

SENATE BILL NO. 467—COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

MARCH 25, 2019

Referred to Committee on Education

SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to education. (BDR S-820)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No. 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; extending the duration of the Zoom schools program; extending the duration of the Victory schools program; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

1 During the 77th Session of the Nevada Legislature, the Legislature appropriated
2 money for the Clark County School District and the Washoe County School
3 District to carry out a program of Zoom elementary schools during the 2013-2015
4 biennium to provide a comprehensive package of programs and services for
5 children who are limited English proficient (now referred to as English learners) or
6 eligible for such a designation. The other school districts and the State Public
7 Charter School Authority were also authorized to apply for a grant of money from
8 the appropriation to provide programs and services to children who were limited
9 English proficient or eligible for such a designation. (**Section 16.2** of chapter 515,
10 Statutes of Nevada 2013, p. 3418)

11 The 78th Session of the Nevada Legislature continued and expanded the Zoom
12 schools program to middle schools, junior high schools and high schools in the
13 Clark County School District and the Washoe County School District for the 2015-
14 2017 biennium through the enactment of Senate Bill No. 405. (Chapter 335,
15 Statutes of Nevada 2015, p. 1869) S.B. 405 (2015) also provided certain additional
16 requirements for the program. **Section 1** of this bill mirrors the provisions of S.B.
17 390 (2017) and extends the Zoom schools program for the 2019-2021 biennium.
18 **Section 1** requires the elementary schools, middle schools, junior high schools and
19 high schools that were identified to operate as Zoom schools for the 2017-2019
20 biennium to continue to operate as Zoom schools for the 2019-2021 biennium.

21 During the 78th Session of the Nevada Legislature (2015), the Legislature
22 passed the Victory Schools Act, which provided for the distribution of money
23 during the 2015-2017 biennium to certain underperforming public schools
24 designated as Victory schools. (Chapter 389, Statutes of Nevada 2015, p. 2197)

25 During the 79th Session of the Nevada Legislature (2017), the Legislature



26 continued the program in effect for the 2017-2019 biennium. (Chapter 344, Statutes
27 of Nevada 2019, p. 2149) **Section 2** of this bill continues the Victory Schools
28 program for the 2019-2021 biennium.

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

1 **Section 1.** 1. The elementary schools identified to operate as
2 Zoom elementary schools by the Board of Trustees of the Clark
3 County School District and the Board of Trustees of the Washoe
4 County School District for the 2017-2019 biennium shall continue
5 to operate as Zoom elementary schools for the 2019-2021 biennium.
6 2. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, the Board of
7 Trustees of the Clark County School District and the Board of
8 Trustees of the Washoe County School District shall distribute the
9 money appropriated by the 2019 Legislature to the Account for
10 Programs for Innovation and the Prevention of Remediation created
11 by NRS 387.1247 for each Zoom elementary school of those school
12 districts to:
13 (a) Provide prekindergarten programs free of charge;
14 (b) Operate reading skills centers;
15 (c) Provide professional development for teachers and other
16 licensed educational personnel regarding effective instructional
17 practices and strategies for children who are English learners;
18 (d) Offer recruitment and retention incentives for the teachers
19 and other licensed educational personnel who provide any of the
20 programs and services set forth in this subsection from the list of
21 incentives prescribed by the State Board of Education pursuant to
22 subsection 12;
23 (e) Engage and involve parents and families of children who are
24 English learners, including, without limitation, increasing effective,
25 culturally appropriate communication with and outreach to parents
26 and families to support the academic achievement of those children;
27 and
28 (f) Provide, free of charge, a summer academy or an intersession
29 academy for those schools that do not operate on a traditional school
30 calendar, including, without limitation, the provision of
31 transportation to attend the summer academy or intersession
32 academy or provide for an extended school day.
33 3. A Zoom elementary school that receives money pursuant to
34 subsection 2 shall offer each of the programs and services
35 prescribed in paragraphs (a) and (b) of that subsection, and one of
36 the programs prescribed in paragraph (f) of that subsection, so the
37 Zoom elementary school may offer a comprehensive package of



