SENATE BILL NO. 244–SENATORS BUCK, PICKARD, SEEVERS GANSERT; GOICOECHEA, HAMMOND, KIECKHEFER AND SETTELMEYER

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## Referred to Committee on Education

SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to education. (BDR 34-621)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: May have Fiscal Impact. Effect on the State: Yes.

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

AN ACT relating to education; prohibiting a school district or the governing body of a charter school from placing certain conditions on enrollment; requiring the State Board of Education to provide a uniform grading scale for certain courses; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

## Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Existing law requires the State Board of Education to adopt regulations that provide a uniform grading scale for all public high schools, including, without limitation, a grading scale for advanced placement courses and honors courses. (NRS 389.007) Section 3 of this bill requires such regulations to include a uniform grading scale for dual credit courses and international baccalaureate courses and to assign the same weight to such courses as those assigned to advanced placement courses if the dual credit course or international baccalaureate course is in a core academic subject or a subject for which an advanced placement course is offered.

9 Section 1 of this bill prohibits a school district from conditioning enrollment in a specialty school on the grade point average of a pupil. Section 2 of this bill prohibits the governing body of a charter school from conditioning enrollment in the charter school on the grade point average of a pupil.





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

1 **Section 1.** Chapter 388 of NRS is hereby amended by adding 2 thereto a new section to read as follows:

3 1. A school district shall not condition enrollment in a 4 specialty school in the school district on the grade point average of 5 a pupil.

6 2. As used in this section, "specialty school" has the meaning 7 ascribed to it in NRS 388G.555.

8 **Sec. 2.** Chapter 388A of NRS is hereby amended by adding 9 thereto a new section to read as follows:

10 The governing body of a charter school shall not condition 11 enrollment in the charter school on the grade point average of a 12 pupil.

**Sec. 3.** NRS 389.007 is hereby amended to read as follows:

14 389.007 1. The State Board shall adopt regulations that prescribe a uniform grading scale for all public high schools, 15 16 including, without limitation, a uniform grading scale for *dual* credit courses, international baccalaureate courses, advanced 17 placement courses and honors courses. The regulations adopted 18 19 pursuant to this section must assign the same weight to dual credit 20 courses and international baccalaureate courses as the weight 21 assigned to advanced placement courses if the dual credit course 22 or international baccalaureate course is a core academic subject 23 designated pursuant to NRS 389.018 or a subject for which an 24 advanced placement course is offered.

25 2. The board of trustees of each school district and the 26 governing body of each charter school that operates as a high school 27 shall comply with the uniform grading scale.

28 Sec. 4. 1. This section becomes effective upon passage and 29 approval.

30 2. Sections 1, 2 and 3 of this act become effective:

(a) Upon passage and approval for the purpose of adopting
regulations and performing any preliminary administrative tasks that
are necessary to carry out the provisions of this act; and

34 (b) On July 1, 2022, for all other purposes.

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