SENATE BILL NO. 442–COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

MARCH 25, 2013

Referred to Committee on Education

SUMMARY—Eliminates certain mandates relating to schools. (BDR 34-1078)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.

Effect on the State: No.

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

AN ACT relating to education; eliminating various mandates relating to schools; revising provisions relating to the reporting of incidences of bullying, cyber-bullying, harassment and intimidation occurring at public schools; revising provisions governing the examinations of the height and weight of pupils enrolled in public schools; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

This bill deletes and repeals certain provisions relating to education and thereby eliminates: (1) a requirement that the Superintendent of Public Instruction prescribe a certain form of school register, prepare pamphlet copies of laws relating to schools for various school officials and provide a certain memorandum to the board of trustees of each school district and to the governing body of each charter school (NRS 385.210); (2) a description of the duties of the board of trustees of a school district and the governing body of a charter school in response to a memorandum transmitted to it pursuant to NRS 385.210 (NRS 386.360, 386.552); (3) a requirement, effective on July 1, 2013, that the boards of trustees of certain school districts adopt a pilot program to provide a program of small learning communities for middle school and junior high school pupils (NRS 388.171); (4) a requirement that the board of trustees of each school district adopt a policy for each middle school and junior high school in the district to provide a program of peer mentoring (NRS 388.176); (5) a requirement that the board of trustees of each school district adopt a policy for certain pupil-led conferences (NRS 388.181); (6) requirements relating to small learning communities for ninth grade pupils in certain larger schools (NRS 388.215); (7) certain requirements for a policy for peer mentoring in public high schools (NRS 388.221); (8) a requirement that the board of trustees of each school district and the governing body of each charter school submit the results of a certain examination of achievement and proficiency of pupils to certain persons and entities (NRS 389.560); (9) provisions relating to the establishment of school attendance councils (NRS 392.129); (10) a reporting requirement relating to



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alternative schedules (Chapter 489, Statutes of Nevada 2003, p. 3219); and (11) reporting requirements relating to the use of environmentally sensitive cleaning and maintenance products within school districts. (Chapter 244, Statutes of Nevada 2009, p. 985)

Under existing law, the board of trustees of each school district is required to review and compile reports for submission to the Department of Education relating to the number of reported violations of provisions relating to bullying, cyberbullying, harassment and intimidation occurring at the public schools within the school district and any actions taken by the public schools to reduce the number of those violations. (NRS 388.1353) Also under existing law, the Superintendent of Public Instruction is required to compile each report submitted by each school district and submit the written compilation to the Attorney General. (NRS 388.1355) Section 7 of this bill eliminates these reporting requirements, and sections 2.3 and 2.5 of this bill require the contents of those reports to be included within the annual reports of accountability prepared by the State Board of Education and the board of trustees of each school district. (NRS 385.3469, 385.347)

Under existing law, the board of trustees of each school district is required to conduct examinations of the height and weight of a representative sample of pupils enrolled in grades 4, 7 and 10. (NRS 392.420) This requirement is scheduled to expire on June 30, 2015. (Chapter 285, Statutes of Nevada 2009, p. 1204) **Section 4.5** of this bill limits this requirement relating to the examinations of the height and weight of pupils to a school district in a county whose population is 100,000 or more (currently Clark and Washoe Counties).

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

- **Section 1.** (Deleted by amendment.)
- Sec. 2. (Deleted by amendment.)
 - **Sec. 2.3.** NRS 385.3469 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 385.3469 1. The State Board shall prepare an annual report of accountability that includes, without limitation:
 - (a) Information on the achievement of all pupils based upon the results of the examinations administered pursuant to NRS 389.015 and 389.550, reported for each school district, including, without limitation, each charter school in the district, and for this State as a whole.
 - (b) Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, pupil achievement, reported separately by gender and reported separately for the following groups of pupils:
- (1) Pupils who are economically disadvantaged, as defined by the State Board;
- (2) Pupils from major racial and ethnic groups, as defined by the State Board;
 - (3) Pupils with disabilities;
 - (4) Pupils who are limited English proficient; and
- 20 (5) Pupils who are migratory children, as defined by the State 21 Board.





- (c) A comparison of the achievement of pupils in each group identified in paragraph (b) of subsection 1 of NRS 385.361 with the annual measurable objectives of the State Board.
- (d) The percentage of all pupils who were not tested, reported for each school district, including, without limitation, each charter school in the district, and for this State as a whole.
- (e) Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, the percentage of pupils who were not tested, reported separately by gender and reported separately for the groups identified in paragraph (b).
- (f) The most recent 3-year frend in the achievement of pupils in each subject area tested and each grade level tested pursuant to NRS 389.015 and 389.550, reported for each school district, including, without limitation, each charter school in the district, and for this State as a whole, which may include information regarding the trend in the achievement of pupils for more than 3 years, if such information is available.
- (g) Information on whether each school district has made adequate yearly progress, including, without limitation, the name of each school district, if any, designated as demonstrating need for improvement pursuant to NRS 385.377 and the number of consecutive years that the school district has carried that designation.
- (h) Information on whether each public school, including, without limitation, each charter school, has made:
- (1) Adequate yearly progress, including, without limitation, the name of each public school, if any, designated as demonstrating need for improvement pursuant to NRS 385.3623 and the number of consecutive years that the school has carried that designation.
- (2) Progress based upon the model adopted by the Department pursuant to NRS 385.3595, if applicable for the grade level of pupils enrolled at the school.
- (i) Information on the results of pupils who participated in the examinations of the National Assessment of Educational Progress required pursuant to NRS 389.012.
- (j) The ratio of pupils to teachers in kindergarten and at each grade level for all elementary schools, reported for each school district, including, without limitation, each charter school in the district, and for this State as a whole, and the average class size for each core academic subject, as set forth in NRS 389.018, for each secondary school, reported for each school district and for this State as a whole.
- (k) The total number of persons employed by each school district in this State, including without limitation, each charter school in the district. Each such person must be reported as either an administrator, a teacher or other staff and must not be reported in





more than one category. In addition to the total number of persons employed by each school district in each category, the report must include the number of employees in each of the three categories expressed as a percentage of the total number of persons employed by the school district. As used in this paragraph:

- (1) "Administrator" means a person who spends at least 50 percent of his or her work year supervising other staff or licensed personnel, or both, and who is not classified by the board of trustees of a school district as a professional-technical employee.
- (2) "Other staff" means all persons who are not reported as administrators or teachers, including, without limitation:
- (I) School counselors, school nurses and other employees who spend at least 50 percent of their work year providing emotional support, noninstructional guidance or medical support to pupils;
- (II) Noninstructional support staff, including, without limitation, janitors, school police officers and maintenance staff; and
- (III) Persons classified by the board of trustees of a school district as professional-technical employees, including, without limitation, technical employees and employees on the professional-technical pay scale.
- (3) "Teacher" means a person licensed pursuant to chapter 391 of NRS who is classified by the board of trustees of a school district:
- (I) As a teacher and who spends at least 50 percent of his or her work year providing instruction or discipline to pupils; or
- (II) As instructional support staff, who does not hold a supervisory position and who spends not more than 50 percent of his or her work year providing instruction to pupils. Such instructional support staff includes, without limitation, librarians and persons who provide instructional support.
- (Î) For each school district, including, without limitation, each charter school in the district, and for this State as a whole, information on the professional qualifications of teachers employed by the school districts and charter schools, including, without limitation:
 - (1) The percentage of teachers who are:
 - (I) Providing instruction pursuant to NRS 391.125;
- (II) Providing instruction pursuant to a waiver of the requirements for licensure for the grade level or subject area in which the teachers are employed; or
- (III) Otherwise providing instruction without an endorsement for the subject area in which the teachers are employed;





(2) The percentage of classes in the core academic subjects, as set forth in NRS 389.018, in this State that are not taught by highly qualified taughters:

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(3) The percentage of classes in the core academic subjects, as set forth in NRS 389.018, in this State that are not taught by highly qualified teachers, in the aggregate and disaggregated by high-poverty compared to low-poverty schools, which for the purposes of this subparagraph means schools in the top quartile of poverty and the bottom quartile of poverty in this State;

(4) For each middle school, junior high school and high

school:

- (I) The number of persons employed as substitute teachers for 20 consecutive days or more in the same classroom or assignment, designated as long-term substitute teachers, including the total number of days long-term substitute teachers were employed at each school, identified by grade level and subject area; and
- (II) The number of persons employed as substitute teachers for less than 20 consecutive days, designated as short-term substitute teachers, including the total number of days short-term substitute teachers were employed at each school, identified by grade level and subject area; and
 - (5) For each elementary school:
- (I) The number of persons employed as substitute teachers for 20 consecutive days or more in the same classroom or assignment, designated as long-term substitute teachers, including the total number of days long-term substitute teachers were employed at each school, identified by grade level; and
- (II) The number of persons employed as substitute teachers for less than 20 consecutive days, designated as short-term substitute teachers, including the total number of days short-term substitute teachers were employed at each school, identified by grade level.
- (m) The total expenditure per pupil for each school district in this State, including, without limitation, each charter school in the district. If this State has a financial analysis program that is designed to track educational expenditures and revenues to individual schools, the State Board shall use that statewide program in complying with this paragraph. If a statewide program is not available, the State Board shall use the Department's own financial analysis program in complying with this paragraph.
- (n) The total statewide expenditure per pupil. If this State has a financial analysis program that is designed to track educational expenditures and revenues to individual schools, the State Board shall use that statewide program in complying with this paragraph.





If a statewide program is not available, the State Board shall use the Department's own financial analysis program in complying with this paragraph.

- (o) For all elementary schools, junior high schools and middle schools, the rate of attendance, reported for each school district, including, without limitation, each charter school in the district, and for this State as a whole.
- (p) The annual rate of pupils who drop out of school in grade 8 and a separate reporting of the annual rate of pupils who drop out of school in grades 9 to 12, inclusive, reported for each school district, including, without limitation, each charter school in the district, and for this State as a whole. The reporting for pupils in grades 9 to 12, inclusive, excludes pupils who:
- (1) Provide proof to the school district of successful completion of the examinations of general educational development.
- (2) Are enrolled in courses that are approved by the Department as meeting the requirements for an adult standard diploma.
 - (3) Withdraw from school to attend another school.
- (q) The attendance of teachers who provide instruction, reported for each school district, including, without limitation, each charter school in the district, and for this State as a whole.
- (r) Incidents involving weapons or violence, reported for each school district, including, without limitation, each charter school in the district, and for this State as a whole.
- (s) Incidents involving the use or possession of alcoholic beverages or controlled substances, reported for each school district, including, without limitation, each charter school in the district, and for this State as a whole.
- (t) The suspension and expulsion of pupils required or authorized pursuant to NRS 392.466 and 392.467, reported for each school district, including, without limitation, each charter school in the district, and for this State as a whole.
- (u) The number of pupils who are deemed habitual disciplinary problems pursuant to NRS 392.4655, reported for each school district, including, without limitation, each charter school in the district, and for this State as a whole.
- (v) The number of pupils in each grade who are retained in the same grade pursuant to NRS 392.033 or 392.125, reported for each school district, including, without limitation, each charter school in the district, and for this State as a whole.
- (w) The transiency rate of pupils, reported for each school district, including, without limitation, each charter school in the district, and for this State as a whole. For the purposes of this paragraph, a pupil is not a transient if the pupil is transferred to a





different school within the school district as a result of a change in the zone of attendance by the board of trustees of the school district pursuant to NRS 388.040.

- (x) Each source of funding for this State to be used for the system of public education.
- (y) A compilation of the programs of remedial study purchased in whole or in part with money received from this State that are used in each school district, including, without limitation, each charter school in the district. The compilation must include:
- (1) The amount and sources of money received for programs of remedial study.
- (2) An identification of each program of remedial study, listed by subject area.
- (z) The percentage of pupils who graduated from a high school or charter school in the immediately preceding year and enrolled in remedial courses in reading, writing or mathematics at a university, state college or community college within the Nevada System of Higher Education, reported for each school district, including, without limitation, each charter school in the district, and for this State as a whole.
- (aa) The technological facilities and equipment available for educational purposes, reported for each school district, including, without limitation, each charter school in the district, and for this State as a whole.
- (bb) For each school district, including, without limitation, each charter school in the district, and for this State as a whole, the number and percentage of pupils who received:
- (1) A standard high school diploma, reported separately for pupils who received the diploma pursuant to:
 - (I) Paragraph (a) of subsection 1 of NRS 389.805; and
 - (II) Paragraph (b) of subsection 1 of NRS 389.805.
 - (2) An adult diploma.
 - (3) An adjusted diploma.
 - (4) A certificate of attendance.
- (cc) For each school district, including, without limitation, each charter school in the district, and for this State as a whole, the number and percentage of pupils who failed to pass the high school proficiency examination.
- (dd) The number of habitual truants who are reported to a school police officer or local law enforcement agency pursuant to paragraph (a) of subsection 2 of NRS 392.144 and the number of habitual truants who are referred to an advisory board to review school attendance pursuant to paragraph (b) of subsection 2 of NRS 392.144, reported for each school district, including, without





limitation, each charter school in the district, and for this State as a whole.