1 programs and services for pupils who are English learners. A Zoom
2 elementary school:

3 (a) Shall not use the money for any other purpose or use more
4 than 5 percent of the money for the purposes described in
5 paragraphs (c), (d) and (e) of subsection 2; and

6 (b) May only use the money for the purposes described in
7 paragraphs (c), (d) and (e) of subsection 2 if the board of trustees of
8 the school district determines that such a use will not negatively
9 impact the services provided to pupils enrolled in a Zoom
10 elementary school.

11 4. A reading skills center operated by a Zoom elementary
12 school must provide:

13 (a) Support at the Zoom elementary school in the assessment of
14 reading and literacy problems and language acquisition barriers for
15 pupils;

16 (b) Instructional intervention to enable pupils to overcome such
17 problems and barriers by the completion of grade 3; and

18 (c) Instructional intervention to enable pupils enrolled in grade 4
19 or 5 who were not able to overcome such problems and barriers by
20 the completion of grade 3 to overcome them as soon as practicable.

21 5. The middle schools, junior high schools or high schools
22 identified to operate as Zoom middle schools, junior high schools or
23 high schools by the Board of Trustees of the Clark County School
24 District and the Board of Trustees of the Washoe County School
25 District for the 2017-2019 biennium shall continue to operate as
26 Zoom middle schools, junior high schools and high schools, as
27 applicable, for the 2019-2021 biennium.

28 6. The Clark County School District and the Washoe County
29 School District shall distribute the money appropriated by the 2019
30 Legislature to the Account for Programs for Innovation and the
31 Prevention of Remediation for each Zoom middle school, junior
32 high school and high school of those school districts to carry out one
33 or more of the following:

34 (a) Reduce class sizes for pupils who are English learners and
35 provide English language literacy based classes;

36 (b) Provide direct instructional intervention to each pupil who is
37 an English learner using the data available from applicable
38 assessments of that pupil;

39 (c) Provide professional development for teachers and other
40 licensed educational personnel regarding effective instructional
41 practices and strategies for pupils who are English learners;

42 (d) Offer recruitment and retention incentives for teachers and
43 other licensed educational personnel who provide any of the
44 programs and services set forth in this subsection from the list of



1 incentives prescribed by the State Board of Education pursuant to
2 subsection 12;

3 (e) Engage and involve parents and families of pupils who are
4 English learners, including, without limitation, increasing effective,
5 culturally appropriate communication with and outreach to parents
6 and families to support the academic achievement of those pupils;

7 (f) Provide other evidence-based programs and services that are
8 approved by the Department of Education and that are designed to
9 meet the specific needs of pupils enrolled in the school who are
10 English learners;

11 (g) Provide, free of charge, a summer academy or an
12 intersession academy for those schools that do not operate on a
13 traditional school calendar, including, without limitation, the
14 provision of transportation to attend the summer academy or
15 intersession academy; and

16 (h) Provide for an extended school day.

17 ➤ The Clark County School District and the Washoe County School
18 District shall not use more than 5 percent of the money for the
19 purposes described in paragraphs (c), (d) and (e) and may only use
20 the money for the purposes described in paragraphs (c), (d) and (e)
21 if the board of trustees of the school district determines that such use
22 will not negatively impact the services provided to pupils enrolled in
23 a Zoom middle school, junior high school or high school.

