANENDO AND SPEARMAN

MARCH 9, 2015

JOINT SPONSORS: ASSEMBLYMEN ELLIOT ANDERSON,  
THOMPSON; JOINER AND STEWART

Referred to Committee on Education

SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to the Advisory Council on Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. (BDR 34-655)

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.

AN ACT relating to education; revising provisions relating to the Advisory Council on Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics; requiring the Advisory Council to establish certain events to recognize exemplary achievement or performance by pupils and schools in this State in the fields of science, technology, engineering and mathematics; making an appropriation; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**Legislative Counsel's Digest:**

1 Existing law establishes the Advisory Council on Science, Technology,  
2 Engineering and Mathematics and prescribes the duties of the Council, which  
3 include developing plans to identify and recognize certain pupils and schools in this  
4 State who demonstrate exemplary achievement or performance in the fields of  
5 science, technology, engineering and mathematics. (NRS 385.700 and 385.705)  
6 **Section 1** of this bill requires the Council to meet at least 6 times each year, with 2  
7 of the meetings to be held in person. Any other meeting may be held by  
8 videoconference. **Section 2** of this bill requires the Council to establish events in  
9 northern Nevada and southern Nevada to recognize pupils who demonstrate  
10 exemplary achievement in the fields of science, technology, engineering and  
11 mathematics. The events will be hosted at an institution of higher education in  
12 Nevada. **Section 2** also requires the Council to establish a statewide event in



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13 Carson City to recognize the 15 schools that demonstrate exemplary performance in  
14 such fields. **Section 2** further authorizes the Council to accept gifts, grants and  
15 donations from any source to carry out such events. **Section 3** of this bill makes an  
16 appropriation from the State General Fund to the Council for the purpose of holding  
17 the statewide event.

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

1     **Section 1.** NRS 385.700 is hereby amended to read as follows:  
2     385.700 1. The Advisory Council on Science, Technology,  
3     Engineering and Mathematics is hereby created within the  
4     Department of Education. The Council consists of:  
5     (a) The following ex officio members:  
6         (1) The Superintendent of Public Instruction or his or her  
7         designee;  
8         (2) The Chancellor of the Nevada System of Higher  
9         Education or his or her designee;  
10        (3) The Executive Director of the Office of Economic  
11        Development or his or her designee; and  
12        (4) The Director of the Department of Employment, Training  
13        and Rehabilitation or his or her designee;  
14     (b) Three members appointed by the Governor pursuant to  
15     subsection 2;  
16     (c) Four members appointed by the Majority Leader of the  
17     Senate pursuant to subsections 2 and 3;  
18     (d) Four members appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly  
19     pursuant to subsections 2 and 3;  
20     (e) One member appointed by the Minority Leader of the Senate  
21     pursuant to subsection 4; and  
22     (f) One member appointed by the Minority Leader of the  
23     Assembly pursuant to subsection 4.  
24     2. The Governor, Majority Leader of the Senate and Speaker of  
25     the Assembly shall each appoint:  
26     (a) One member who is a classroom teacher in the field of  
27     science, technology, engineering or mathematics;  
28     (b) One member who is an administrator of a public school or  
29     school district in this State with an education program relating to the  
30     fields of science, technology, engineering and mathematics; and  
31     (c) One member who represents businesses that employ persons  
32     in careers which are enhanced by education in science, technology,  
33     engineering and mathematics, including, without limitation, careers  
34     relating to manufacturing, information technology, aerospace  
35     engineering, health sciences and mining.



1 3. The Majority Leader of the Senate and the Speaker of the  
2 Assembly shall each appoint one additional member from among  
3 the persons described in paragraphs (a), (b) and (c) of subsection 2.

4 4. The Minority Leader of the Senate and the Minority Leader  
5 of the Assembly shall each appoint one member from among the  
6 persons described in paragraphs (a), (b) and (c) of subsection 2.

7 5. Any vacancy occurring in the membership of the Council  
8 must be filled in the same manner as the original appointment not  
9 later than 30 days after the vacancy occurs.

10 6. The Council shall hold its first regular meeting as soon as  
11 practicable on or after July 1, 2013, at the call of the Governor. At  
12 the first regular meeting of the Council, the members of the Council  
13 shall elect a Chair by majority vote.

14 7. The Council shall meet ~~not more than four~~ *at least six*  
15 times each year at the call of the Chair. *Two meetings of the*  
16 *Council must be held in person and any other meeting may be*  
17 *held by videoconference.*

18 8. A majority of the members of the Council constitutes a  
19 quorum for the transaction of business, and a majority of those  
20 members present at any meeting is sufficient for any official action  
21 taken by the Council.

