

SENATE BILL NO. 66—COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

(ON BEHALF OF THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION)

PREFILED NOVEMBER 17, 2016

Referred to Committee on Education

SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to work-based learning programs. (BDR 34-254)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: May have Fiscal Impact.  
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; removing the limitation on the amount of credit a pupil may earn for successful completion of certain work programs; authorizing the board of trustees of a school district, the governing body of a charter school or a nonprofit organization to apply for a grant of money from the Department of Education to develop and implement certain work-based learning programs; requiring the board of trustees of a school district and the governing body of a charter school that offers a work-based learning program to biennially prepare and submit a report concerning the manner in which the program has been carried out; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**Legislative Counsel’s Digest:**

1 Existing law allows certain high school pupils to receive one elective credit  
2 toward the academic credit requirements for graduation from high school by  
3 completing a public or private internship. (NRS 389.167) **Section 2** of this bill  
4 replaces the term “public or private internship” with the term “work-based learning  
5 programs” and authorizes a school district or charter school to offer a work-based  
6 learning program upon application to and approval of the State Board of Education.  
7 **Section 2** prescribes the requirements for work-based learning programs and the  
8 requirements for pupils to participate in a work-based learning program. **Section 2**  
9 also: (1) removes the limitation that applied on the amount of credit a pupil could  
10 obtain for completing an internship so that a pupil may earn one or more credits for  
11 completing a work-based learning program; and (2) requires the board of trustees of  
12 a school district and the governing body of a charter school that offers a



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13 work-based learning program to prepare a report concerning the manner in which  
14 the work-based learning program has been carried out and submit the report to the  
15 State Board and the Legislature once each biennium. **Section 1** of this bill  
16 authorizes the board of trustees of a school district, the governing body of a charter  
17 school or a nonprofit organization to apply for a grant of money from the  
18 Department of Education to develop and implement work-based learning programs  
19 in the fields, trades or occupations prescribed by the State Board of Education, in  
20 consultation with the Office of Economic Development.

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

1 **Section 1.** Chapter 389 of NRS is hereby amended by adding  
2 thereto a new section to read as follows:

3 *1. The board of trustees of a school district, the governing*  
4 *body of a charter school or a nonprofit organization, in*  
5 *cooperation with such a board of trustees or governing body, may*  
6 *apply for a grant of money from the Department to develop and*  
7 *implement work-based learning programs pursuant to NRS*  
8 *389.167 in the fields, trades or occupations prescribed by the State*  
9 *Board pursuant to subsection 3.*

10 *2. The Department shall develop a process for evaluating an*  
11 *application submitted pursuant to subsection 1 and, within the*  
12 *limits of money available for such use, distribute money for the*  
13 *development and implementation of work-based learning*  
14 *programs pursuant to NRS 389.167. Grants must be used for the*  
15 *development and implementation of such work-based learning*  
16 *programs.*

17 *3. The State Board shall, in consultation with the Office of*  
18 *Economic Development created by NRS 231.043, prescribe the*  
19 *fields, trades or occupations for which a grant of money may be*  
20 *awarded for the development and implementation of work-based*  
21 *learning programs.*

22 **Sec. 2.** NRS 389.167 is hereby amended to read as follows:

23 389.167 1. A pupil enrolled ~~{in grade 11 or 12}~~ at a public  
24 school ~~{who is at least 16 years of age}~~ must be allowed to apply  
25 ~~{not more than one credit}~~ *one or more credits* toward the total  
26 number of credits required for graduation from high school if the  
27 pupil successfully completes a ~~{public or private internship}~~ *work-*  
28 *based learning program* which has been approved pursuant to  
29 subsection 2. ~~{and which is of a duration of not less than 60 hours~~  
30 ~~in a school year. The credit}~~ *Any credits earned for successful*  
31 *completion of a work-based learning program* must be applied  
32 toward the pupil's elective course credits and not toward a course  
33 that is required for graduation from high school.



