SENATE BILL NO. 544–COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

MAY 30, 2017

Referred to Committee on Finance

SUMMARY—Ensures sufficient funding for K-12 public education for the 2017-2019 biennium. (BDR 34-1189)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No. Effect on the State: Contains Appropriation included in Executive Budget.

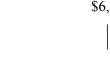
EXPLANATION - Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets {omitted material} is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to education; ensuring sufficient funding for K-12 public education for the 2017-2019 biennium; apportioning the State Distributive School Account in the State General Fund for the 2017-2019 biennium; authorizing certain expenditures; making appropriations for purposes relating to basic support, class-size reduction and other educational purposes; temporarily diverting the money from the State Supplemental School Support Account to the State Distributive School Account for use in funding operating costs and other expenditures of school districts and charter schools; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

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

Section 1. The basic support guarantee for school districts and charter schools for operating purposes for Fiscal Year 2017-2018 is an estimated weighted average of \$5,897 per pupil. For each respective school district, the basic support guarantee per pupil for Fiscal Year 2017-2018 is:

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\$7.102

\$7,094 \$5,700



1	Elko	\$8,073
2	Esmeralda	\$21,469
3	Eureka	\$14,333
4	Humboldt	\$7,430
5	Lander	\$6,693
6	Lincoln	\$10,790
7	Lyon	\$7,400
8	Mineral	\$9,602
9	Nye	\$8,257
10	Pershing	\$9,412
11	Storey	\$8,306
12	Washoe	\$5,677
13	White Pine	\$8,257
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14 Sec. 2. 1. The basic support guarantee for school districts 15 and charter schools for operating purposes for Fiscal Year 2018-16 2019 is an estimated weighted average of \$5,967 per pupil.

2. On or before April 1, 2018, the Executive Director of the Department of Taxation shall provide to the Superintendent of Public Instruction the certified total of the amount of ad valorem taxes to be received by each school district for Fiscal Year 2018-2019 pursuant to the levy imposed under subsection 1 of NRS 387.195 and credited to the county's school district fund pursuant to subsection 4 of that section.

3. Pursuant to NRS 362.115, on or before March 15 of each year, the Department of Taxation shall provide the estimates required by that section.

4. For the purposes of establishing the basic support guarantee, the estimated basic support guarantee per pupil for each school district for Fiscal Year 2018-2019 for operating purposes are:

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31		Basic		Estimated
32		Support		Basic
33		Guarantee	Estimated	Support
34		Before	Ad Valorem	Guarantee
35	School District	<u>Adjustment</u>	<u>Adjustment</u>	as Adjusted
36	Carson City	\$6,363	\$830	\$7,193
37	Churchill	\$6,233	\$969	\$7,202
38	Clark	\$4,901	\$878	\$5,779
39	Douglas	\$4,058	\$2,276	\$6,334
40	Elko	\$7,123	\$1,006	\$8,129
41	Esmeralda	\$16,926	\$4,850	\$21,776
42	Eureka	\$(7,549)	\$22,036	\$14,487
43	Humboldt	\$5,465	\$1,914	\$7,379
44	Lander	\$(2,187)	\$7,091	\$4,904
45	Lincoln	\$9,861	\$1,046	\$10,907
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1	Lyon	\$6,706	\$781	\$7,487
2	Mineral	\$8,481	\$1,244	\$9,725
3	Nye	\$6,898	\$1,380	\$8,278
4	Pershing	\$6,881	\$2,380	\$9,261
5	Storey	\$1,681	\$6,602	\$8,283
6	Washoe	\$4,700	\$1,037	\$5,737
7	White Pine	\$7,025	\$1,299	\$8,324
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9 5. The ad valorem adjustment may be made only to take into 10 account the difference in the ad valorem taxes to be received and the estimated enrollment of the school district between the amount 11 estimated as of March 1, 2017, and the amount estimated as of 12 March 1, 2018, for Fiscal Year 2018-2019. The estimates received 13 14 from the Department of Taxation on or before March 15 pursuant to 15 subsection 3 must be taken into consideration in determining the 16 adjustment.

17 6. Upon receipt of the certified total of ad valorem taxes to be 18 received by each school district for Fiscal Year 2018-2019 pursuant to subsection 2, the Superintendent of Public Instruction shall 19 20 recalculate the ad valorem adjustment and the tentative basic support guarantee for operating purposes for each school district for 21 22 Fiscal Year 2018-2019 based on the certified total of ad valorem taxes provided by the Executive Director of the Department of 23 24 Taxation pursuant to subsection 2. The final basic support guarantee 25 for each school district for Fiscal Year 2018-2019 is the amount 26 which is recalculated for Fiscal Year 2018-2019 pursuant to this 27 section, taking into consideration the estimates received from the Department of Taxation pursuant to NRS 362.115 on or before 28 29 March 15, 2018. The basic support guarantee recalculated pursuant 30 to this section must be calculated on or before May 31, 2018.

31 Sec. 3. 1. There is hereby appropriated from the State 32 General Fund to the State Distributive School Account created by 33 NRS 387.030:

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For the Fiscal Year 2017-2018......\$1,192,420,159 For the Fiscal Year 2018-2019......\$1,181,785,421

2. The money appropriated by subsection 1 must be:

(a) Expended in accordance with NRS 353.150 to 353.246,
 inclusive, concerning the allotment, transfer, work program and
 budget; and

40 (b) Work-programmed for the 2 separate fiscal years of the 41 2017-2019 biennium, as required by NRS 353.215. Work programs 42 may be revised with the approval of the Governor upon the 43 recommendation of the Director of the Office of Finance in the 44 Office of the Governor.





1 3. Transfers to and allotments from must be allowed and made 2 in accordance with NRS 353.215 to 353.225, inclusive, after 3 separate consideration of the merits of each request.

4 The money appropriated by subsection 1 is available for 4. 5 either fiscal year or may be transferred to Fiscal Year 2016-2017. 6 Money may be transferred from one fiscal year to another with the 7 approval of the Governor upon the recommendation of the Director 8 of the Office of Finance in the Office of the Governor. If any money 9 appropriated by subsection 1 is transferred to Fiscal Year 2016-10 2017, any remaining funds in the State Distributive School Account 11 after all obligations have been met that are not subject to reversion 12 to the State General Fund must be transferred back to Fiscal Year 13 2017-2018. Any amount transferred back to Fiscal Year 2017-2018 14 must not exceed the amount originally transferred to Fiscal Year 15 2016-2017.

16 5. Any remaining balance of the appropriation made by 17 subsection 1 for Fiscal Year 2017-2018 must be transferred and 18 added to the money appropriated for Fiscal Year 2018-2019 and 19 may be expended as that money is expended.

6. Any remaining balance of the appropriation made by subsection 1 for Fiscal Year 2018-2019, including any money added thereto pursuant to the provisions of subsections 3 and 5, must not be committed for expenditure after June 30, 2019, and must be reverted to the State General Fund on or before September 20, 2019.

Sec. 4. 1. Expenditure of \$390,911,494 by the Department of Education from money in the State Distributive School Account that was not appropriated from the State General Fund is hereby authorized during Fiscal Year 2017-2018.

29 2. Expenditure of \$405,255,743 by the Department of 30 Education from money in the State Distributive School Account that 31 was not appropriated from the State General Fund is hereby 32 authorized during Fiscal Year 2018-2019.

33 3. For the purposes of accounting and reporting, the sums 34 authorized for expenditure by subsections 1 and 2 are considered to 35 be expended before any appropriation is made to the State 36 Distributive School Account from the State General Fund.

4. The money authorized to be expended by subsections 1 and must be expended in accordance with NRS 353.150 to 353.246, inclusive, concerning the allotment, transfer, work program and budget. Transfers to and allotments from must be allowed and made in accordance with NRS 353.215 to 353.225, inclusive, after separate consideration of the merits of each request.

43 5. The Director of the Office of Finance in the Office of the 44 Governor may, with the approval of the Governor, authorize 45 the augmentation of the amounts authorized for expenditure by the



1 Department of Education in subsections 1 and 2, for the purpose of 2 meeting obligations of the State incurred under chapter 387 of NRS 3 with amounts from any other state agency, from any agency of local 4 government, from any agency of the Federal Government or from 5 any other source that he or she determines is in excess of the amount 6 taken into consideration by this act. The Director of the Office of 7 Finance shall reduce any authorization whenever he or she 8 determines that money to be received will be less than the amount 9 authorized in subsections 1 and 2.