24 7. On or before August 1, 2019, the Clark County School
25 District and the Washoe County School District shall each provide a
26 report to the Department of Education which includes:

27 (a) The names of the elementary schools operating as Zoom
28 schools pursuant to subsection 1 and the plan of each such school
29 for carrying out the programs and services prescribed by paragraphs
30 (a) to (f), inclusive, of subsection 2;

31 (b) The names of the middle schools, junior high schools and
32 high schools operating as Zoom schools pursuant to subsection 5
33 and the plan of each school for carrying out the programs and
34 services described in paragraphs (a) to (h), inclusive, of subsection
35 6; and

36 (c) Evidence of the progress of pupils at each Zoom school, as
37 measured by common standards and assessments, including, without
38 limitation, interim assessments identified by the State Board of
39 Education, if the State Board has identified such assessments.

40 8. From the money appropriated by the 2019 Legislature to the
41 Account for Programs for Innovation and the Prevention of
42 Remediation for Zoom schools or charter schools or school districts
43 other than the Clark County School District or Washoe County
44 School District, the Department of Education shall provide grants of
45 money to the sponsors of such charter schools and the school



1 districts. The sponsor of such a charter school and the board of
2 trustees of such a school district may submit an application to the
3 Department on a form prescribed by the Department that includes,
4 without limitation:

5 (a) The number of pupils in the school district or charter school,
6 as applicable, who are English learners or eligible for designation as
7 English learners; and

8 (b) A description of the programs and services the school district
9 or charter school, as applicable, will provide with a grant of money,
10 which may include, without limitation:

11 (1) The creation or expansion of high-quality,
12 developmentally appropriate prekindergarten programs, free of
13 charge, that will increase enrollment of children who are English
14 learners;

15 (2) The acquisition and implementation of empirically
16 proven assessment tools to determine the reading level of pupils
17 who are English learners and technology-based tools, such as
18 software, designed to support the learning of pupils who are English
19 learners;

20 (3) Professional development for teachers and other
21 educational personnel regarding effective instructional practices and
22 strategies for children who are English learners;

23 (4) The provision of programs and services for pupils who
24 are English learners, free of charge, before and after school, during
25 the summer or intersession for those schools that do not operate on a
26 traditional school calendar, including, without limitation, the
27 provision of transportation to attend the summer academy or
28 intersession academy;

29 (5) Engaging and involving parents and families of children
30 who are English learners, including, without limitation, increasing
31 effective, culturally appropriate communication with and outreach
32 to parents and families to support the academic achievement of
33 those children;

34 (6) Offering recruitment and retention incentives for the
35 teachers and other licensed educational personnel who provide any
36 of the programs and services set forth in this subsection from the list
37 of incentives prescribed by the State Board of Education pursuant to
38 subsection 12; and

39 (7) Provide other evidence-based programs and services that
40 are approved by the Department and that are designed to meet the
41 specific needs of pupils enrolled in the school who are English
42 learners.

43 9. The Department of Education shall award grants of money
44 to school districts and the sponsors of charter schools that submit
45 applications pursuant to subsection 8 based upon the number of



1 pupils enrolled in each such school district or charter school, as
2 applicable, who are English learners or eligible for designation as
3 English learners, and not on a competitive basis.

4 10. A school district and a sponsor of a charter school that
5 receives a grant of money pursuant to subsection 8:

6 (a) Shall not use more than 5 percent of the money for the
7 purposes described in subparagraphs (3), (5) and (6) of paragraph
8 (b) of subsection 8 and may only use the money for the purposes
9 described in subparagraphs (3), (5) and (6) of paragraph (b) of
10 subsection 8 if the board of trustees of the school district or the
11 governing body of the charter school, as applicable, determines that
12 such a use would not negatively impact the services provided to
13 pupils enrolled in the school.

14 (b) Shall provide a report to the Department of Education in the
15 form prescribed by the Department with the information required for
16 the Department's report pursuant to subsection 15.

17 11. On or before August 17, 2019, the Department of
18 Education shall submit a report to the State Board of Education and
19 the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for transmittal to the
20 Interim Finance Committee which includes:

21 (a) The information reported by the Clark County School
22 District and the Washoe County School District pursuant to
23 subsection 7; and

24 (b) The school districts and charter schools for which a grant of
25 money is approved pursuant to subsection 9 and the plan of each
26 such school district and charter school for carrying out programs
27 and services with the grant money, including, without limitation,
28 any programs and services described in subparagraphs (1) to (7),
29 inclusive, of paragraph (b) of subsection 8.