- (ee) Information on the paraprofessionals employed at public schools in this State, including, without limitation, the charter schools in this State. The information must include:
- (1) The number of paraprofessionals employed, reported for each school district, including, without limitation, each charter school in the district, and for this State as a whole; and
- (2) For each school district, including, without limitation, each charter school in the district, and for this State as a whole, the number and percentage of all paraprofessionals who do not satisfy the qualifications set forth in 20 U.S.C. § 6319(c). The reporting requirements of this subparagraph apply to paraprofessionals who are employed in programs supported with Title I money and to paraprofessionals who are not employed in programs supported with Title I money.
- (ff) An identification of appropriations made by the Legislature to improve the academic achievement of pupils and programs approved by the Legislature to improve the academic achievement of pupils.
- (gg) A compilation of the special programs available for pupils at individual schools, listed by school and by school district, including, without limitation, each charter school in the district.
- (hh) For each school district, including, without limitation, each charter school in the district and for this State as a whole, information on pupils enrolled in career and technical education, including, without limitation:
- (1) The number of pupils enrolled in a course of career and technical education:
- (2) The number of pupils who completed a course of career and technical education;
- (3) The average daily attendance of pupils who are enrolled in a program of career and technical education;
- (4) The annual rate of pupils who dropped out of school and were enrolled in a program of career and technical education before dropping out;
- (5) The number and percentage of pupils who completed a program of career and technical education and who received a standard high school diploma, an adjusted diploma or a certificate of attendance; and
- (6) The number and percentage of pupils who completed a program of career and technical education and who did not receive a high school diploma because the pupils failed to pass the high school proficiency examination.





- (ii) For each school district, including, without limitation, each charter school in the district, and for this State as a whole:
- (1) The number of [incidents] reported violations of NRS 388.135 occurring at a school or otherwise involving a pupil enrolled at a school;
- (2) The number of incidents resulting in suspension or expulsion for bullying, cyber-bullying, harassment or intimidation {, reported for each school district, including, without limitation, each charter school in the district, and for the State as a whole.}; and
- (3) Any actions taken to reduce the number of incidences of bullying, cyber-bullying, harassment and intimidation, including, without limitation, training that was offered or other policies, practices and programs that were implemented.
- 2. A separate reporting for a group of pupils must not be made pursuant to this section if the number of pupils in that group is insufficient to yield statistically reliable information or the results would reveal personally identifiable information about an individual pupil. The State Board shall prescribe a mechanism for determining the minimum number of pupils that must be in a group for that group to yield statistically reliable information.
 - 3. The annual report of accountability must:
- (a) Comply with 20 U.S.C. § 6311(h)(1) and the regulations adopted pursuant thereto;
 - (b) Be prepared in a concise manner; and
- (c) Be presented in an understandable and uniform format and, to the extent practicable, provided in a language that parents can understand.
 - 4. On or before October 15 of each year, the State Board shall:
- (a) Provide for public dissemination of the annual report of accountability by posting a copy of the report on the Internet website maintained by the Department; and
- (b) Provide written notice that the report is available on the Internet website maintained by the Department. The written notice must be provided to the:
 - (1) Governor;
 - (2) Committee;
 - (3) Bureau;
 - (4) Board of Regents of the University of Nevada;
 - (5) Board of trustees of each school district; and
 - (6) Governing body of each charter school.
- 5. Upon the request of the Governor, an entity described in paragraph (b) of subsection 4 or a member of the general public, the State Board shall provide a portion or portions of the annual report of accountability.
 - 6 As used in this section:





- (a) "Bullying" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 388.122.
- (b) "Cyber-bullying" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 388.123.
- (c) "Harassment" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 388.125.
- (d) "Highly qualified" has the meaning ascribed to it in 20 U.S.C. § 7801(23).
- (e) "Intimidation" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 388.129.
- 10 (f) "Paraprofessional" has the meaning ascribed to it in 11 NRS 391.008.

Sec. 2.5. NRS 385.347 is hereby amended to read as follows:

- 385.347 1. The board of trustees of each school district in this State, in cooperation with associations recognized by the State Board as representing licensed educational personnel in the district, shall adopt a program providing for the accountability of the school district to the residents of the district and to the State Board for the quality of the schools and the educational achievement of the pupils in the district, including, without limitation, pupils enrolled in charter schools sponsored by the school district. The board of trustees of each school district shall report the information required by subsection 2 for each charter school sponsored by the school district. The information for charter schools must be reported separately.
- 2. The board of trustees of each school district shall, on or before September 30 of each year, prepare an annual report of accountability concerning:
 - (a) The educational goals and objectives of the school district.
- (b) Pupil achievement for each school in the district and the district as a whole, including, without limitation, each charter school sponsored by the district. The board of trustees of the district shall base its report on the results of the examinations administered pursuant to NRS 389.015 and 389.550 and shall compare the results of those examinations for the current school year with those of previous school years. The report must include, for each school in the district, including, without limitation, each charter school sponsored by the district, and each grade in which the examinations were administered:
 - (1) The number of pupils who took the examinations.
- (2) A record of attendance for the period in which the examinations were administered, including an explanation of any difference in the number of pupils who took the examinations and the number of pupils who are enrolled in the school.





- (3) Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph, pupil achievement, reported separately by gender and reported separately for the following groups of pupils:
- (I) Pupils who are economically disadvantaged, as defined by the State Board;
- (II) Pupils from major racial and ethnic groups, as defined by the State Board;
 - (III) Pupils with disabilities;
 - (IV) Pupils who are limited English proficient; and
- (V) Pupils who are migratory children, as defined by the State Board.
- (4) A comparison of the achievement of pupils in each group identified in paragraph (b) of subsection 1 of NRS 385.361 with the annual measurable objectives of the State Board.
 - (5) The percentage of pupils who were not tested.
- (6) Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph, the percentage of pupils who were not tested, reported separately by gender and reported separately for the groups identified in subparagraph (3).
- (7) The most recent 3-year trend in pupil achievement in each subject area tested and each grade level tested pursuant to NRS 389.015 and 389.550, which may include information regarding the trend in the achievement of pupils for more than 3 years, if such information is available.
- (8) Information that compares the results of pupils in the school district, including, without limitation, pupils enrolled in charter schools sponsored by the district, with the results of pupils throughout this State. The information required by this subparagraph must be provided in consultation with the Department to ensure the accuracy of the comparison.
- (9) For each school in the district, including, without limitation, each charter school sponsored by the district, information that compares the results of pupils in the school with the results of pupils throughout the school district and throughout this State. The information required by this subparagraph must be provided in consultation with the Department to ensure the accuracy of the comparison.
- (10) Information on whether each school in the district, including, without limitation, each charter school sponsored by the district, has made progress based upon the model adopted by the Department pursuant to NRS 385.3595.
- → A separate reporting for a group of pupils must not be made pursuant to this paragraph if the number of pupils in that group is insufficient to yield statistically reliable information or the results would reveal personally identifiable information about an individual





pupil. The State Board shall prescribe the mechanism for determining the minimum number of pupils that must be in a group for that group to yield statistically reliable information.