10 Sec. 5. During each fiscal year of the 2017-2019 biennium. whenever the State Controller finds that current claims against the 11 12 State Distributive School Account exceed the amount available in 13 the Account to pay those claims, the State Controller may advance 14 temporarily from the State General Fund to the State Distributive 15 School Account the amount required to pay the claims, but not more 16 than the amount expected to be received in the current fiscal year 17 from any source authorized for the State Distributive School 18 Account. No amount may be transferred unless requested by the 19 Director of the Office of Finance in the Office of the Governor.

20 Sec. 6. The amounts of the guarantees set forth in sections 1 21 and 2 of this act may be reduced to effectuate a reserve required 22 pursuant to NRS 353.225.

23 Sec. 7. 1. The Department of Education shall transfer from 24 the State Distributive School Account the following sums for 25 students with disabilities:

26 27 For the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 \$186,670,566 For the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 \$199,819,875

28 2. The money transferred by subsection 1 must be used only to 29 fund the school districts and charter schools for the enrollment of 30 pupils with disabilities in accordance with the funding multiplier 31 calculated by the Department of Education pursuant to subsection 3 32 of NRS 387.122.

33 Sec. 8. 1. The Department of Education shall transfer from 34 the State Distributive School Account the following sums for 35 special transportation costs to school districts:

36 37 For the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 \$128,541 For the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 \$128,541

2. Pursuant to NRS 392.015, the Department of Education shall use the money transferred in subsection 1 to reimburse school districts for the additional costs of transportation for any pupil to a school outside the school district in which his or her residence is located.

43 3. Any remaining balance of the sums transferred by
44 subsection 1 for Fiscal Year 2017-2018 and Fiscal Year 2018-2019
45 must not be committed for expenditure after June 30 of each fiscal





year and must be reverted to the State General Fund on or before
 September 21, 2018, and September 20, 2019, for each fiscal year
 respectively.

Sec. 9. 1. The Department of Education shall transfer from the State Distributive School Account to the school districts the following sums for the National School Lunch Program state match requirement pursuant to NRS 387.105 to reimburse school districts for the costs of providing meals pursuant to 42 U.S.C. §§ 1751 et seq.:

10 11 For the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 \$588,732 For the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 \$588,732

2. Any remaining balance of the sums transferred by subsection 1 for Fiscal Year 2017-2018 and Fiscal Year 2018-2019 must not be committed for expenditure after June 30 of each fiscal year and must be reverted to the State General Fund on or before September 21, 2018, and September 20, 2019, for each fiscal year respectively.

18 **Sec. 10.** Each school district shall expend the revenue made 19 available through this act, as well as other revenue from state, local and federal sources, in a manner which is consistent with NRS 20 21 288.150 and which is designed to attain the goals of the Legislature 22 regarding educational reform in this State, especially with regard to assisting pupils in need of remediation and pupils who are not 23 24 proficient in the English language. Materials and supplies for 25 classrooms are subject to negotiation by employers with recognized 26 employee organizations.

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Sec. 11. The Legislature hereby finds and declares that:

1. Available money is estimated to provide a sufficient number of licensed teachers to achieve in each school district pupil-teacher ratios of 17 pupils per licensed teacher in grades 1 and 2 in Fiscal Year 2017-2018 and Fiscal Year 2018-2019, and to achieve a pupilteacher ratio of 20 pupils per licensed teacher in grade 3 in Fiscal Year 2017-2018 and Fiscal Year 2018-2019.

2. Certain school districts do not have a sufficient number of classrooms available to permit an average class size of 20 pupils per licensed teacher in grade 3.

37 3. It is unreasonable to assign 2 licensed teachers to classrooms
38 of 40 pupils to attain a district-wide pupil-teacher ratio of 20 pupils
39 per licensed teacher in grade 3.

40 4. School districts may, instead, attain the desired pupil-teacher 41 ratio in classes where core curriculum is taught by using alternative 42 methods of reducing the ratio, such as employing licensed teachers 43 to provide remedial instruction.





1 5. School districts may wish to use money for class-size 2 reduction to carry out programs that have been found to be effective 3 in improving academic achievement.

6. The Legislature has specifically designed the laws relating to class-size reduction to allow the local school districts the necessary discretion to effectuate the reduction in the manner appropriate in their respective districts.

8 7. School districts are encouraged, to the extent possible, to 9 further reduce the pupil-teacher ratio in each classroom in the 10 district for grades 1, 2 and 3 for which additional funding is 11 provided.

12 8. The Legislature intends to continue the reduced pupil-13 teacher ratio for grades 1, 2 and 3 throughout the State.

14 Sec. 12. 1. The Department of Education shall transfer from 15 the State Distributive School Account the sum of \$147,445,963 for 16 distribution by the Superintendent of Public Instruction to the 17 county school districts for Fiscal Year 2017-2018 which must, except as otherwise provided in section 14 of this act, be used to 18 19 employ licensed teachers to comply with the required ratio of pupils to teachers in grades 1, 2 and 3, as set forth in subsection 1 of 20 21 section 11 of this act. Expenditures for the class-size reduction 22 program must be accounted for in a separate category of expenditure 23 in the State Distributive School Account.

24 2. Except as otherwise provided in section 14 of this act, the 25 money transferred by subsection 1 must be used to pay the salaries 26 and benefits of not less than 1,944 licensed teachers employed by 27 school districts to meet the required pupil-teacher ratios in the 2017-2018 school year.

3. Any remaining balance of the money transferred by subsection 1 must not be committed for expenditure after June 30, 2018, and must be transferred and added to the money appropriated to the State Distributive School Account pursuant to section 3 of this act for Fiscal Year 2018-2019, and may be expended as the money in section 13 of this act is expended.

35 Sec. 13. 1. The Department of Education shall transfer from 36 the State Distributive School Account the sum of \$152,142,582 for 37 distribution by the Superintendent of Public Instruction to the county school districts for Fiscal Year 2018-2019 which must, 38 39 except as otherwise provided in section 14 of this act, be used to 40 employ licensed teachers to comply with the required ratio of pupils to teachers in grades 1, 2 and 3, as set forth in subsection 1 of 41 section 11 of this act. Expenditures for the class-size reduction 42 43 program must be accounted for in a separate category of expenditure 44 in the State Distributive School Account.





Except as otherwise provided in section 14 of this act, the
 money transferred by subsection 1 must be used to pay the salaries
 and benefits of not less than 1,968 licensed teachers employed by
 school districts to meet the required pupil-teacher ratios in the 2018 2019 school year.

Any remaining balance of the money transferred by
subsection 1, including any money added thereto pursuant to section
12 of this act, must not be committed for expenditure after June 30,
2019, and must be reverted to the State General Fund on or before
September 20, 2019.

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Sec. 14. 1. The board of trustees of each school district:

(a) Shall file a plan with the Superintendent of Public Instruction
describing how the money transferred pursuant to sections 12 and
13 of this act will be used to comply with the required ratio of pupils
to teachers in grades 1, 2 and 3; and

16 (b) May, after receiving approval of the plan from the 17 Superintendent of Public Instruction, use the money transferred 18 pursuant to sections 12 and 13 of this act to carry out:

19 (1) An alternative program for reducing the ratio of pupils 20 per teacher, including, without limitation, any legislatively approved 21 program of flexibility; or

(2) Programs of remedial education that have been found to be effective in improving pupil achievement in grades 1, 2 and 3, so long as the combined ratio of pupils per teacher in the aggregate of kindergarten and grades 1, 2 and 3 of the school district does not exceed the combined ratio of pupils per teacher in the aggregate of kindergarten and grades 1, 2 and 3 of the school district in the 2004kindergarten and grades 1, 2 and 3 of the school district in the 2004-2005 school year.

29 → The plan approved by the Superintendent of Public Instruction
 30 must describe the method to be used by the school district to
 31 evaluate the effectiveness of the alternative program or remedial
 32 education programs in improving pupil achievement.

2. In no event must the provisions of this section be construed to authorize the board of trustees of a school district in a county whose population is 100,000 or more to develop an alternative plan for the reduction of pupil-teacher ratios pursuant to subsection 2 of NRS 388.720.

38 Sec. 15. 1. The money transferred for class-size reduction 39 pursuant to sections 12 and 13 of this act:

40 (a) May be applied first to pupils considered most at risk of 41 failure.

42 (b) Must not be used to settle or arbitrate disputes between a
43 recognized organization representing employees of a school district
44 and the school district, or to settle any negotiations.





1 (c) Must not be used to adjust the district-wide schedules of 2 salaries and benefits of the employees of a school district.