30 12. The State Board of Education shall prescribe:

31 (a) A list of recruitment and retention incentives for the school
32 districts and the sponsors of charter schools that receive a
33 distribution of money pursuant to this section to offer to teachers
34 and other licensed educational personnel pursuant to paragraph (d)
35 of subsection 2, paragraph (d) of subsection 6 and subparagraph (6)
36 of paragraph (b) of subsection 8; and

37 (b) Criteria and procedures to notify a school district or a charter
38 school that receives money pursuant to this section if the school
39 district or charter school is not implementing the programs and
40 services for which the money was received in accordance with the
41 applicable requirements of this section or in accordance with the
42 performance levels prescribed by the State Board pursuant to
43 subsection 13, including, without limitation, a plan of corrective
44 action for the school district or charter school to follow to meet the
45 requirements of this section or the performance levels.



1 13. The State Board of Education shall prescribe statewide
2 performance levels and outcome indicators to measure the
3 effectiveness of the programs and services for which money is
4 received by the school districts and charter schools pursuant to this
5 section. The performance levels must establish minimum expected
6 levels of performance on a yearly basis based upon the performance
7 results of children who participate in the programs and services. The
8 outcome indicators must be designed to track short-term and long-
9 term impacts on the progress of children who participate in the
10 programs and services, including, without limitation:

11 (a) The number of children who participated;

12 (b) The extent to which the children who participated improved
13 their English language proficiency and literacy levels compared to
14 other children who are English learners or eligible for such a
15 designation who did not participate in the programs and services;
16 and

17 (c) To the extent that a valid comparison may be established, a
18 comparison of the academic achievement and growth in the subject
19 areas of English language arts and mathematics of children who
20 participated in the programs and services to other children who are
21 English learners or eligible for such a designation who did not
22 participate in the programs and services.

23 14. The Department of Education shall contract for an
24 independent evaluation of the effectiveness of the programs and
25 services offered by each Zoom elementary school pursuant to
26 subsection 2, each Zoom middle school, junior high school and high
27 school pursuant to subsection 6 and the programs and services
28 offered by the other school districts and the charter schools pursuant
29 to subsection 8.

30 15. The Clark County School District, the Washoe County
31 School District and the Department of Education shall each prepare
32 an annual report that includes, without limitation:

33 (a) An identification of the schools that received money from
34 the School District or a grant of money from the Department, as
35 applicable.

36 (b) How much money each such school received.

37 (c) A description of the programs or services for which the
38 money was used by each such school.

39 (d) The number of children who participated in a program or
40 received services.

41 (e) The average per-child expenditure per program or service
42 that was funded.

43 (f) For the report prepared by the School Districts, an evaluation
44 of the effectiveness of such programs and services, including,
45 without limitation, data regarding the academic and linguistic



1 achievement and proficiency of children who participated in the
2 programs or received services.

3 (g) Any recommendations for legislation, including, without
4 limitation:

5 (1) For the continuation or expansion of programs and
6 services that are identified as effective in improving the academic
7 and linguistic achievement and proficiency of children who are
8 English learners.

9 (2) A plan for transitioning the funding for providing the
10 programs and services set forth in this section to pupils who are
11 English learners from categorical funding to a weighted per pupil
12 formula within the Nevada Plan.

