
SENATE BILL NO. 412—SENATORS WOODHOUSE, PARKS,
SPEARMAN, SEGERBLOM; JONES, MANENDO AND SMITH

MARCH 18, 2013

Referred to Committee on Finance

SUMMARY—Makes an appropriation to the Nevada System of Higher Education to allow senior citizens to audit college classes for a nominal fee. (BDR S-1048)

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 higher education; making an appropriation to the Nevada System of Higher Education to allow senior citizens to audit classes for a nominal fee in certain circumstances; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

1 This bill makes an appropriation to the Nevada System of Higher Education to
2 allow senior citizens who are 62 years of age or older to audit a class for a nominal
3 fee, provided that space is available in that class

1 WHEREAS, Allowing the auditing of classes in which space is
2 available will provide a forum for senior citizens to share their vast
3 life experience with university and college students to enhance the
4 learning opportunities of the student body and set a good example
5 for voluntary continuing education; and

6 WHEREAS, It is widely recognized that lifelong learning,
7 acquiring knowledge and mastering new skills enriches a person’s
8 life in many ways and benefits the community as a whole; and

9 WHEREAS, The benefits to an older person returning to college
10 include reconnecting socially with diverse and interesting groups of
11 people and avoiding the isolation that may tend to naturally occur as
12 the person grows older; and



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1 WHEREAS, Attending college and exploring a topic of interest
2 can bring a feeling of true achievement and success; and

3 WHEREAS, An investment in Nevada's senior citizens by
4 offering them an opportunity to audit college classes within the
5 Nevada System of Higher Education is an important contribution to
6 the future of this State; now therefore,

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

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11 **Section 1.** 1. There is hereby appropriated from the State
12 General Fund to the Nevada System of Higher Education the sum of
13 \$50,000 to offset the costs of allowing senior citizens who are 62
14 years of age or older to audit university, college and community
15 college classes when space is available for a nominal fee that is
16 calculated to cover the cost of the enrollment or admission process.

17 2. Any remaining balance of the appropriation made by
18 subsection 1 must not be committed for expenditure after June 30,
19 2015, by the entity to which the appropriation is made or any
20 entity to which money from the appropriation is granted or
21 otherwise transferred in any manner, and any portion of the
22 appropriated money remaining must not be spent for any purpose
23 after September 18, 2015, by either the entity to which the money
24 was appropriated or the entity to which the money was subsequently
25 granted or transferred, and must be reverted to the State General
26 Fund on or before September 18, 2015.

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