3 (d) Must fund the student-to-teacher ratios associated with the 4 type of class-size reduction program implemented, with 5 authorization to distribute residual class-size reduction program 6 funds to underperforming schools with approved class-size 7 reduction variances.

8 2. The money transferred for class-size reduction pursuant to 9 sections 12 and 13 of this act must not be distributed to a school 10 district unless that school district has:

(a) Filed with the Department of Education a plan required by
NRS 388.720 for achieving the required ratio set forth in NRS
388.700; and

(b) Demonstrated that, from resources of the school district other than allocations received from the State Distributive School Account for class-size reduction, a sufficient number of classroom teachers have been employed to maintain the average pupil-teacher ratio that existed for each grade for grades 1, 2 and 3, in that school district for the 3 school years immediately preceding the start of the class-size reduction program in the 1990-1991 school year.

21 Sec. 16. 1. There is hereby appropriated from the State 22 General Fund to the Other State Education Programs Account in the 23 State General Fund the following sums:

24 25 2. The money appropriated by subsection 1 must be expended 27 in accordance with NRS 353.150 to 353.246, inclusive, concerning 28 the allotment, transfer, work program and budget. Transfers to and 29 allotments from must be allowed and made in accordance with NRS 30 353.215 to 353.225, inclusive, after separate consideration of the 31 merits of each request.

32 3. The Department of Education shall transfer from the Other State Education Programs Account the sum of \$18,260,398 for both 33 Fiscal Year 2017-2018 and Fiscal Year 2018-2019 for distribution 34 35 by the Superintendent of Public Instruction to county school districts for the support of courses which are approved by the 36 Department of Education as meeting the course of study for an adult 37 standard high school diploma as approved by the State Board of 38 39 Education. In each fiscal year of the 2017-2019 biennium, the sum transferred must be allocated among the various school districts in 40 41 accordance with a plan or formula developed by the Department of Education to ensure that the money is distributed equitably and in a 42 manner that permits accounting for the expenditures of school 43 44 districts.





1 4. The Department of Education shall, not later than 2 November 1, 2018, provide a written report to the Governor, the 3 Legislative Committee on Education and the Director of the 4 Legislative Counsel Bureau that describes each expenditure made 5 from the amount transferred in subsection 3 and the performance 6 results of the participants of the Adult High School Diploma 7 program.

8 Any remaining balance of the allocations made by 5. 9 subsection 3 for Fiscal Year 2017-2018 must be added to the money 10 received by the school districts for Fiscal Year 2018-2019 and may 11 be expended as that money is expended. Any remaining balance of 12 the allocations made by subsection 3 for Fiscal Year 2018-2019, 13 including any such money added from the previous fiscal year, must 14 not be committed for expenditure after June 30, 2019, and must be 15 reverted to the State General Fund on or before September 20, 2019.

6. The money appropriated by subsection 1 to finance specific programs as outlined in this subsection are available for both Fiscal Year 2017-2018 and Fiscal Year 2018-2019 and may be transferred from one fiscal year to the other with the approval of the Interim Finance Committee upon the recommendation of the Governor as follows:

(a) A total of \$49,285 in both Fiscal Year 2017-2018 and Fiscal
Year 2018-2019 for successful completion of the National Board
Teacher Certification Program.

(b) A total of \$668,740 in both Fiscal Year 2017-2018 and Fiscal Year 2018-2019 for Counselor National Board Certification.

(c) A total of \$449,142 in both Fiscal Year 2017-2018 and
Fiscal Year 2018-2019 for LEA library books.

(d) A total of \$12,543,822 in both Fiscal Year 2017-2018 and
Fiscal Year 2018-2019 for the award of grants for career and
technical education pursuant to NRS 388.393 and, notwithstanding
the provisions of subsections 1, 2 and 3 of NRS 388.392, not for the
use of leadership and training activities and pupil organizations.

(e) A total of \$3,586,645 in both Fiscal Year 2017-2018 and Fiscal Year 2018-2019 for the Jobs for America's Graduates Program.

(f) A total of \$850,000, with a maximum of \$50,000 to each of
the 17 school districts, in both Fiscal Year 2017-2018 and Fiscal
Year 2018-2019 to support special counseling services for
elementary school pupils at risk of failure.

(g) A total of \$18,798 in both Fiscal Year 2017-2018 and Fiscal
Year 2018-2019 to pay the increase of salaries of professional
school library media specialists required by NRS 391.163.

Any remaining balance of the sums transferred in subsection6 must not be committed for expenditure after June 30, 2019, and



1 must be reverted to the State General Fund on or before 2 September 20, 2019.

Except as otherwise provided in subsections 5 and 7, 3 8. unencumbered balances of the appropriations made by this section 4 5 for Fiscal Year 2017-2018 and Fiscal Year 2018-2019 must not be 6 committed for expenditure after June 30 of each fiscal year. Except 7 as otherwise provided in subsections 5 and 7, unencumbered 8 balances of these appropriations revert to the State General Fund on 9 or before September 21, 2018, and September 20, 2019, for each 10 fiscal year respectively.

Sec. 17. 1. The Department of Education shall transfer from the Other State Education Programs Account the sum of \$6,374,243 in Fiscal Year 2017-2018 and \$8,274,243 in Fiscal Year 2018-2019 for pupils enrolled in school districts and charter schools who qualify for gifted and talented education programs.

16 2. The money transferred by subsection 1 must be distributed 17 on a per pupil basis to pupils who have been identified as gifted and 18 talented through a state-approved assessment, procedure, or both and must receive at least 150 minutes per week during the school 19 year of differentiated educational activities unless the pupil's 20 individualized educational program otherwise provides. The 21 22 Department of Education shall calculate an amount of funding for each pupil identified as gifted and talented for both Fiscal Year 23 24 2017-2018 and Fiscal Year 2018-2019 by dividing the money 25 appropriated by the Legislature for such pupils in Fiscal Year 2017-26 2018 and in Fiscal Year 2018-2019 by the total final count of such 27 pupils in the immediately preceding fiscal year.

3. The money transferred by subsection 1 for pupils enrolled in school districts and charter schools who qualify for gifted and talented education programs:

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

(b) Must not be used to adjust the district-wide schedules ofsalaries and benefits of the employees of a school district.

4. Any remaining balance of the sums transferred by subsection 1 for Fiscal Year 2017-2018 and Fiscal Year 2018-2019 must not be committed for expenditure after June 30 of each fiscal year and must be reverted to the State General Fund on or before September 21, 2018, and September 20, 2019, for each fiscal year respectively.

42 Sec. 18. 1. The Department of Education shall transfer from 43 the Other State Education Programs Account the following sums for 44 early childhood education:





1 For the Fiscal Year 2017-2018......\$3,338,875 For the Fiscal Year 2018-2019......\$3,338,875 2 The money transferred by subsection 1 must be used by the 3 2. Department of Education for competitive state grants to school 4 districts, charter schools and nonprofit organizations for early 5 6 childhood education programs. To receive a grant of money pursuant to subsection 2, school 7 3. districts, charter schools and nonprofit organizations must submit a 8 9 comprehensive plan to the Department of Education that includes, 10 without limitation: 11 (a) A detailed description of the proposed early childhood 12 education program; and 13 (b) A description of the manner in which the money will be 14 used, which must supplement and not replace the money that would 15 otherwise be expended for early childhood education programs. 16 4. A school district, charter school or nonprofit organization 17 that receives a grant of money pursuant to this section shall: 18 (a) Use the money to establish or expand prekindergarten 19 education programs. 20 (b) Use the money to supplement and not replace the money that the school district, charter school or nonprofit organization would 21 otherwise expend for early childhood education programs, as 22 23 described in this section 24 (c) Use the money to pay for the salaries and other items directly related to the instruction of pupils in the classroom. 25 → The money must not be used to remodel classrooms or facilities 26 27 or for playground equipment. 5. The Department of Education shall utilize statewide 28 29 performance and outcome indicators to measure the effectiveness of the early childhood education programs for which grants of money 30 31 are awarded pursuant to this section. The Department shall establish minimum performance levels and increase the 32 expected performance rates on a yearly basis, based upon the performance 33 34 results of the participants. The Department of Education shall, not later than 35 6. November 1, 2018, provide a written report to the Governor, the 36 Legislative Committee on Education and the Director of the 37 38 Legislative Counsel Bureau regarding the effectiveness of the early 39 childhood education programs for which grants of money were received. The report must include, without limitation: 40 41 (a) The number of grants awarded; 42 (b) An identification of each school district, charter school and 43 nonprofit organization that received a grant of money and the 44 amount of each grant awarded;

(c) For each school district, charter school and nonprofit 1 2 organization that received a grant of money:

(1) The number of children who received services through a 3 program funded by the grant that received funding from the State for 4 5 early childhood education programs in Fiscal Year 2017-2018; and

(2) The average expenditure per child in each early 6 7 childhood education program that received funding from the State in 8 Fiscal Year 2017-2018;

9 (d) A description of the programs in this State that are the most 10 effective:

11 (e) Based upon the performance of children in the program on 12 established performance and outcome indicators, a description of 13 revised performance and outcome indicators, including any revised 14 minimum performance levels and performance rates; and

(f) Any recommendations for legislation.