13 (h) For the report prepared by the Department, in addition to the
14 information reported for paragraphs (a) to (e), inclusive, and
15 paragraph (g):

16 (1) The results of the independent evaluation required by
17 subsection 14 of the effectiveness of the programs and services,
18 including, without limitation, data regarding the academic and
19 linguistic achievement and proficiency of children who participated
20 in a program or received a service;

21 (2) Whether a school district or charter school was notified
22 that it was not implementing the programs and services for which it
23 received money pursuant to this section in accordance with the
24 applicable requirements of this section or in accordance with the
25 performance levels prescribed by the State Board of Education
26 pursuant to subsection 13 and the status of such a school district or
27 charter school, if any, in complying with a plan for corrective
28 action; and

29 (3) Whether each school district or charter school that
30 received money pursuant to this section met the performance
31 levels prescribed by the State Board of Education pursuant to
32 subsection 13.

33 16. The annual report prepared by the Clark County School
34 District and the Washoe County School District pursuant to
35 subsection 15 must be submitted to the Department of Education on
36 or before June 1, 2020, and January 16, 2021, respectively. The
37 Department shall submit the information reported by those school
38 districts and the information prepared by the Department pursuant to
39 subsection 15:

40 (a) On or before June 15, 2020, to the State Board of Education
41 and the Legislative Committee on Education.

42 (b) On or before February 1, 2021, to the State Board of
43 Education and the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for
44 transmittal to the 81st Session of the Nevada Legislature.



1 17. The Department of Education may require a Zoom school
2 or other public school that receives money pursuant to this section to
3 provide a report to the Department on:

4 (a) The number of vacancies, if any, in full-time licensed
5 educational personnel at the school;

6 (b) The number of probationary employees, if any, employed at
7 the school;

8 (c) The number, if any, of persons who are employed at the
9 school as substitute teachers for 20 consecutive days or more in the
10 same classroom or assignment and designated as long-term
11 substitute teachers; and

12 (d) Any other information relating to the personnel at the school
13 as requested by the Department.

14 18. The money appropriated by the 2019 Legislature to the
15 Account for Programs for Innovation and the Prevention of
16 Remediation for Zoom schools must be accounted for separately
17 from any other money received by school districts or charter schools
18 of this State and used only for the purposes specified in this section.

19 19. Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (d) of
20 subsection 2, paragraph (d) of subsection 6 and subparagraph (6) of
21 paragraph (b) of subsection 8, the money appropriated by the 2019
22 Legislature to the Account for Programs for Innovation and the
23 Prevention of Remediation for Zoom schools:

24 (a) May not be used to settle or arbitrate disputes between a
25 recognized organization representing employees of a school district
26 and the school district, or to settle any negotiations.

27 (b) May not be used to adjust the district-wide schedules of
28 salaries and benefits of the employees of a school district.

29 20. Upon request of the Legislative Commission, the Clark
30 County School District and the Washoe County School District shall
31 make available to the Legislative Auditor any of the books,
32 accounts, claims, reports, vouchers or other records of information,
33 confidential or otherwise, regardless of their form or location, that
34 the Legislative Auditor deems necessary to conduct an audit of the
35 use of the money distributed by the 2019 Legislature to the Account
36 for Programs for Innovation and the Prevention of Remediation for
37 Zoom schools.

38 21. As used in this section:

39 (a) "English learner" has the meaning ascribed to it in 20 U.S.C.
40 § 7801(20).

41 (b) "Probationary employee" has the meaning ascribed to it in
42 NRS 391.650.

43 **Sec. 2.** 1. The Department of Education shall, in consultation
44 with the board of trustees of a school district, designate a public
45 school as a Victory school if, relative to other public schools,



1 including charter schools, that are located in the school district in
2 which the school is also located:

3 (a) A high percentage of pupils enrolled in the school live in
4 households that have household incomes that are less than the
5 federally designated level signifying poverty, based on the most
6 recent data compiled by the Bureau of the Census of the United
7 States Department of Commerce; and

8 (b) The school received one of the two lowest possible ratings
9 indicating underperformance of a public school, as determined by
10 the Department pursuant to the statewide system of accountability
11 for public schools, for the immediately preceding school year.

12 ➤ The designation of a public school as a Victory school pursuant
13 to this subsection must be made in consultation with the board of
14 trustees of the school district in which the prospective Victory
15 school is located.