22 9. The Chair may appoint such subcommittees of the Council  
23 as the Chair determines necessary to carry out the duties of the  
24 Council.

25 10. The members of the Council serve without compensation.

26 **Sec. 2.** NRS 385.705 is hereby amended to read as follows:

27 385.705 1. The Advisory Council on Science, Technology,  
28 Engineering and Mathematics created by NRS 385.700 shall:

29 (a) Develop a strategic plan for the development of educational  
30 resources in the fields of science, technology, engineering and  
31 mathematics to serve as a foundation for workforce development,  
32 college preparedness and economic development in this State;

33 (b) Develop a plan for identifying and awarding recognition to  
34 pupils in this State who demonstrate exemplary achievement in the  
35 fields of science, technology, engineering and mathematics;

36 (c) Develop a plan for identifying and awarding recognition to  
37 not more than 15 schools in this State that demonstrate exemplary  
38 performance in the fields of science, technology, engineering and  
39 mathematics;

40 (d) Conduct a survey of education programs and proposed  
41 programs relating to the fields of science, technology, engineering  
42 and mathematics in this State and in other states to identify  
43 recommendations for the implementation of such programs by  
44 public schools in this State and report the information gathered by  
45 the survey to the State Board of Education;



1 (e) Apply for grants on behalf of the State of Nevada relating to  
2 the development and expansion of education programs in the fields  
3 of science, technology, engineering and mathematics;

4 (f) Identify a nonprofit corporation to assist in the  
5 implementation of the plans developed pursuant to paragraphs (a),  
6 (b) and (c); and

7 (g) Prepare a written report which includes, without limitation,  
8 recommendations based on the survey conducted pursuant to  
9 paragraph (d) and any other recommendations concerning the  
10 instruction and curriculum in courses of study in science,  
11 technology, engineering and mathematics in public schools in this  
12 State and, on or before January 31 of each odd-numbered year,  
13 submit a copy of the report to the State Board of Education, the  
14 Governor and the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for  
15 transmittal to the Legislature.

16 2. *The Council:*

17 (a) *Shall, in accordance with the plans developed pursuant to*  
18 *paragraphs (b) and (c) of subsection 1, establish:*

19 (1) *An event in southern Nevada and an event in northern*  
20 *Nevada to recognize pupils in this State who demonstrate*  
21 *exemplary achievement in the fields of science, technology,*  
22 *engineering and mathematics. The events must be held at an*  
23 *institution of higher education in Nevada.*

24 (2) *A statewide event to be held in Carson City to recognize*  
25 *not more than 15 schools in this State that have demonstrated*  
26 *exemplary performance in the fields of science, technology,*  
27 *engineering and mathematics.*

28 (b) *May accept gifts, grants and donations from any source for*  
29 *use in carrying out the provisions of this subsection.*

30 3. The Council or a subcommittee of the Council may seek the  
31 input, advice and assistance of persons and organizations that have  
32 knowledge, interest or expertise relevant to the duties of the  
33 Council.

34 ~~3.1~~ 4. The State Board of Education shall consider the plans  
35 developed by the Advisory Council on Science, Technology,  
36 Engineering and Mathematics pursuant to paragraphs (a), (b) and (c)  
37 of subsection 1 and the written report submitted pursuant to  
38 paragraph (g) of subsection 1 and adopt such regulations as the State  
39 Board deems necessary to carry out the recommendations in the  
40 written report.

41 **Sec. 3.** 1. There is hereby appropriated from the State  
42 General Fund to the Advisory Council on Science, Technology,  
43 Engineering and Mathematics created by NRS 385.700 for the  
44 purpose of holding a statewide event to recognize the 15 schools in



1 this State that demonstrate exemplary performance in science,  
2 technology, engineering and mathematics:

3	For the Fiscal Year 2015-2016.....	\$5,000
4	For the Fiscal Year 2016-2017.....	\$5,000

5 2. Any balance of the sums appropriated by subsection 1  
6 remaining at the end of the respective fiscal years must not be  
7 committed for expenditure after June 30 of the respective fiscal  
8 years by the entity to which the appropriation is made or any entity  
9 to which money from the appropriation is granted or otherwise  
10 transferred in any manner, and any portion of the appropriated  
11 money remaining must not be spent for any purpose after  
12 September 16, 2016, and September 15, 2017, respectively, by  
13 either the entity to which the money was appropriated or the entity  
14 to which the money was subsequently granted or transferred, and  
15 must be reverted to the State General Fund on or before  
16 September 16, 2016, and September 15, 2017, respectively.

17 **Sec. 4.** 1. This act becomes effective on July 1, 2015; and  
18 2. Sections 1 and 2 of this act expire by limitation on June 30,  
19 2017.