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7. The money transferred by this section:

17 (a) Must be accounted for separately from any other money 18 received by the school districts, charter schools and nonprofit 19 organizations of this State and used only for the purposes specified in this section. 20

21 (b) May not be used to settle or arbitrate disputes between a 22 recognized organization representing employees of a school district 23 and the school district, or to settle any negotiations.

24 (c) May not be used to adjust the district-wide schedules of 25 salaries and benefits of the employees of a school district.

26 The sums transferred by subsection 1 are available for either 8. 27 fiscal year. Money may be transferred from one fiscal year to another with the approval of the Interim Finance Committee upon 28 29 the recommendation of the Governor. Any remaining balance of 30 those sums must not be committed for expenditure after June 30, 31 2019, and must be reverted to the State General Fund on or before 32 September 20, 2019.

The Department of Education shall transfer from 33 Sec. 19. 1. 34 the Other State Education Programs Account the following sums for 35 a college and career readiness grant program:

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For the Fiscal Year 2017-2018......\$5,000,000 For the Fiscal Year 2018-2019......\$5,000,000 2. Except as otherwise provided by subsection 3, the money transferred by subsection 1 must be used by the Department of 39 Education for competitive grants to school districts and charter schools:

(a) To support dual enrollment for pupils enrolled in high 42 43 schools. including, without limitation, charter schools, and 44 simultaneously enrolled in college courses; and



1 (b) To create a competitive science, technology, engineering and 2 mathematics grant program for pupils enrolled in middle schools 3 and high schools, including, without limitation, charter schools, to 4 assist those pupils in becoming college and career ready.

5 3. Of the money transferred by subsection 1, an amount of at 6 least \$500,000 but not more than \$750,000 in both Fiscal Year 7 2017-2018 and Fiscal Year 2018-2019 may be used by the 8 Department of Education to provide competitive grants to school 9 districts, charter schools and nonprofit organizations for the 10 development and implementation of work-based learning pilot 11 programs.

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4. The money transferred by subsection 1:

(a) Must be accounted for separately from any other money
 received by the school districts, charter schools and nonprofit
 organizations and used only for the purposes specified in this
 section.

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

20 (c) May not be used to adjust the district-wide schedules of 21 salaries and benefits of the employees of a school district.

5. Any remaining balance of the sums transferred by subsection 1 for Fiscal Year 2017-2018 and Fiscal Year 2018-2019 must not be committed for expenditure after June 30 of each fiscal year and must be reverted to the State General Fund on or before September 21, 2018, and September 20, 2019, for each fiscal year respectively.

28 Sec. 20. 1. The Department of Education shall transfer from 29 the Other State Education Programs Account the following sums for 30 underperforming schools:

31 32 2. The money transferred by subsection 1 must be used by the
Department of Education to provide grants and other financial
support, within the limits of legislative appropriation, to public
schools to improve the achievement of pupils required by NRS
385A.650 for any one or more of the following:

(a) Activities to replicate high poverty/high performing schoolsand high performing schools.

40 (b) To support a transition period until such time as an 41 underperforming school is sustainable at a three-star level, as 42 determined by the Department of Education pursuant to the 43 statewide system of accountability for public schools.

44 (c) Other activities consistent with the approved federal plan for 45 school improvement.





3. The money transferred pursuant to subsection 1:

2 (a) Must be accounted for separately from any other money
3 received by the school districts and charter schools of this State and
4 used only for the purposes specified in subsection 2.

5 (b) May not be used to settle or arbitrate disputes between a 6 recognized organization representing employees of a school district 7 and the school district, or to settle any negotiations.

8 (c) May not be used to adjust the district-wide schedules of 9 salaries and benefits of the employees of a school district.

4. Any remaining balance of the sums transferred by subsection 1 for Fiscal Year 2017-2018 and Fiscal Year 2018-2019 must not be committed for expenditure after June 30 of each fiscal year and must be reverted to the State General Fund on or before September 21, 2018, and September 20, 2019, for each fiscal year respectively.

16 Sec. 21. 1. The Department of Education shall transfer from 17 the Other State Education Programs Account the following sums 18 which must be used only to carry out the provisions of NRS 392.750 19 to NRS 392.775, inclusive:

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For the Fiscal Year 2018-2019......\$20,537,953 2. The money transferred by subsection 1 must be expended in accordance with NRS 353.150 to 353.246, inclusive, concerning the allotment, transfer, work program and budget. Transfers to and allotments from must be allowed and made in accordance with NRS 353.215 to 353.225, inclusive, after separate consideration of the merits of each request.

3. The money transferred pursuant to subsection 1:

(a) Must be accounted for separately from any other money
received by the school districts and charter schools of this State and
used only for the purposes specified in subsection 1.

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

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

4. Any balance of the money transferred by subsection 1 remaining at the end of the respective fiscal years must not be committed for expenditure after June 30 of each fiscal year and must be reverted to the State General Fund on or before September 21, 2018, and September 20, 2019, respectively.

42 Sec. 22. 1. There is hereby appropriated from the State 43 General Fund to the Account for Programs for Innovation and the 44 Prevention of Remediation created by NRS 387.1247 the following 45 sums:





1 For the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 \$49,950,000 For the Fiscal Year 2018-2019......\$49,950,000 2 3 The money appropriated by subsection 1 must be expended 2. in accordance with NRS 353.150 to 353.246, inclusive, concerning 4 5 the allotment, transfer, work program and budget. Transfers to and 6 allotments from must be allowed and made in accordance with NRS 7 353.215 to 353.225, inclusive, after separate consideration of the merits of each request. 8 9 3. The Department of Education shall transfer from the 10 appropriation made by subsection 1 to the school districts specified in this subsection the following sums which must be used only to 11 carry out the provisions of Senate Bill No. 390 of this session for 12 13 Fiscal Year 2017-2018: 14 School District: 2017-2018 15 **Clark County School District** \$38,741,220 16 Washoe County School District \$7,307,685 17 4. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 5, the 18 Department of Education shall calculate an amount of funding for 19 each pupil identified as English Learner for Fiscal Year 2018-2019, by dividing the money appropriated in subsection 1 for Fiscal Year 20 2018-2019 by the total final count of such pupils in Fiscal Year 21 22 2017-2018 and shall transfer the applicable sums to the school 23 districts specified in subsection 3. Of the sums appropriated by subsection 1, the Department of 24 5. 25 Education shall use not more than \$3,901,095 in Fiscal Year 2017-2018 and the amount determined in subsection 4 other than the 26 27 amounts determined for the Clark County School District and Washoe County School District in Fiscal Year 2018-2019, which 28 29 must be used only to carry out the provisions of Senate Bill No. 390 30 of this session to provide grants of money to the State Public 31 Charter School Authority and the school districts, other than the 32 Clark County School District or the Washoe County School District. 33 The board of trustees of a school district and the State Public 34 Charter School Authority may submit an application to the 35 Department on a form prescribed by the Department. 6. Any remaining balance of the transfers made by subsection 36

37 3 for Fiscal Year 2017-2018 must be added to the money transferred 38 for Fiscal Year 2018-2019 and may be expended as that money is 39 expended. Any remaining balance of the transfers made by 40 subsection 4 for Fiscal Year 2018-2019, including any money added 41 from the previous fiscal year, must not be committed for 42 expenditure after June 30, 2019, and must be reverted to the State 43 General Fund on or before September 20, 2019.

Any remaining balance of the transfers made by subsectionfor Fiscal Year 2017-2018 must be added to the money transferred



1 for Fiscal Year 2018-2019 and may be expended as that money is 2 expended. Any remaining balance of the transfers made pursuant to 3 subsection 5 for Fiscal Year 2018-2019, including any money added 4 from the previous fiscal year, must not be committed for 5 expenditure after June 30, 2019, and must be reverted to the State 6 General Fund on or before September 20, 2019.