16 2. The Department shall designate each Victory school for the
17 2019-2020 Fiscal Year on or before June 1, 2019.

18 3. The Department shall transfer money from the Account for
19 Programs for Innovation and the Prevention of Remediation created
20 by NRS 387.1247 to each school district in which a Victory school
21 is designated and each sponsor of a charter school that is designated
22 as a Victory school on a per pupil basis. The amount distributed per
23 pupil must be determined by dividing the amount of money
24 appropriated to the Account by the 2019 Legislature for Victory
25 schools by the total number of pupils who are enrolled in Victory
26 schools statewide. After receiving money from the Account
27 pursuant to this subsection:

28 (a) A school district shall distribute the money to each Victory
29 school in the school district on a per pupil basis.

30 (b) A sponsor of a charter school shall distribute the money to
31 each Victory school that it sponsors on a per pupil basis.

32 4. The board of trustees of each school district in which a
33 Victory school is located and the governing body of each charter
34 school that is designated as a Victory school shall, as soon as
35 practicable after the school is designated as a Victory school,
36 conduct an assessment of the needs of pupils that attend the school.
37 The assessment must include soliciting input from the community
38 served by the Victory school and identify any barriers to improving
39 pupil achievement and school performance and strategies to meet
40 the needs of pupils at the school.

41 5. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 7, on or before
42 August 15, 2019, the board of trustees of each school district in
43 which a Victory school is designated for the 2019-2020 Fiscal Year
44 and the governing body of each charter school that is designated as a
45 Victory school for the 2019-2020 Fiscal Year shall submit to the



1 Department a comprehensive plan for meeting the educational needs
2 of pupils enrolled in each Victory school. The board of trustees of
3 each school district in which a Victory school is designated and the
4 governing body of each charter school that is designated as a
5 Victory school shall select at least one person who is familiar with
6 the public schools in the school district or with the charter school,
7 respectively, to assist with the development of the plan. The plan
8 must:

9 (a) Include appropriate means to determine the effectiveness of
10 the plan;

11 (b) Be based on the assessment of the needs of the pupils who
12 attend the school conducted pursuant to subsection 4;

13 (c) Analyze available data concerning pupil achievement and
14 school performance, including, without limitation, data collected
15 and maintained in the statewide system of accountability for public
16 schools and other pupil achievement data collected and maintained
17 by the school district or charter school;

18 (d) Include a description of the criteria used to select entities to
19 provide programs and services to pupils enrolled in the Victory
20 school;

21 (e) Include a description of the manner in which the school
22 district or governing body will collaborate with selected entities so
23 that academic programs and services and nonacademic programs
24 and services, including, without limitation, transportation services,
25 may be offered without charge to support pupils and their families
26 within the region in which the school is located;

27 (f) Take into account the number and types of pupils who attend
28 the school and the locations where such pupils reside;

29 (g) Provide for the coordination of the existing or planned
30 engagement of other persons who provide services in the region in
31 which the school is located;

32 (h) Coordinate all funding available to each school that is
33 subject to the plan;

34 (i) Provide for the coordination of all available resources to each
35 school that is subject to the plan, including, without limitation,
36 instructional materials and textbooks;

37 (j) Identify, for each school or group of schools subject to the
38 plan, which of the measures described in subsection 8 will be
39 implemented; and

40 (k) Identify the person or persons selected pursuant to this
41 subsection who assisted with the development of the plan.

42 6. The Department shall review each plan submitted pursuant
43 to subsection 5 to determine whether, or the extent to which, the
44 plan complies with the requirements of this section and either
45 approve or request revisions to the plan.