1 2. ~~If the~~ *The board of trustees of a school district or the*  
2 *governing body of a charter school* ~~[obtains]~~ *may offer a work-*  
3 *based learning program upon application to and with the approval*  
4 *of the State Board . [†] An application to offer a work-based*  
5 *learning program must include, without limitation:*

6 (a) *The fields, trades or occupations in which a work-based*  
7 *learning program will be offered.*

8 (b) *The qualifications of a pupil to participate in the work-*  
9 *based learning program. Such qualifications must allow a*  
10 *majority of pupils to be eligible to participate in the work-based*  
11 *learning program.*

12 (c) *A description of the application that will be used by pupils*  
13 *to apply to participate in a work-based learning program.*

14 (d) *A description of the manner in which participation in a*  
15 *work-based learning program and completion of the requirements*  
16 *of a work-based learning program will be verified.*

17 3. *Upon approval by the State Board of an application to*  
18 *offer a work-based learning program submitted pursuant to*  
19 *subsection 2, the board of trustees or the governing body* ~~[may]~~ *:*

20 (a) *Shall designate an employee of the school district or*  
21 *charter school, as applicable, to serve as a work-based learning*  
22 *coordinator to coordinate and oversee work-based learning*  
23 *programs. Such an employee must approve each business, agency or*  
24 *organization that will offer employment and supervision of a*  
25 *pupil as part of the work-based learning program.*

26 (b) *May authorize pupils enrolled in the school district or charter*  
27 *school , as applicable, who satisfy the qualifications prescribed*  
28 ~~[pursuant to subparagraph (2) of paragraph (a)]~~ *by the school*  
29 *district or charter school to participate in a* ~~[public or private~~  
30 ~~internship]~~ *work-based learning program for the purpose of*  
31 *obtaining credit pursuant to subsection 1. [†] ~~a board of trustees or~~*  
32 ~~*governing body of a charter school authorizes the participation in a*~~  
33 ~~*public or private internship, the board of trustees or governing body*~~  
34 ~~*shall:*~~

35 ~~—(a) Prescribe:~~

36 ~~—(1) The fields, trades or occupations in which a pupil may~~  
37 ~~complete a public or private internship, including, without~~  
38 ~~limitation, agriculture, medical and health sciences, manufacturing~~  
39 ~~and construction;~~

40 ~~—(2) The qualifications of a pupil for participation in a public~~  
41 ~~or private internship;~~

42 ~~—(3) The manner in which a qualified pupil must apply for~~  
43 ~~participation in a public or private internship; and~~

44 ~~—(4) The manner for verifying that a pupil has completed the~~  
45 ~~requisite number of hours to qualify for credit; and~~



1 ~~—(b) Establish~~

2 (c) *Shall establish* and maintain a ~~nonexclusive~~ list of  
3 ~~participating~~ businesses, agencies and organizations ~~which offer~~  
4 ~~the employment and supervision of pupils for the purposes of~~  
5 ~~obtaining academic credit in a public or private internship pursuant~~  
6 ~~to this section.~~ *that have been approved by the work-based*  
7 *learning coordinator pursuant to paragraph (a).*

8 4. *To receive approval from the State Board to offer a work-*  
9 *based learning program, the work-based learning program must*  
10 *include, without limitation:*

11 (a) *A requirement that a business, agency or organization that*  
12 *offers employment and supervision of a pupil participating in the*  
13 *work-based learning program establish a detailed training*  
14 *agreement and training plan with each pupil participating in the*  
15 *work-based training program that identifies the specific tasks in*  
16 *which the pupil will participate that will develop competency of the*  
17 *pupil in the workplace;*

18 (b) *The required number of hours a pupil must complete in the*  
19 *work-based learning program to qualify for credit for participation*  
20 *in the work-based learning program;*

21 (c) *A requirement that a pupil participating in the work-based*  
22 *learning program:*

23 (1) *Is allowed leave to the public school in which he or she*  
24 *is enrolled during the school day to participate in such a program;*

25 (2) *Receives an on-site evaluation of his or her*  
26 *performance; and*

27 (3) *Complete an assessment prescribed by the State Board*  
28 *related to his or her chosen career pathway; and*

29 (d) *A requirement that participation by a pupil in the work-*  
30 *based learning program will develop a broad range of skills and*  
31 *will allow a pupil to focus on his or her chosen career pathway.*

32 5. *Participation by a pupil in a work-based learning program*  
33 *must lead to the pupil receiving a high school diploma.*

34 6. *A school district or charter school may allow a pupil who*  
35 *successfully completes a work-based learning program to earn*  
36 *dual credit for participation in the work-based learning program.*

37 7. *On or before January 15 of each odd-numbered year, the*  
38 *board of trustees of a school district and the governing body of a*  
39 *charter school that offers a work-based learning program shall*  
40 *prepare a report concerning the manner in which the work-based*  
41 *learning program has been carried out and submit the report to*  
42 *the State Board and the Legislature.*

43 **Sec. 2.5.** The provisions of subsection 1 of NRS 218D.380 do  
44 not apply to any provision of this act which adds or revises a  
45 requirement to submit a report to the Legislature.



1     **Sec. 3.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2017.

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