7 Any remaining balance of the appropriation made by 8. 8 subsection 1 must not be committed for expenditure after June 30, 9 2019, by the entity to which the appropriation is made or any entity 10 to which money from the appropriation is granted or otherwise transferred in any manner, and any portion of the appropriated 11 12 money remaining must not be spent for any purpose after 13 September 20, 2019, by either the entity to which the money was 14 appropriated or the entity to which the money was subsequently 15 granted or transferred, and must be reverted to the State General 16 Fund on or before September 20, 2019.

17 There is hereby appropriated from the State Sec. 23. 1. 18 General Fund to the Account for Programs for Innovation and the 19 Prevention of Remediation created by NRS 387.1247 a total of \$10,000,000 in both Fiscal Year 2017-2018 and Fiscal Year 2018-20 21 2019 to be distributed by the Commission on Educational Technology created by NRS 388.790 for the Nevada Ready 21 22 Technology competitive grant program for statewide one-to-one 23 pupil computing in certain middle schools to provide pupils and 24 25 teachers with 24-hour access to their own personal, portable, technology device connected wirelessly to the Internet. The money 26 27 must not be used for administrative expenditures of the Department 28 of Education.

29 2. The money appropriated by subsection 1 must be expended 30 in accordance with NRS 353.150 to 353.246, inclusive, concerning 31 the allotment, transfer, work program and budget. Transfers to and 32 allotments from must be allowed and made in accordance with NRS 353.215 to 353.225, inclusive, after separate consideration of the 34 merits of each request.

35 Any remaining balance of the appropriation made by 3. subsection 1 for Fiscal Year 2017-2018 must be added to the money 36 appropriated for Fiscal Year 2018-2019 and may be expended as 37 38 that money is expended. Any remaining balance of the appropriation made by subsection 1 for Fiscal Year 2018-2019, including any such 39 40 money added from the previous fiscal year, must not be committed 41 for expenditure after June 30, 2019, and does not revert to the State 42 General Fund.

43 **Sec. 24.** 1. There is hereby appropriated from the State 44 General Fund to the Account for Programs for Innovation and the





1 Prevention of Remediation created by NRS 387.1247 the following 2 sums: 3 For the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 \$25,000,000 4 For the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 \$25,000,000 5 The money appropriated by subsection 1 must be expended 2. 6 in accordance with NRS 353.150 to 353.246, inclusive, concerning 7 the allotment, transfer, work program and budget. Transfers to and 8 allotments from must be allowed and made in accordance with NRS 9 353.215 to 353.225, inclusive, after separate consideration of the 10 merits of each request. 11 3 The Department of Education shall transfer from the 12 appropriation made by subsection 1 to school districts and charter 13 schools which must be used only to carry out the provisions of 14 Assembly Bill No. 447 of this session for Fiscal Year 2017-2018 15 and Fiscal Year 2018-2019, respectively. Any remaining balance of the transfers made to carry out the 16 4. 17 provisions of Assembly Bill 447 of this session for Fiscal Year 18 2017-2018 must be added to the money transferred for Fiscal Year 19 2018-2019 and may be expended as that money is expended. Any 20 remaining balance of the transfers made to carry out the provisions 21 of Assembly Bill No. 447 of this session for Fiscal Year 2018-2019, 22 including any money added from the previous fiscal year, must not be committed for expenditure after June 30, 2019, and must be 23 24 reverted to the State General Fund on or before September 20, 2019. 25 Sec. 25. 1. There is hereby appropriated from the State General Fund to the Account for Programs for Innovation and the 26 27 Prevention of Remediation created by NRS 387.1247 the following 28 sums: 29 For the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 \$10,710,673 30 For the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 \$10,710,673 31 2. The Department of Education shall transfer from the 32 appropriation made by subsection 1 to school districts and charter 33 schools for block grants for contract or employee social workers or other licensed mental health workers in schools with identified 34 35 needs. The money must not be used for administrative expenditures 36 of the Department of Education. 37 For purposes of the allocations of sums for the block grant 3. program described in subsection 2, eligible licensed social or other 38 39 mental health workers include the following: 40 (a) Licensed Clinical Social Worker; 41 (b) Social Worker: 42 (c) Social Worker Intern with Supervision;

- 43 (d) Clinical Psychologist;
- 44 (e) Psychologist Intern with Supervision;
- 45 (f) Marriage and Family Therapist;





- 1 (g) Mental Health Counselor; 2
 - (h) Community Health Worker;
 - (i) School-Based Health Centers; and
- 4 (i) Licensed Nurse.

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5 The money appropriated by subsection 1 must be expended 6 in accordance with NRS 353.150 to 353.246, inclusive, concerning 7 the allotment, transfer, work program and budget. Transfers to and 8 allotments from must be allowed and made in accordance with NRS 9 353.215 to 353.225, inclusive, after separate consideration of the 10 merits of each request.

5. 11 Any remaining balance of the transfer made by subsection 2 12 for Fiscal Year 2017-2018 must be added to the money transferred 13 for Fiscal Year 2018-2019 and may be expended as that money is 14 expended. Any remaining balance of the transfer made by 15 subsection 2 for Fiscal Year 2018-2019, including any such money 16 added from the previous fiscal year, must not be committed for expenditure after June 30, 2019, and does not revert to the State 17 18 General Fund.

19 Expenditure of \$478,127 in both Fiscal Year 2017-2018 and 6. 20 Fiscal Year 2018-2019 from money in the Account for Programs for Innovation and the Prevention of Remediation that was not 21 22 appropriated from the State General Fund is hereby authorized for 23 the block grant program described in subsection 2.

24 7. For the purposes of accounting and reporting, the sum 25 authorized for expenditure by subsection 6 is considered to be expended before any appropriation is made to the Account for 26 27 Programs for Innovation and the Prevention of Remediation from 28 the State General Fund.

29 The money authorized to be expended by subsection 6 must 8. 30 be expended in accordance with NRS 353.150 to 353.246, inclusive, 31 concerning the allotment, transfer, work program and budget. 32 Transfers to and allotments from must be allowed and made in 33 accordance with NRS 353.215 to 353.225, inclusive, after separate 34 consideration of the merits of each request.

35 The Director of the Office of Finance in the Office of the 9. 36 Governor may, with the approval of the Governor, authorize 37 the augmentation of the amounts authorized for expenditure by the Department of Education in subsection 6, for the purpose of the 38 39 block grant program described in subsection 2 with amounts from 40 any other state agency, from any agency of local government, from 41 any agency of the Federal Government or from any other source that he or she determines is in excess of the amount taken into 42 consideration by this act. The Director of the Office of Finance shall 43 44 reduce any authorization whenever he or she determines that





money to be received will be less than the amount authorized in
 subsection 6.

3 **Sec. 26.** 1. There is hereby appropriated from the State 4 General Fund to the Account for Programs for Innovation and the 5 Prevention of Remediation created by NRS 387.1247 the following 6 sums:

7 8 For the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 \$2,500,000 For the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 \$2,500,000

On or before August 31, 2017, the board of trustees of a 9 2. school district may apply to the State Board of Education for a grant 10 11 of money from the money appropriated pursuant to subsection 1 to provide financial incentives to newly hired teachers as described in 12 13 subsection 3. Each application submitted pursuant to this section 14 must include the number of teachers to whom the board of trustees 15 intends to provide such incentives. On or before October 31, 2017. 16 the State Board of Education shall distribute the money to each 17 board of trustees of a school district that submits an application in proportion to the number of teachers to whom the board of trustees 18 19 plans to provide incentives.

20 3. Each board of trustees of a school district that receives a grant of money pursuant to subsection 2 must use the money to pay 21 22 for incentives to newly hired teachers through the program of 23 performance pay and enhanced compensation for the recruitment 24 and retention of licensed teachers and administrators established by 25 the board of trustees pursuant to NRS 391A.450. A board of trustees 26 of a school district may only use such money to provide incentives 27 to licensed teachers who were not employed by the board of trustees 28 during the 2016-2017 school year and:

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(a) Are employed full-time to teach in a school that:

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(1) Is a Title I school as defined in NRS 385A.040; or

(2) Received one of the two lowest possible ratings
indicating underperformance of a public school, as determined by
the Department of Education pursuant to the statewide system of
accountability for public schools, for the 2017-2018 school year; or

(b) Are licensed to teach special education and employed fulltime.