- (c) The ratio of pupils to teachers in kindergarten and at each grade level for each elementary school in the district and the district as a whole, including, without limitation, each charter school sponsored by the district, and the average class size for each core academic subject, as set forth in NRS 389.018, for each secondary school in the district and the district as a whole, including, without limitation, each charter school sponsored by the district.
- (d) The total number of persons employed for each elementary school, middle school or junior high school, and high school in the district, including, without limitation, each charter school sponsored by the district. Each such person must be reported as either an administrator, a teacher or other staff and must not be reported in more than one category. In addition to the total number of persons employed by each school in each category, the report must include the number of employees in each of the three categories for each school expressed as a percentage of the total number of persons employed by the school. As used in this paragraph:
- (1) "Administrator" means a person who spends at least 50 percent of his or her work year supervising other staff or licensed personnel, or both, and who is not classified by the board of trustees of the school district as a professional-technical employee.
- (2) "Other staff" means all persons who are not reported as administrators or teachers, including, without limitation:
- (I) School counselors, school nurses and other employees who spend at least 50 percent of their work year providing emotional support, noninstructional guidance or medical support to pupils;
- (II) Noninstructional support staff, including, without limitation, janitors, school police officers and maintenance staff; and
- (III) Persons classified by the board of trustees of the school district as professional-technical employees, including, without limitation, technical employees and employees on the professional-technical pay scale.
- (3) "Teacher" means a person licensed pursuant to chapter 391 of NRS who is classified by the board of trustees of the school district:
- (I) As a teacher and who spends at least 50 percent of his or her work year providing instruction or discipline to pupils; or
- (II) As instructional support staff, who does not hold a supervisory position and who spends not more than 50 percent of his or her work year providing instruction to pupils. Such





instructional support staff includes, without limitation, librarians and persons who provide instructional support.

- (e) The total number of persons employed by the school district, including without limitation, each charter school sponsored by the district. Each such person must be reported as either an administrator, a teacher or other staff and must not be reported in more than one category. In addition to the total number of persons employed by the school district in each category, the report must include the number of employees in each of the three categories expressed as a percentage of the total number of persons employed by the school district. As used in this paragraph, "administrator," "other staff" and "teacher" have the meanings ascribed to them in paragraph (d).
- (f) Information on the professional qualifications of teachers employed by each school in the district and the district as a whole, including, without limitation, each charter school sponsored by the district. The information must include, without limitation:
 - (1) The percentage of teachers who are:
 - (I) Providing instruction pursuant to NRS 391.125;
- (II) Providing instruction pursuant to a waiver of the requirements for licensure for the grade level or subject area in which the teachers are employed; or
- (III) Otherwise providing instruction without an endorsement for the subject area in which the teachers are employed;
- (2) The percentage of classes in the core academic subjects, as set forth in NRS 389.018, that are not taught by highly qualified teachers:
- (3) The percentage of classes in the core academic subjects, as set forth in NRS 389.018, that are not taught by highly qualified teachers, in the aggregate and disaggregated by high-poverty compared to low-poverty schools, which for the purposes of this subparagraph means schools in the top quartile of poverty and the bottom quartile of poverty in this State;
- (4) For each middle school, junior high school and high school:
- (I) The number of persons employed as substitute teachers for 20 consecutive days or more in the same classroom or assignment, designated as long-term substitute teachers, including the total number of days long-term substitute teachers were employed at each school, identified by grade level and subject area; and
- (II) The number of persons employed as substitute teachers for less than 20 consecutive days, designated as short-term substitute teachers, including the total number of days short-term





substitute teachers were employed at each school, identified by grade level and subject area; and

(5) For each elementary school:

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- (I) The number of persons employed as substitute teachers for 20 consecutive days or more in the same classroom or assignment, designated as long-term substitute teachers, including the total number of days long-term substitute teachers were employed at each school, identified by grade level; and
- (II) The number of persons employed as substitute teachers for less than 20 consecutive days, designated as short-term substitute teachers, including the total number of days short-term substitute teachers were employed at each school, identified by grade level.
- (g) The total expenditure per pupil for each school in the district and the district as a whole, including, without limitation, each charter school sponsored by the district. If this State has a financial analysis program that is designed to track educational expenditures and revenues to individual schools, each school district shall use that statewide program in complying with this paragraph. If a statewide program is not available, each school district shall use its own financial analysis program in complying with this paragraph.
 - (h) The curriculum used by the school district, including:
 - (1) Any special programs for pupils at an individual school;
- (2) The curriculum used by each charter school sponsored by the district.
- (i) Records of the attendance and truancy of pupils in all grades, including, without limitation:
- (1) The average daily attendance of pupils, for each school in the district and the district as a whole, including, without limitation, each charter school sponsored by the district.
- (2) For each elementary school, middle school and junior high school in the district, including, without limitation, each charter school sponsored by the district that provides instruction to pupils enrolled in a grade level other than high school, information that compares the attendance of the pupils enrolled in the school with the attendance of pupils throughout the district and throughout this State. The information required by this subparagraph must be provided in consultation with the Department to ensure the accuracy of the comparison.
- (j) The annual rate of pupils who drop out of school in grade 8 and a separate reporting of the annual rate of pupils who drop out of school in grades 9 to 12, inclusive, for each such grade, for each school in the district and for the district as a whole. The reporting for pupils in grades 9 to 12, inclusive, excludes pupils who:





- (1) Provide proof to the school district of successful completion of the examinations of general educational development.
- (2) Are enrolled in courses that are approved by the Department as meeting the requirements for an adult standard diploma.
 - (3) Withdraw from school to attend another school.
- (k) Records of attendance of teachers who provide instruction, for each school in the district and the district as a whole, including, without limitation, each charter school sponsored by the district.
- (1) Efforts made by the school district and by each school in the district, including, without limitation, each charter school sponsored by the district, to increase:
- (1) Communication with the parents of pupils enrolled in the district;
- (2) The participation of parents in the educational process and activities relating to the school district and each school, including, without limitation, the existence of parent organizations and school advisory committees; and
- (3) The involvement of parents and the engagement of families of pupils enrolled in the district in the education of their children
- (m) Records of incidents involving weapons or violence for each school in the district, including, without limitation, each charter school sponsored by the district.
- (n) Records of incidents involving the use or possession of alcoholic beverages or controlled substances for each school in the district, including, without limitation, each charter school sponsored by the district.
- (o) Records of the suspension and expulsion of pupils required or authorized pursuant to NRS 392.466 and 392.467.
- (p) The number of pupils who are deemed habitual disciplinary problems pursuant to NRS 392.4655, for each school in the district and the district as a whole, including, without limitation, each charter school sponsored by the district.
- (q) The number of pupils in each grade who are retained in the same grade pursuant to NRS 392.033 or 392.125, for each school in the district and the district as a whole, including, without limitation, each charter school sponsored by the district.
- (r) The transiency rate of pupils for each school in the district and the district as a whole, including, without limitation, each charter school sponsored by the district. For the purposes of this paragraph, a pupil is not transient if the pupil is transferred to a different school within the school district as a result of a change in the zone of attendance by the board of trustees of the school district pursuant to NRS 388.040.





- (s) Each source of funding for the school district.
- (t) A compilation of the programs of remedial study that are purchased in whole or in part with money received from this State, for each school in the district and the district as a whole, including, without limitation, each charter school sponsored by the district. The compilation must include:
- (1) The amount and sources of money received for programs of remedial study for each school in the district and the district as a whole, including, without limitation, each charter school sponsored by the district.
- (2) An identification of each program of remedial study, listed by subject area.
- (u) For each high school in the district, including, without limitation, each charter school sponsored by the district, the percentage of pupils who graduated from that high school or charter school in the immediately preceding year and enrolled in remedial courses in reading, writing or mathematics at a university, state college or community college within the Nevada System of Higher Education.
- (v) The technological facilities and equipment available at each school, including, without limitation, each charter school sponsored by the district, and the district's plan to incorporate educational technology at each school.
- (w) For each school in the district and the district as a whole, including, without limitation, each charter school sponsored by the district, the number and percentage of pupils who received:
- (1) A standard high school diploma, reported separately for pupils who received the diploma pursuant to:
 - (I) Paragraph (a) of subsection 1 of NRS 389.805; and
 - (II) Paragraph (b) of subsection 1 of NRS 389.805.
 - (2) An adult diploma.
 - (3) An adjusted diploma.
 - (4) A certificate of attendance.
- (x) For each school in the district and the district as a whole, including, without limitation, each charter school sponsored by the district, the number and percentage of pupils who failed to pass the high school proficiency examination.
- (y) The number of habitual truants who are reported to a school police officer or law enforcement agency pursuant to paragraph (a) of subsection 2 of NRS 392.144 and the number of habitual truants who are referred to an advisory board to review school attendance pursuant to paragraph (b) of subsection 2 of NRS 392.144, for each school in the district and for the district as a whole.
- (z) The amount and sources of money received for the training and professional development of teachers and other educational





personnel for each school in the district and for the district as a whole, including, without limitation, each charter school sponsored by the district.

- (aa) Whether the school district has made adequate yearly progress. If the school district has been designated as demonstrating need for improvement pursuant to NRS 385.377, the report must include a statement indicating the number of consecutive years the school district has carried that designation.
- (bb) Information on whether each public school in the district, including, without limitation, each charter school sponsored by the district, has made adequate yearly progress, including, without limitation:
- (1) The number and percentage of schools in the district, if any, that have been designated as needing improvement pursuant to NRS 385.3623; and
- (2) The name of each school, if any, in the district that has been designated as needing improvement pursuant to NRS 385.3623 and the number of consecutive years that the school has carried that designation.
- (cc) Information on the paraprofessionals employed by each public school in the district, including, without limitation, each charter school sponsored by the district. The information must include:
- (1) The number of paraprofessionals employed at the school; and
- (2) The number and percentage of all paraprofessionals who do not satisfy the qualifications set forth in 20 U.S.C. § 6319(c). The reporting requirements of this subparagraph apply to paraprofessionals who are employed in positions supported with Title I money and to paraprofessionals who are not employed in positions supported with Title I money.
- (dd) For each high school in the district, including, without limitation, each charter school sponsored by the district that operates as a high school, information that provides a comparison of the rate of graduation of pupils enrolled in the high school with the rate of graduation of pupils throughout the district and throughout this State. The information required by this paragraph must be provided in consultation with the Department to ensure the accuracy of the comparison.
- (ee) An identification of the appropriations made by the Legislature that are available to the school district or the schools within the district and programs approved by the Legislature to improve the academic achievement of pupils.
- (ff) For each school in the district and the district as a whole, including, without limitation, each charter school sponsored by the





district, information on pupils enrolled in career and technical education, including, without limitation:

- (1) The number of pupils enrolled in a course of career and technical education;
- (2) The number of pupils who completed a course of career and technical education;
- (3) The average daily attendance of pupils who are enrolled in a program of career and technical education;
- (4) The annual rate of pupils who dropped out of school and were enrolled in a program of career and technical education before dropping out;
- (5) The number and percentage of pupils who completed a program of career and technical education and who received a standard high school diploma, an adjusted diploma or a certificate of attendance; and
- (6) The number and percentage of pupils who completed a program of career and technical education and who did not receive a high school diploma because the pupils failed to pass the high school proficiency examination.
- (gg) For each school in the district and the district as a whole, including, without limitation, each charter school sponsored by the district:
- (1) The number of reported violations of NRS 388.135 occurring at a school or otherwise involving a pupil enrolled at a school;
- (2) The number of incidents resulting in suspension or expulsion for bullying, cyber-bullying, harassment or intimidation [, for each school in the district and the district as a whole, including, without limitation, each charter school sponsored by the district.]; and
- (3) Any actions taken to reduce the number of incidences of bullying, cyber-bullying, harassment and intimidation, including, without limitation, training that was offered or other policies, practices and programs that were implemented.
- (hh) Such other information as is directed by the Superintendent of Public Instruction.
- 3. The State Public Charter School Authority and each college or university within the Nevada System of Higher Education that sponsors a charter school shall, on or before September 30 of each year, prepare an annual report of accountability of the charter schools sponsored by the State Public Charter School Authority or institution, as applicable, concerning the accountability information prescribed by the Department pursuant to this section. The Department, in consultation with the State Public Charter School Authority and each college or university within the Nevada System





of Higher Education that sponsors a charter school, shall prescribe by regulation the information that must be prepared by the State Public Charter School Authority and institution, as applicable, which must include, without limitation, the information contained in paragraphs (a) to (hh), inclusive, of subsection 2, as applicable to charter schools. The Department shall provide for public dissemination of the annual report of accountability prepared pursuant to this section in the manner set forth in 20 U.S.C. § 6311(h)(2)(E) by posting a copy of the report on the Internet website maintained by the Department.