1 7. If the board of trustees of a school district in which a Victory
2 school is designated or the governing body of a charter school that is
3 designated as a Victory school does not submit a comprehensive
4 plan for meeting the educational needs of pupils enrolled in each
5 Victory school on or before August 15, 2019, as required pursuant
6 to subsection 5, the board of trustees of the school district or the
7 governing body of the charter school, as applicable, may submit to
8 the Department a letter of intent to meet the educational needs of
9 pupils enrolled in each Victory school. The letter must include,
10 without limitation:

11 (a) An initial assessment of the needs of the pupils who attend
12 the school which is conducted pursuant to subsection 4;

13 (b) An analysis of available data concerning pupil achievement
14 and school performance, including, without limitation, data
15 collected and maintained in the statewide system of accountability
16 for public schools and data collected and maintained by the school
17 district or charter school; and

18 (c) A summary of activities that the board of trustees or
19 governing body, as applicable, will take to ensure completion of the
20 comprehensive plan required pursuant to subsection 5 by not later
21 than September 15, 2019.

22 8. A Victory school shall use the majority of the money
23 distributed pursuant to subsection 3 to provide one or more of the
24 following:

25 (a) A prekindergarten program free of charge, if such a program
26 is not paid for by another grant.

27 (b) A summer academy or other instruction for pupils free of
28 charge at times during the year when school is not in session.

29 (c) Additional instruction or other learning opportunities free of
30 charge at times of day when school is not in session.

31 (d) Professional development for teachers and other educational
32 personnel concerning instructional practices and strategies that have
33 proven to be an effective means to increase pupil achievement in
34 populations of pupils similar to those served by the school.

35 (e) Incentives for hiring and retaining teachers and other
36 licensed educational personnel who provide any of the programs or
37 services set forth in this subsection from the list prescribed by the
38 State Board of Education pursuant to subsection 14.

39 (f) Employment of paraprofessionals, other educational
40 personnel and other persons who provide any of the programs or
41 services set forth in this subsection.

42 (g) Reading skills centers.

43 (h) Integrated student supports, wrap-around services and
44 evidence-based programs designed to meet the needs of pupils who



1 attend the school, as determined using the assessment conducted
2 pursuant to subsection 4.

3 9. A Victory school may use any money distributed pursuant to
4 subsection 3 that is not used for the purposes described in
5 subsection 8 to:

6 (a) Provide evidence-based social, psychological or health care
7 services to pupils and their families;

8 (b) Provide programs and services designed to engage parents
9 and families;

10 (c) Provide programs to improve school climate and culture;

11 (d) If the Victory school is a high school, provide additional
12 instruction or other learning opportunities for pupils and
13 professional development for teachers at an elementary school,
14 middle school or junior high school that is located within the zone
15 of attendance of the high school and is not also designated as a
16 Victory school; or

17 (e) Any combination thereof.

18 10. A Victory school shall not use any money distributed
19 pursuant to subsection 3 for a purpose not described in subsection 8
20 or 9.

21 11. Any programs offered at a Victory school pursuant to
22 subsection 8 or 9 must:

23 (a) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (d) of subsection
24 9, be designed to meet the needs of pupils at the school, as
25 determined using the assessment conducted pursuant to subsection 4
26 and to improve pupil achievement and school performance, as
27 determined using the measures prescribed by the State Board of
28 Education; and

29 (b) Be based on scientific research concerning effective
30 practices to increase the achievement of pupils who live in poverty.

31 12. Each plan to improve the achievement of pupils enrolled in
32 a Victory school that is prepared by the principal of the school
33 pursuant to NRS 385A.650 must describe how the school will use
34 the money distributed pursuant to subsection 3 to meet the needs of
35 pupils who attend the school, as determined using the assessment
36 described in subsection 4 and the requirements of this section.

37 13. The Department shall contract with an independent
38 evaluator to evaluate the effectiveness of programs and services
39 provided pursuant to this section. The evaluation must include,
40 without limitation, consideration of the achievement of pupils who
41 have participated in such programs and received such services.
42 When complete, the evaluation must be provided
43 contemporaneously to the Department and the Legislative
44 Committee on Education.