4. An incentive provided pursuant to subsection 3 may be used to increase the base salary of a teacher for the 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 school years in an amount not to exceed \$5,000 per school year. A teacher who receives such an incentive is not entitled to continue to receive such an incentive after the 2018-2019 school year, and the board of trustees of a school district is not required to pay such an incentive after that school year.

44 5. The board of trustees of a school district that provides an 45 incentive pursuant to subsection 3 shall provide professional





development to each teacher who receives such an incentive for
 each school year for which the teacher receives the incentive.

6. Any remaining balance of the appropriation made by 3 subsection 1 for Fiscal Year 2017-2018 must be added to the money 4 appropriated for Fiscal Year 2018-2019 and may be expended as 5 6 that money is expended. Any remaining balance of the appropriation 7 made by subsection 1 for Fiscal Year 2018-2019, including any such money added from the previous fiscal year, must not be committed 8 for expenditure after June 30, 2019, and does not revert to the State 9 10 General Fund.

11 Sec. 27. 1. There is hereby appropriated from the State 12 General Fund to the Professional Development Programs Account:

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2. The money appropriated by subsection 1 must be expended in accordance with NRS 353.150 to 353.246, inclusive, concerning the allotment, transfer, work program and budget. Transfers to and allotments from must be allowed and made in accordance with NRS 353.215 to 353.225, inclusive, after separate consideration of the merits of each request.

21 Sec. 28. 1. Of the sums appropriated by subsection 1 of 22 section 27 of this act, the Department of Education shall transfer 23 the following sums for Fiscal Year 2017-2018 and Fiscal Year 24 2018-2019:

25	School District	<u>2017-2018</u>	2018-2019
26	Clark County School District	\$3,983,356	\$3,983,356
27	Elko County School District	\$1,243,736	\$1,243,736
28	Washoe County School District	\$2,233,856	\$2,233,856
29	TOTAL:	\$7,460,948	\$7,460,948

2. A school district that receives an allocation pursuant to 30 31 subsection 1 shall serve as fiscal agent for the respective regional training program for the professional development of teachers and 32 administrators. As fiscal agent, each school district is responsible for 33 the payment, collection and holding of all money received from this 34 35 State for the maintenance and support of the regional training program for the professional development of teachers and 36 administrators and the Nevada Early Literacy Intervention Program 37 38 established and operated by the applicable governing body.

39 3. Any remaining balance of the transfers made by subsection 40 1 for Fiscal Year 2017-2018 must be added to the money received 41 by the school districts for Fiscal Year 2018-2019 and may be 42 expended as that money is expended. Any remaining balance of the 43 transfers made by subsection 1 for Fiscal Year 2018-2019, including 44 any money added from the transfer for the previous fiscal year, must





not be committed for expenditure after June 30, 2019, and must be
 reverted to the State General Fund on or before September 20, 2019.

Sec. 29. 1. Of the sums appropriated by subsection 1 of section 27 of this act, the Department of Education shall transfer to the Statewide Council for the Coordination of the Regional Training Programs created by NRS 391A.130 the sum of \$100,000 in both Fiscal Year 2017-2018 and Fiscal Year 2018-2019 for additional training opportunities for educational administrators in Nevada.

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2. The Statewide Council shall use the money:

10 (a) To disseminate research-based knowledge related to 11 effective educational leadership behaviors and skills.

12 (b) To develop, support and maintain ongoing activities, 13 programs, training and networking opportunities.

14 (c) For the purpose of providing additional training for 15 educational administrators, including, without limitation, to pay:

16 (1) Travel expenses of administrators who attend the training 17 program;

18 (2) Travel and per diem expenses for any consultants 19 contracted to provide additional training; and

20 (3) Any charges to obtain a conference room for the 21 provision of the additional training.

(d) To supplement and not replace the money that the school
 district or the regional training program would otherwise expend for
 the training of administrators as described in this section.

25 Any remaining balance of the transfer made by subsection 1 3. 26 for Fiscal Year 2017-2018 must be added to the money received by 27 the Statewide Council for Fiscal Year 2018-2019 and may be 28 expended as that money is expended. Any remaining balance of the 29 transfer made by subsection 1 for Fiscal Year 2018-2019, including 30 any money added from the transfer for the previous fiscal year, must 31 not be committed for expenditure after June 30, 2019, and must be 32 reverted to the State General Fund on or before September 20, 2019. 33 Sec. 30. 1. There is hereby appropriated from the State 34 General Fund to the Great Teaching and Leading Fund created by

35 NRS 391A.500 the following sums:

36 37 2. The money appropriated by subsection 1 must be expended in accordance with NRS 353.150 to 353.246, inclusive, concerning the allotment, transfer, work program and budget. Transfers to and allotments from must be allowed and made in accordance with NRS 353.215 to 353.225, inclusive, after separate consideration of the merits of each request.

44 3. The Department of Education shall transfer the money 45 appropriated in subsection 1 for competitive grants which must be





1 used only to carry out the provisions of NRS 391A.500 to 391A.515, inclusive.

4. Any remaining balance of the transfer made by subsection 3 for Fiscal Year 2017-2018 must be added to the transfers for Fiscal Year 2018-2019 and may be expended as that money is expended. Any remaining balance of the transfer made by subsection 3 for Fiscal Year 2018-2019, including any such money added from the previous fiscal year, must not be committed for expenditure after June 30, 2019, and does not revert to the State General Fund.

5. Expenditure of \$40,776 in both Fiscal Year 2017-2018 and Fiscal Year 2018-2019 from money in the Great Teaching and Leading Fund that was not appropriated from the State General Fund is hereby authorized to carry out the provisions of NRS 391A.500 to 391A.515, inclusive.

15 6. For the purposes of accounting and reporting, the sum authorized for expenditure by subsection 5 is considered to be 17 expended before any appropriation is made to the Great Teaching 18 and Leading Fund from the State General Fund.

7. The money authorized to be expended by subsection 5 must be expended in accordance with NRS 353.150 to 353.246, inclusive, concerning the allotment, transfer, work program and budget. Transfers to and allotments from must be allowed and made in accordance with NRS 353.215 to 353.225, inclusive, after separate consideration of the merits of each request.

25 The Director of the Office of Finance in the Office of the 8. 26 Governor may, with the approval of the Governor, authorize the augmentation of the amounts authorized for expenditure by the 27 28 Department of Education in subsection 5, for the purpose of 29 carrying out the provisions of NRS 391A.500 to 391A.515, 30 inclusive, with amounts from any other state agency, from any 31 agency of local government, from any agency of the Federal 32 Government or from any other source that he or she determines is in 33 excess of the amount taken into consideration by this act. The 34 Director of the Office of Finance shall reduce any authorization 35 whenever he or she determines that money to be received will be 36 less than the amount authorized in subsection 5.

Sec. 31. 1. There is hereby appropriated from the State
General Fund to the Contingency Account for Special Education
Services created by NRS 388.5243 the sum of \$100 in both Fiscal
Year 2017-2018 and Fiscal Year 2018-2019.

41 2. There is hereby authorized for expenditure from the 42 Contingency Account for Special Education Services the sum of 43 \$1,999,900 in both Fiscal Year 2017-2018 and Fiscal Year 44 2018-2019.





1 3. The money appropriated by subsection 1 and authorized to 2 be expended by subsection 2 must be used only to carry out the 3 purpose of the Contingency Account for Special Education Services 4 created by NRS 388.5243.

5 4. Any remaining balance of the money appropriated by 6 subsection 1 for Fiscal Year 2017-2018 and Fiscal Year 2018-2019 7 must not be committed for expenditure after June 30 of each fiscal 8 year and must be reverted to the State General Fund on or before 9 September 21, 2018, and September 20, 2019, for each fiscal year 10 respectively.

Sec. 32. 1. There is hereby appropriated from the State General Fund to the Grant Fund for Incentives for Licensed Educational Personnel created by NRS 391A.400 to purchase onefifth of a year of retirement service credit pursuant to section 5 of chapter 8, Statutes of Nevada 2007, 23rd Special Session, at page 18:

17 18 For the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 \$1,000,000 For the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 \$1,000,000

2. The money appropriated by subsection 1 is available for either fiscal year with the approval of the Interim Finance Committee upon the recommendation of the Governor. Any remaining balance of those sums must not be committed for expenditure after June 30, 2019, and must be reverted to the State General Fund on or before September 20, 2019.