- 4. The records of attendance maintained by a school for purposes of paragraph (k) of subsection 2 or maintained by a charter school for purposes of the reporting required pursuant to subsection 3 must include the number of teachers who are in attendance at school and the number of teachers who are absent from school. A teacher shall be deemed in attendance if the teacher is excused from being present in the classroom by the school in which the teacher is employed for one of the following reasons:
- (a) Acquisition of knowledge or skills relating to the professional development of the teacher; or
- (b) Assignment of the teacher to perform duties for cocurricular or extracurricular activities of pupils.
- 5. The annual report of accountability prepared pursuant to subsection 2 or 3, as applicable, must:
- (a) Comply with 20 U.S.C. § 6311(h)(2) and the regulations adopted pursuant thereto; and
- (b) Be presented in an understandable and uniform format and, to the extent practicable, provided in a language that parents can understand.
 - 6. The Superintendent of Public Instruction shall:
- (a) Prescribe forms for the reports required pursuant to subsections 2 and 3 and provide the forms to the respective school districts, the State Public Charter School Authority and each college or university within the Nevada System of Higher Education that sponsors a charter school.
- (b) Provide statistical information and technical assistance to the school districts, the State Public Charter School Authority and each college or university within the Nevada System of Higher Education that sponsors a charter school to ensure that the reports provide comparable information with respect to each school in each district, each charter school and among the districts and charter schools throughout this State.
 - (c) Consult with a representative of the:
 - (1) Nevada State Education Association;
 - (2) Nevada Association of School Boards;





- (3) Nevada Association of School Administrators;
- (4) Nevada Parent Teacher Association;
- (5) Budget Division of the Department of Administration;
- (6) Legislative Counsel Bureau; and

(7) Charter School Association of Nevada,

concerning the program and consider any advice or recommendations submitted by the representatives with respect to the program.

7. The Superintendent of Public Instruction may consult with representatives of parent groups other than the Nevada Parent Teacher Association concerning the program and consider any advice or recommendations submitted by the representatives with respect to the program.

8. On or before September 30 of each year:

(a) The board of trustees of each school district shall submit to each advisory board to review school attendance created in the county pursuant to NRS 392.126 the information required in paragraph (i) of subsection 2.

- (b) The State Public Charter School Authority and each college or university within the Nevada System of Higher Education that sponsors a charter school shall submit to each advisory board to review school attendance created in a county pursuant to NRS 392.126 the information regarding the records of the attendance and truancy of pupils enrolled in the charter school located in that county, if any, in accordance with the regulations prescribed by the Department pursuant to subsection 3.
 - 9. On or before September 30 of each year:
- (a) The board of trustees of each school district, the State Public Charter School Authority and each college or university within the Nevada System of Higher Education that sponsors a charter school shall provide written notice that the report required pursuant to subsection 2 or 3, as applicable, is available on the Internet website maintained by the school district, State Public Charter School Authority or institution, if any, or otherwise provide written notice of the availability of the report. The written notice must be provided to the:
 - (1) Governor;
 - (2) State Board;
 - (3) Department;
 - (4) Committee; and
 - (5) Bureau.
- (b) The board of trustees of each school district, the State Public Charter School Authority and each college or university within the Nevada System of Higher Education that sponsors a charter school shall provide for public dissemination of the annual report of





accountability prepared pursuant to subsection 2 or 3, as applicable, in the manner set forth in 20 U.S.C. § 6311(h)(2)(E) by posting a 2 copy of the report on the Internet website maintained by the school district, the State Public Charter School Authority or the institution, 5 if any. If a school district does not maintain a website, the district shall otherwise provide for public dissemination of the annual report by providing a copy of the report to the schools in the school district, including, without limitation, each charter school sponsored by the district, the residents of the district, and the parents and guardians of pupils enrolled in schools in the district, including, 10 11 without limitation, each charter school sponsored by the district. If 12 the State Public Charter School Authority or the institution does not 13 maintain a website, the State Public Charter School Authority or the 14 institution, as applicable, shall otherwise provide for public 15 dissemination of the annual report by providing a copy of the report 16 to each charter school it sponsors and the parents and guardians of 17 pupils enrolled in each charter school it sponsors. 18

- 10. Upon the request of the Governor, an entity described in paragraph (a) of subsection 9 or a member of the general public, the board of trustees of a school district, the State Public Charter School Authority or a college or university within the Nevada System of Higher Education that sponsors a charter school, as applicable, shall provide a portion or portions of the report required pursuant to subsection 2 or 3, as applicable.
 - 11. As used in this section:
 - (a) "Bullying" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 388.122.
- 27 (b) "Cyber-bullying" has the meaning ascribed to it in 28 NRS 388.123.
- 29 (c) "Harassment" has the meaning ascribed to it in 30 NRS 388.125.
- 31 (d) "Highly qualified" has the meaning ascribed to it in 20 32 U.S.C. § 7801(23).
- 33 (e) "Intimidation" has the meaning ascribed to it in 34 NRS 388.129.
- 35 (f) "Paraprofessional" has the meaning ascribed to it in 36 NRS 391.008.
 - **Sec. 3.** NRS 388.221 is hereby amended to read as follows:
 - 388.221 1. The board of trustees of each school district may adopt a policy for the public high schools in the district to provide a program of teen mentoring, which may include a component of adult mentoring, designed to:
 - (a) Increase pupil participation in school activities, community activities and all levels of government; or



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- (b) Increase the ability of ninth grade pupils enrolled in high school to successfully make the transition from middle school or junior high school to high school,
- → or both.