1 14. The State Board of Education shall prescribe a list of
2 recruitment and retention incentives that are available to the school
3 districts and sponsors of charter schools that receive a distribution of
4 money pursuant to this section to offer to teachers and other licensed
5 educational personnel.

6 15. The State Board shall require a Victory school to take
7 corrective action if pupil achievement and school performance at the
8 school are unsatisfactory, as determined by the State Board. If
9 unsatisfactory pupil achievement and school performance continue,
10 the State Board may direct the Department to withhold any
11 additional money that would otherwise be distributed pursuant to
12 this section.

13 16. On or before November 30, 2020, and November 30, 2021,
14 the board of trustees of each school district in which a Victory
15 school is designated and the governing body of each charter school
16 that is designated as a Victory school shall submit to the Department
17 and to the Legislative Committee on Education a report, which must
18 include, without limitation:

19 (a) An identification of schools to which money was distributed
20 pursuant to subsection 3 for the previous fiscal year;

21 (b) The amount of money distributed to each such school;

22 (c) A description of the programs or services for which the
23 money was used;

24 (d) The number of pupils who participated in such programs or
25 received such services;

26 (e) The average expenditure per pupil for each program or
27 service that was funded; and

28 (f) Recommendations concerning the manner in which the
29 average expenditure per pupil reported pursuant to paragraph (e)
30 may be used to determine formulas for allocating money from the
31 State Distributive School Account in the State General Fund.

32 17. The Legislative Committee on Education shall consider the
33 evaluations of the independent evaluator received pursuant to
34 subsection 13 and the reports received pursuant to subsection 16 and
35 advise the State Board regarding any action the Committee
36 determines appropriate for the State Board to take based upon that
37 information. The Committee shall also make any recommendations
38 it deems appropriate concerning Victory schools to the next regular
39 session of the Legislature which may include, without limitation,
40 recommendations for legislation.

41 18. The money distributed pursuant to subsection 3:

42 (a) Must be accounted for separately from any other money
43 received by Victory schools and used only for the purposes
44 specified in this section;



1 (b) May not be used to settle or arbitrate disputes between a
2 recognized organization representing employees of a school district
3 or the governing body of a charter school and the school district or
4 governing body or to settle any negotiations; and

5 (c) May not be used to adjust the district-wide schedules of
6 salaries and benefits of the employees of a school district.

7 19. Upon request of the Legislative Commission, a Victory
8 school to which money is distributed pursuant to subsection 3 shall
9 make available to the Legislative Auditor any of the books,
10 accounts, claims, reports, vouchers or other records of information,
11 confidential or otherwise, regardless of their form or location, that
12 the Legislative Auditor deems necessary to conduct an audit of the
13 use of such money.

14 20. As used in this section:

15 (a) "Community" includes any person or governmental entity
16 who resides or has a significant presence in the geographic area in
17 which a school is located or who interacts with pupils and personnel
18 at a school, and may include, without limitation, parents, businesses,
19 nonprofit organizations, faith-based organizations, community
20 groups, teachers, administrators and governmental entities.

21 (b) "Integrated student supports" means supports developed,
22 secured or coordinated by a school to promote the academic success
23 of pupils enrolled in the school by targeting academic and
24 nonacademic barriers to pupil achievement.

25 (c) "Victory school" means a school that is so designated by the
26 Department pursuant to subsection 1.

27 (d) "Wrap-around services" means supplemental services
28 provided to a pupil with special needs or the family of such a pupil
29 that are not otherwise covered by any federal or state program of
30 assistance.

31 **Sec. 3.** (Deleted by amendment.)

32 **Sec. 4.** The provisions of subsection 1 of NRS 218D.380 do
33 not apply to any provision of this act which adds or revises a
34 requirement to submit a report to the Legislature.

35 **Sec. 5.** 1. This act becomes effective upon passage and
36 approval.

37 2. This act expires by limitation on June 30, 2021.