25 **Sec. 33.** 1. There is hereby appropriated from the State 26 General Fund to the Bullying Prevention Account created by NRS 27 388.1325 to provide bullying prevention grant funding to school 28 districts:

29 30 For the Fiscal Year 2017-2018.....\$45,000

For the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 \$45,000

2. The money appropriated by subsection 1 must be expended in accordance with NRS 353.150 to 353.246, inclusive, concerning the allotment, transfer, work program and budget. Transfers to and allotments from must be allowed and made in accordance with NRS 353.215 to 353.225, inclusive, after separate consideration of the merits of each request.

37 Any remaining balance of the appropriation made by 3. subsection 1 must not be committed for expenditure after June 30, 38 2019, by the entity to which the appropriation is made or any entity 39 to which money from the appropriation is granted or otherwise 40 transferred in any manner, and any portion of the appropriated 41 money remaining must not be spent for any purpose after 42 September 20, 2019, by either the entity to which the money was 43 44 appropriated or the entity to which the money was subsequently





granted or transferred, and must be reverted to the State General
 Fund on or before September 20, 2019.

Sec. 34. 1. There is hereby appropriated from the State General Fund to the Teach Nevada Scholarship Program Account created by NRS 391A.575 to award grants to universities, colleges and other providers of an alternative licensure program that are approved to award Teach Nevada Scholarships pursuant to NRS 391A.585:

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For the Fiscal Year 2017-2018......\$2,500,000

For the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 \$2,500,000

11 2. The money appropriated by subsection 1 must be expended 12 in accordance with NRS 353.150 to 353.246, inclusive, concerning 13 the allotment, transfer, work program and budget. Transfers to and 14 allotments from must be allowed and made in accordance with NRS 15 353.215 to 353.225, inclusive, after separate consideration of the 16 merits of each request.

3. Expenditure of \$13,892 in both Fiscal Year 2017-2018 and Fiscal Year 2018-2019 from money in the Teach Nevada Scholarship Program Account that was not appropriated from the State General Fund is hereby authorized to award grants to universities, colleges and other providers of an alternative licensure program that are approved to award Teach Nevada Scholarships pursuant to NRS 391A.585.

4. For the purposes of accounting and reporting, the sum authorized for expenditure by subsection 3 is considered to be expended before any appropriation is made to the Teach Nevada Scholarship Program Account from the State General Fund.

Sec. 35. 1. There is hereby appropriated from the State General Fund to the Teachers' School Supplies Reimbursement Account created by NRS 387.1253 to reimburse teachers for out-ofpocket expenses incurred in connection with purchasing necessary school supplies for the pupils they instruct:

33 34 2. The money appropriated by subsection 1 must be expended in accordance with NRS 353.150 to 353.246, inclusive, concerning the allotment, transfer, work program and budget. Transfers to and allotments from must be allowed and made in accordance with NRS 353.215 to 353.225, inclusive, after separate consideration of the merits of each request.

Any remaining balance of the appropriation made by
subsection 1 must not be committed for expenditure after June 30,
2019, by the entity to which the appropriation is made or any entity
to which money from the appropriation is granted or otherwise
transferred in any manner, and any portion of the appropriated





money remaining must not be spent for any purpose after September 20, 2019, by either the entity to which the money was appropriated or the entity to which the money was subsequently granted or transferred, and does not revert to the State General Fund. **Sec. 36.** 1. Expenditure of the following sums not appropriated from the State General Fund or the State Highway

appropriated from the State General Fund or the State Highway
Fund is hereby authorized during Fiscal Year 2017-2018 and Fiscal
Year 2018-2019 by the Department of Education for the State
Supplemental School Support Account created by NRS 387.191:

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For the Fiscal Year 2017-2018.....\$185,056,000 For the Fiscal Year 2018-2019.....\$191,092,000

2. The Superintendent of Public Instruction shall transfer all money credited to the State Supplemental School Support Account on and after July 1, 2017, through June 30, 2019, to the State Distributive School Account.

16 Sec. 37. The nonprofit organization to which a grant is 17 awarded pursuant to section 1 of chapter 485, Statutes of Nevada, 18 2015, at page 2871, shall:

19 1. Prepare and transmit a report to the Office of Finance in the 20 Office of the Governor and the Interim Finance Committee on or 21 before July 31, 2018, that describes each expenditure made from the 22 grant of money from July 1, 2017, through June 30, 2018;

23 2. Prepare and transmit a report to the Office of Finance in the 24 Office of the Governor and the Interim Finance Committee on or 25 before July 31, 2019, that describes each expenditure made from the 26 grant of money from July 1, 2018, through June 30, 2019; and

3. Upon request of the Legislative Commission, make available to the Legislative Auditor any of the books, accounts, claims, reports, vouchers or other records of information, confidential or otherwise, of the nonprofit organization, regardless of their form or location, that the Legislative Auditor deems necessary to conduct an audit of the use of the grant of money.

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Sec. 38. NRS 387.191 is hereby amended to read as follows:

34 387.191 1. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, 35 the proceeds of the tax imposed pursuant to NRS 244.33561 and any applicable penalty or interest must be paid by the county treasurer to 36 37 the State Treasurer for credit to the State Supplemental School Support Account, which is hereby created in the State General Fund. 38 39 The county treasurer may retain from the proceeds an amount 40 sufficient to reimburse the county for the actual cost of collecting 41 and administering the tax, to the extent that the county incurs any 42 cost it would not have incurred but for the enactment of this section 43 and NRS 387.193 or NRS 244.33561, but in no case exceeding the 44 amount authorized by statute for this purpose. Any interest or other





income earned on the money in the State Supplemental School
 Support Account must be credited to the Account.

On or before February 1, May 1, August 1 and November 1 3 4 of [2018,] 2020, and on those dates each year thereafter, the 5 Superintendent of Public Instruction shall transfer from the State 6 Supplemental School Support Account all the proceeds of the tax 7 imposed pursuant to NRS 244.33561, including any interest or other 8 income earned thereon, and distribute the proceeds proportionally 9 among the school districts and charter schools of the state. The 10 proportionate amount of money distributed to each school district or 11 charter school must be determined by dividing the number of students enrolled in the school district or charter school by the 12 13 number of students enrolled in all the school districts and charter 14 schools of the state. For the purposes of this subsection, the 15 enrollment in each school district and the number of students who 16 reside in the district and are enrolled in a charter school must be 17 determined as of each quarter of the school year. This determination 18 governs the distribution of money pursuant to this subsection until the next quarterly determination of enrollment is made. The 19 20 Superintendent may retain from the proceeds of the tax an amount 21 sufficient to reimburse the Superintendent for the actual cost of administering the provisions of this section and NRS 387.193, to the 22 extent that the Superintendent incurs any cost the Superintendent 23 24 would not have incurred but for the enactment of this section and 25 NRS 387.193, but in no case exceeding the amount authorized by 26 statute for this purpose.

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Sec. 39. NRS 391A.575 is hereby amended to read as follows:

391A.575 1. The Teach Nevada Scholarship Program
Account is hereby created in the State General Fund. The Account
must be administered by the State Board.

2. The interest and income earned on:

32 (a) The money in the Account, after deducting any applicable 33 charges; and

34 (b) Unexpended appropriations made to the Account from the35 State General Fund,

 $36 \rightarrow$ must be credited to the Account.

37 3. Any money remaining in the Account at the end of a fiscal 38 year including, without limitation, any unexpended appropriations 39 made to the Account from the State General Fund does not revert to 40 the State General Fund, and the balance in the Account must be 41 carried forward to the next fiscal year.

42 4. The State Board may accept gifts and grants of money from 43 any source for deposit in the Account.

5. The money in the Account may only be used to **[award]**:





(a) Award grants to universities, colleges and other providers of 1 2 an alternative licensure program that are approved to award Teach Nevada Scholarships pursuant to NRS 391A.585. 3

(b) Disburse the money retained pursuant to paragraph (b) of 4 subsection 2 of NRS 391A.580 to a scholarship recipient who 5 6 meets the requirements of subsection 4 of NRS 391A.585. 7

Sec. 40. NRS 391A.580 is hereby amended to read as follows:

A public or private university, college or other 8 391A.580 1. 9 provider of an alternative licensure program in this State is eligible 10 to apply to the State Board for a grant from the Account to award scholarships to students who attend the university, college or other 11 12 provider of an alternative licensure program to complete a program offered by the university, college or other provider of an alternative 13 14 licensure program that has been approved by the State Board and 15 which:

16 (a) Upon completion makes a student eligible to obtain a license 17 to teach kindergarten, any grade from grades 1 through 12 or in the 18 subject area of special education in this State; or

19 (b) Allows a student to specialize in the subject area of early 20 childhood education.