- 2. Any such policy must include, without limitation:
- (a) Guidelines for establishing:
- (1) Eligibility requirements for pupils who participate in the program as mentors or mentees, including, without limitation, any minimum grade level for pupils who serve as mentors and any minimum grade point average that must be maintained by pupils who serve as mentors. The guidelines may not require a pupil who participates in the program to maintain a grade point average that is higher than the grade point average required for a pupil to participate in sports at the high school the pupil attends.
 - (2) Training requirements for pupils who serve as mentors.
 - (3) Incentives for pupils who serve as mentors.
- (b) A requirement that each public high school which establishes a program for teen mentoring must also establish a committee to select each pupil mentor who participates in the program. The policy must provide that the committee may select a pupil who does not meet the general eligibility requirements for mentors if the members of the committee determine that the pupil is otherwise qualified to serve as a mentor.
- (c) Any other provisions that the board of trustees deems appropriate.
- 3.1 If the board of trustees of a school district has adopted a policy pursuant to subsection 1, the principal of each public high school in the district may:
- (a) Carry out a program of teen mentoring in accordance with the policy prescribed by the board of trustees pursuant to subsection 1;
- (b) Adopt other policies for the program of teen mentoring that are consistent with this section and the policy prescribed by the board of trustees pursuant to subsection 1; and
 - (c) On a date prescribed by the board of trustees, submit an annual report to the board of trustees and the Legislature that sets forth a summary of:
- (1) The specific activities of the program of teen mentoring; and
- (2) The effectiveness of the program in increasing pupil participation in school activities, community activities and all levels of government or in increasing the ability of ninth grade pupils to successfully make the transition from middle school or junior high school to high school, as applicable to the type of program in effect at the school.





- [4.] 3. If the board of trustees of a school district has not adopted a policy pursuant to subsection 1, the principal of a public high school in the district may carry out a program of teen mentoring and take any action described in paragraph (b) or (c) of subsection [3] 2 if:
- (a) The principal submits to the board of trustees for its approval a plan for such a program of teen mentoring that is consistent with the provisions of this section; and

(b) The board of trustees approves the plan.

[5.] 4. A plan submitted to a board of trustees of a school district pursuant to subsection [4] 3 shall be deemed approved if the board of trustees does not act upon the plan within 60 days after the date on which the board of trustees receives the plan.

[6.] 5. The board of trustees of each school district and each public high school may apply for and accept gifts, grants and donations from any source for the support of the board of trustees or a public high school in carrying out a program of teen mentoring pursuant to the provisions of this section. Any money received pursuant to this subsection may be used only for purposes of carrying out a program of teen mentoring pursuant to the provisions of this section.

[7.] 6. This section does not preclude a board of trustees of a school district or a public high school from continuing any other similar program of teen mentoring that exists on May 22, 2009.

Sec. 4. NRS 392.127 is hereby amended to read as follows:

392.127 The board of trustees of each school district shall provide administrative support to 1:

1. Each each advisory board to review school attendance created in its county pursuant to NRS 392.126.

[2. If applicable, each school attendance council established pursuant to NRS 392.129.]

Sec. 4.5. NRS 392.420 is hereby amended to read as follows:

392.420 1. In each school at which a school nurse is responsible for providing nursing services, the school nurse shall plan for and carry out, or supervise qualified health personnel in carrying out, a separate and careful observation and examination of every child who is regularly enrolled in a grade specified by the board of trustees or superintendent of schools of the school district in accordance with this subsection to determine whether the child has scoliosis, any visual or auditory problem, or any gross physical defect. The grades in which the observations and examinations must be carried out are as follows:

(a) For visual and auditory problems:

(1) Before the completion of the first year of initial enrollment in elementary school;



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- (2) In at least one additional grade of the elementary schools; and
- (3) In one grade of the middle or junior high schools and one grade of the high schools; and
- (b) For scoliosis, in at least one grade of schools below the high schools.
- Any person other than a school nurse, including, without limitation, a person employed at a school to provide basic first aid and health services to pupils, who performs an observation or examination pursuant to this subsection must be trained by a school nurse to conduct the observation or examination.
- 2. In addition to the requirements of subsection 1, *the board of trustees of* each school district *in a county whose population is 100,000 or more* shall conduct examinations of the height and weight of a representative sample of pupils enrolled in grades 4, 7 and 10 in the schools within the school district. In addition to those grade levels, *such* a school district may conduct examinations of the height and weight of a representative sample of pupils enrolled in other grade levels within the school district. The Health Division of the Department of Health and Human Services shall define "representative sample" in collaboration with [the] *each* school [districts] district in a county whose population is 100,000 or more for purposes of this subsection.
- 3. If any child is attending school in a grade above one of the specified grades and has not previously received such an observation and examination, the child must be included in the current schedule for observation and examination. Any child who is newly enrolled in the district must be examined for any medical condition for which children in a lower grade are examined.
- 4. A special examination for a possible visual or auditory problem must be provided for any child who:
 - (a) Is enrolled in a special program;
 - (b) Is repeating a grade;
 - (c) Has failed an examination for a visual or auditory problem during the previous school year; or
 - (d) Shows in any other way that the child may have such a problem.
 - 5. The school authorities shall notify the parent or guardian of any child who is found or believed to have scoliosis, any visual or auditory problem, or any gross physical defect, and shall recommend that appropriate medical attention be secured to correct it
 - 6. In any school district in which state, county or district public health services are available or conveniently obtainable, those services may be used to meet the responsibilities assigned under the





provisions of this section. The board of trustees of the school district may employ qualified personnel to perform them. Any nursing services provided by such qualified personnel must be performed in compliance with chapter 632 of NRS.

- 7. The board of trustees of a school district may adopt a policy which encourages the school district and schools within the school district to collaborate with:
- (a) Qualified health care providers within the community to perform, or assist in the performance of, the services required by this section; and
- (b) Postsecondary educational institutions for qualified students enrolled in such an institution in a health-related program to perform, or assist in the performance of, the services required by this section.
- 8. The school authorities shall provide notice to the parent or guardian of a child before performing on the child the examinations required by this section. The notice must inform the parent or guardian of the right to exempt the child from all or part of the examinations. Any child must be exempted from an examination if the child's parent or guardian files with the teacher a written statement objecting to the examination.
- Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, each school nurse or a designee of a school nurse, including, without limitation, a person employed at a school to provide basic first aid and health services to pupils, shall report the results of the examinations conducted pursuant to this section in each school at which he or she is responsible for providing services to the State Health Officer in the format prescribed by the State Health Officer. If a school district in a county whose population is 100,000 or more conducts examinations of the height and weight of a representative sample of pupils enrolled in grade levels other than the grade levels required by subsection 2, the results of those examinations must not be included in the report submitted to the State Health Officer. Each such report must exclude any identifying information relating to a particular child. The State Health Officer shall compile all such information the Officer receives to monitor the health status of children and shall retain the information.
 - **Sec. 5.** (Deleted by amendment.)
- **Sec. 6.** Section 38 of chapter 509, Statutes of Nevada 2011, at page 3504, is hereby amended to read as follows:
 - Sec. 38. 1. This section and section 36.7 of this act become effective upon passage and approval.
 - 2. Sections 1 to 21, inclusive, 21.5 to 36.5, inclusive, and 37 of this act become effective on July 1, 2011.