2 The State Board shall:

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22 (a) Establish the number of Teach Nevada Scholarships that will 23 be available each year based upon the amount of money available in the Account. 24

25 (b) Review all applications submitted pursuant to subsection 1 and award a grant of money from the Account to an approved 26 university, college or other provider of an alternative licensure 27 program to the extent that money is available in an amount 28 29 determined by the State Board. The State Board shall retain 25 30 percent of such an award in the Account for disbursement to a 31 scholarship recipient who meets the requirements of subsection 4 32 of NRS 391A.585.

The State Board may prioritize the award of grants from the 33 3. Account to a university, college or other provider of an alternative 34 35 licensure program that demonstrates the university, college or other 36 provider of an alternative licensure program will provide 37 scholarships to a greater number of recipients who:

38 (a) Are veterans or the spouses of veterans;

39 (b) Intend to teach in public schools in this State which have the 40 highest shortage of teachers;

41 (c) Have been economically disadvantaged or belong to a racial 42 or ethnic minority group; or

43 (d) Will be eligible to teach in a subject area for which there is a 44 shortage of teachers. Such a subject area may include, without





limitation, science, technology, engineering, mathematics, special
 education or English as a second language.

A student may apply for a Teach Nevada Scholarship from a 3 4. university, college or other provider of an alternative licensure 4 program that receives a grant from the Account only if the student 5 6 attends or has been accepted to attend the university, college or other provider of an alternative licensure program to complete a 7 program described in subsection 1. An application submitted by the 8 9 student must identify the program to be completed and the date by 10 which the student must complete the program to finish on schedule.

5. The State Board may adopt any regulations necessary to carry out the provisions of NRS 391A.550 to 391A.590, inclusive.

Sec. 41. NRS 391A.585 is hereby amended to read as follows:

14 391A.585 1. Each university, college or other provider of an 15 alternative licensure program that is awarded a grant of money from 16 the Account pursuant to NRS 391A.580 shall use the money to 17 award Teach Nevada Scholarships to students who will attend the 18 university, college or other provider of an alternative licensure 19 program with the intent to complete a program described in 20 subsection 1 of NRS 391A.580. Such students may include, without 21 limitation.

(a) Recent high school graduates who enroll in a program
 described in subsection 1 of NRS 391A.580;

(b) Students who are enrolled at a university or college who
change their academic program or major to a program described in
subsection 1 of NRS 391A.580;

(c) Students who have completed some credits at a university or
 college and who enroll in a program described in subsection 1 of
 NRS 391A.580;

(d) Students who possess a bachelor's degree in a field other
 than education who pursue an alternative route to licensure as a
 teacher;

(e) Veterans and the spouses of veterans; and

34 (f) Students who have had some experience working in a 35 classroom, including, without limitation, as a paraprofessional or 36 substitute teacher.

2. A university, college or other provider of an alternative licensure program may award a Teach Nevada Scholarship to a scholarship recipient in an amount not to exceed \$3,000 per semester or \$24,000 in the aggregate.

3. A university, college or other provider of an alternative
licensure program that awards a Teach Nevada Scholarship shall, at
the beginning of each semester +:



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(a) Disburse] disburse to the scholarship recipient 75 percent of
 the scholarship money awarded to the scholarship recipient for the
 semester. [; and

4 <u>(b) Deposit 25 percent of such money into a trust account</u> 5 established for the scholarship recipient.]

4. A scholarship recipient may only receive the 25 percent of
the scholarship money [deposited in the trust account established]
that is retained by the State Board pursuant to paragraph (b) of
subsection [3] 2 of NRS 391A.580 if the scholarship recipient:

10 (a) Completes the program for which he or she was awarded the 11 scholarship;

(b) Maintains employment as a teacher at a public school in this
State for 5 consecutive school years immediately following
completion of the program [;] unless the State Board waives this
requirement for good cause shown; and

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(c) Meets any other requirements established by the State Board.

17 To receive the 25 percent of the scholarship money [placed 5. 18 into the trust account retained by the State Board pursuant to paragraph (b) of subsection [3,] 2 of NRS 391A.580, a scholarship 19 20 recipient who meets the requirements set forth in subsection 4 must 21 request the *funiversity*, college or other provider of an alternative 22 licensure program that established the trust account to withdraw the State Board to disburse the money within [120 days] 1 year after 23 24 the 5-year anniversary of the date on which the scholarship recipient 25 completed the program for which he or she was awarded the scholarship. Any money in a trust account that is not claimed within 26 that time reverts to the university, college or other provider of an 27 28 alternative licensure program that established the trust account and 29 must be used only to pay any costs associated with a program 30 described in subsection 1 of NRS 391A.580.

31 <u>6. If a scholarship recipient fails to meet the requirements of</u> 32 subsection 4, the university, college or other provider of an 33 alternative licensure program that established the trust account for 34 the scholarship recipient must transfer any money in the trust 35 account to the State Board for credit to the Account.] meets the 36 requirements of subsection 4.

36 requirements of subsection 4. 37 Sec. 42. NRS 391A.590 is hereby amended to read as follows: 38 391A.590 1. If a scholarship recipient does not complete the 39 program for which the scholarship was awarded for any reason, 40 including, without limitation, withdrawing from the university, 41 college or other provider of an alternative licensure program or pursuing another course of study, the university, college or other 42 43 provider of an alternative licensure program that awarded the 44 scholarship must pay to the State Board for credit to the Account:



(a) [Any amount of money placed in a trust account on behalf of
 the scholarship recipient pursuant to NRS 391A.585;

3 (b)] Any amount of money that the university, college or other 4 provider of an alternative licensure program has received but has not 5 yet disbursed to the scholarship recipient pursuant to NRS 6 391A.585; and

7 **(c)** (b) An amount of money equal to the total amount of 8 money disbursed to the scholarship recipient pursuant to NRS 9 391A.585 or \$1,000, whichever is less.

10 2. If a scholarship recipient completes the program for which the scholarship was awarded on schedule, as described in the 11 12 application for the scholarship submitted pursuant to NRS 13 391A.580, to the extent that money is available for this purpose, the 14 State Board shall pay \$1,000 to the university, college or other provider of an alternative licensure program that awarded the 15 16 scholarship. Any money received by a university, college or other 17 provider of an alternative licensure program pursuant to this section 18 must be used to pay costs associated with providing a program 19 described in subsection 1 of NRS 391A.580.

Any balance remaining on June 30, 2017, in a trust 20 Sec. 43. 21 account established for a scholarship recipient by a university, 22 college or other provider of an alternative licensure program 23 pursuant to NRS 391A.585 must be transferred to the State Board of 24 Education for credit to the Teach Nevada Scholarship Program Account created by NRS 391A.575 for disbursement to the 25 scholarship recipient if the scholarship recipient meets the 26 27 requirements of subsection 4 of NRS 391A.585, as amended by 28 section 41 of this act.

Sec. 44. Section 8 of chapter 4, Statutes of Nevada 2009, as
last amended by section 42 of chapter 537, Statutes of Nevada 2015,
at page 3758, is hereby amended to read as follows:

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Sec. 8. Transitory provision.

1. Notwithstanding the expiration of section 4 of this measure on June 30, 2011, any tax and any interest or penalty owing and unpaid as of that date and collected on or before October 1, 2011, must be paid, deposited and credited to the State General Fund as provided in that section.

2. The Superintendent of Public Instruction shall make
the initial transfer from the State Supplemental School
Support Account, as required by section 6 of this measure, on
or before February 1, [2018.] 2020.
The board of trustees of each school district and the

3. The board of trustees of each school district and the governing body of each charter school shall prepare their initial reports to the Superintendent of Public Instruction, as





required by section 6 of this measure, on or before 1 November 10, [2018.] 2020. 2 Sec. 45. Section 2 of chapter 485, Statutes of Nevada 2015, at 3 4 page 2872, is hereby amended to read as follows: Sec. 2. This act becomes effective on July 1, 2015, and 5 expires by limitation on June 30, [2017.] 2019. Sec. 46. 1. This section and sections 1 to 21, inclusive, 23 6 7 and 25 to 44, inclusive, of this act become effective on July 1, 2017. 8 2. Section 22 of this act becomes effective on July 1, 2017, if 9 10 and only if Senate Bill No. 390 of this session is enacted by the Legislature and approved by the Governor. 11 12 Section 24 of this act becomes effective on July 1, 2017, if 3. and only if Assembly Bill No. 447 of this session is enacted by the 13

14 Legislature and approved by the Governor.