[3. Section 21.3 of this act becomes effective on July 1, 2011, for the purpose of adopting the pilot program required by that section and on July 1, 2013, for all other purposes.]

4 **Sec. 7.** 1. NRS 385.210, 386.360, 386.552, 388.1353, 5 388.1355, 388.171, 388.176, 388.181, 388.215, 389.560 and 6 392.129 are hereby repealed.

- 2. Section 7 of chapter 489, Statutes of Nevada 2003, at page 3219 is hereby repealed.
- 3. Section 6 of chapter 244, Statutes of Nevada 2009, at page 985 is hereby repealed.
- 4. Section 21.3 of chapter 509, Statutes of Nevada 2011, at page 3499 is hereby repealed.
 - **Sec. 8.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2013.

LEADLINES OF REPEALED SECTIONS OF NRS AND TEXT OF REPEALED SECTIONS OF STATUTES OF NEVADA

385.210 Form of school register; dissemination of information regarding statutes and regulations relating to schools; memorandum to school districts and charter schools; preparation and publication of Department bulletin.

386.360 Preparation of plan for implementation of statutes; transmittal of information concerning statutes to parents and teachers; rules.

386.552 Preparation of plan for implementation of statutes; written notice to parents and teachers concerning statutes and plan for implementation.

388.1353 Principal required to submit report of violations for each semester to school district; review and compilation of reports by school district; submission of compilation to Department.

388.1355 Compilation of reports by Superintendent of Public Instruction; submission of written compilation to Attorney General.

388.171 Pilot program for small learning communities required in certain schools.

388.176 Adoption of policy for peer mentoring.

388.181 Adoption of policy for pupil-led conferences.

388.215 Program of small learning communities required for ninth grade pupils enrolled in larger schools.

389.560 Reporting of results of examinations; reconciliation of number of pupils taking examinations.



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392.129 Establishment of school attendance councils; membership; duties; annual report.

Section 7 of chapter 489, Statutes of Nevada 2003:

- Sec. 7. Î. If the board of trustees of a school district provides a program of instruction based upon an alternative schedule pursuant to subsection 2 of section 2 of this act, the board of trustees shall, on or before December 31, 2004, submit a written report to the Superintendent of Public Instruction. The report must include:
 - (a) A description of the alternative schedule; and
- (b) An evaluation of the effect of the alternative schedule on the pupils, parents and legal guardians and community.
 - 2. The Superintendent of Public Instruction shall:
- (a) Compile the reports, if any, submitted pursuant to subsection 1; and
- (b) On or before February 1, 2005, submit a written report of the compilation to the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for transmission to the 73rd Session of the Nevada Legislature.

Section 6 of chapter 244, Statutes of Nevada 2009:

- Sec. 6. 1. On or before January 1, 2011, the board of trustees of each school district shall prepare and submit to the Department of Education a written report regarding the implementation of the use of environmentally sensitive cleaning and maintenance products for use in the cleaning of all floor surfaces in the public schools within the school district. The report must include, without limitation:
- (a) A description of the cleaning and maintenance products that were replaced, if any;
- (b) A description of the environmentally sensitive cleaning and maintenance products that are used in the public schools within the school district;
- (c) A description of any requests for a waiver that the school district submitted to the Department and the status of the request; and
- (d) An evaluation of the effectiveness of the use of environmentally sensitive cleaning and maintenance products on the health and safety of the pupils and school personnel in the school district.
- 2. On or before February 1, 2011, the Department of Education shall submit a written report to the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for transmission to the 76th Session of the Nevada Legislature regarding the





implementation of the use of environmentally sensitive cleaning and maintenance products in the cleaning of all floor surfaces in the public schools within the school districts in this State. The report must include, without limitation:

(a) A compilation of the reports submitted by each school

district pursuant to subsection 1; and

- (b) A description of the requests for a waiver submitted by school districts to the Department pursuant to section 3 of this act, including, without limitation:
- (1) The number of waivers that were granted by the Department and the justification for each waiver; and
- (2) The number of waivers that were denied by the Department and the reasons for each denial.

Section 21.3 of chapter 509, Statutes of Nevada 2011:

Sec. 21.3. NRS 388.215 is hereby amended to read as follows:

- 388.215 1. The board of trustees of each school district which includes at least one high school with an enrollment of 1,200 pupils or more, including pupils enrolled in ninth grade, shall adopt a [policy for each of those high schools] pilot program to provide a program of small learning communities. The [policy] pilot program must be implemented in at least 50 percent of the high schools in the school district with an enrollment of 1,200 pupils or more and must require:
- (a) Where practicable, the designation of a separate area geographically within the high school where the pupils enrolled in ninth grade attend classes;
- (b) The collection and maintenance of information relating to pupils enrolled in ninth grade, including, without limitation, credits earned, attendance, truancy and indicators that a pupil may be at risk of dropping out of high school;
- (c) Based upon the information collected pursuant to paragraph (b), the timely identification of any special needs of a pupil enrolled in ninth grade, including, without limitation, any need for programs of remedial study for a particular subject area and appropriate counseling;
- (d) Methods to increase the involvement of parents and legal guardians of pupils enrolled in ninth grade in the education of their children; and
 - (e) The assignment of:
 - (1) Guidance counselors;
 - (2) At least one licensed school administrator; and





(3) Appropriate adult mentors,

⇒ specifically for the pupils enrolled in ninth grade.

2. The principal of [each] a high school in which 1,200 pupils or more are enrolled, including pupils enrolled in ninth grade, and which the board of trustees of the school district has designated to participate in the pilot program adopted pursuant to subsection 1 shall:

(a) Carry out a program of small learning communities in accordance with the [policy prescribed by the board of trustees pursuant to subsection 1;] pilot program; and

(b) Submit an annual report, on a date prescribed by the board of trustees, that sets forth the specific strategies, programs and methods that are used to focus on the pupils enrolled in ninth grade at the school.





