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Referred to Committee on Education

SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to career and technical education. (BDR 34-954)

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; authorizing a trade or professional association or labor union to collaborate with a school district or public school to offer certain training; establishing certain qualifications for a person who wishes to receive an endorsement to teach career and technical education; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**Legislative Counsel's Digest:**

1 Existing law requires the board of trustees of a school district in a county  
2 whose population is 100,000 or more (currently Clark and Washoe Counties), and  
3 authorizes the board of trustees of a school district in any other county, to establish  
4 and maintain a program of career and technical education. (NRS 388.380) **Section**  
5 **1** of this bill authorizes a school district or a public school to collaborate with a  
6 trade or professional association or a labor union to provide certain instruction or  
7 training to pupils in a field of career or technical education. **Section 3** of this bill  
8 makes a conforming change.

9 Existing law authorizes the State Board of Education to exercise a variety of  
10 powers to administer career and technical education in this State, including  
11 prescribing qualifications for the teachers, directors and supervisors of career and  
12 technical subjects. (NRS 388.360) **Section 2** of this bill limits such qualifications to  
13 requiring: (1) not less than 5 years of work experience, including any course of  
14 instruction or training required by law for employment in the subject matter, if  
15 applicable; and (2) not more than 3 hours of credit or instruction in teaching  
16 methods and classroom management.



17 Existing law requires the Commission on Professional Standards in Education  
18 to adopt regulations: (1) requiring teachers to obtain an endorsement before  
19 teaching in a field of specialization; and (2) setting forth the educational  
20 requirements to obtain such an endorsement. (NRS 391.019) **Section 4** of this bill  
21 prohibits the Commission from requiring less than 5 years of work experience in  
22 the appropriate subject matter for an endorsement in a field of specialization  
23 relating to career and technical education. **Section 4** also deems as work experience  
24 any course of instruction or training required to obtain a license required by law for  
25 employment in such an area, if any. Finally, **section 4** prohibits the Commission  
26 from requiring more than 3 hours of credit or instruction in teaching methods and  
27 classroom management.

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

1 **Section 1.** Chapter 388 of NRS is hereby amended by adding  
2 thereto a new section to read as follows:

3 *1. To the extent that money is available for this purpose, a*  
4 *school district or a public school may collaborate with a trade or*  
5 *professional association or labor union to provide instruction or*  
6 *training to pupils in an area relating to career and technical*  
7 *education which prepares a pupil for entry into a vocation,*  
8 *including, without limitation, preparation for an apprenticeship*  
9 *program or completing a recognized industry credential.*

10 *2. A school district or a public school may accept gifts, grants*  
11 *or donations to carry out the provisions of this section.*

12 **Sec. 2.** NRS 388.360 is hereby amended to read as follows:

13 388.360 The State Board is hereby designated as the sole state  
14 agency responsible for the administration of career and technical  
15 education in the State of Nevada. The State Board may:

16 1. Cooperate with any federal agency, board or department  
17 designated to administer the Acts of Congress apportioning federal  
18 money to the State of Nevada for career and technical education.

19 2. Establish policies and adopt regulations for the  
20 administration of any legislation enacted pursuant thereto by the  
21 State of Nevada.

22 3. Establish policies and adopt regulations for the  
23 administration of money provided by the Federal Government and  
24 the State of Nevada for the promotion, extension and improvement  
25 of career and technical education in Nevada.

26 4. Establish policies or regulations and formulate plans for the  
27 promotion of career and technical education in such subjects as are  
28 an essential and integral part of the system of public education in the  
29 State of Nevada.



1 5. Establish policies to provide for the preparation of teachers  
2 of such programs and subjects.

3 6. Approve positions for such persons as may be necessary to  
4 administer the federal act and provisions of this title enacted  
5 pursuant thereto for the State of Nevada.

6 7. Direct the Superintendent of Public Instruction to make  
7 studies and investigations relating to career and technical education.

8 8. Establish policies to promote and aid in the establishment by  
9 local communities of schools, departments or classes giving training  
10 in career and technical subjects.

11 9. Cooperate with local communities in the maintenance of  
12 such schools, departments or classes.

13 10. Prescribe qualifications for the teachers, directors and  
14 supervisors of career and technical subjects. *Qualifications*  
15 *prescribed pursuant to this subsection:*

16 (a) *Must require not less than 5 years of work experience in*  
17 *the appropriate subject matter;*

18 (b) *Must deem as work experience any course of instruction or*  
19 *training which is required by law for employment in an*  
20 *occupation relating to the subject matter, if any; and*

21 (c) *Must require not more than 3 hours of credit or instruction*  
22 *in a course of teaching methods and classroom management.*  
23 *Such a course may be provided by a school district or public*  
24 *school, trade or professional association or labor union.*

25 11. Provide for the certification of such teachers, directors and  
26 supervisors.

27 12. Establish policies or regulations to cooperate in the  
28 maintenance of classes supported and controlled by the public for  
29 the preparation of the teachers, directors and supervisors of career  
30 and technical subjects, or maintain such classes under its own  
31 direction and control.

32 13. Establish by regulation the qualifications required for  
33 persons engaged in the training of teachers for career and technical  
34 education.

35 **Sec. 3.** NRS 388.385 is hereby amended to read as follows:

36 388.385 1. If the board of trustees of a school district has  
37 established a program of career and technical education pursuant to  
38 NRS 388.380 and to the extent that money is available from this  
39 State or the Federal Government, the superintendent of schools of  
40 the school district shall appoint an advisory technical skills  
41 committee consisting of:

42 (a) Representatives of businesses and industries in the  
43 community;



1 (b) Employees of the school district who possess knowledge and  
2 experience in career and technical education;

3 (c) Pupils enrolled in public schools in the school district;

4 (d) Parents and legal guardians of pupils enrolled in public  
5 schools in the school district;

6 (e) To the extent practicable, representatives of postsecondary  
7 educational institutions that provide career and technical education;  
8 and

9 (f) Other interested persons.

10 2. An advisory technical skills committee established pursuant  
11 to subsection 1 shall:

12 (a) Review the curriculum, design, content and operation of the  
13 program of career and technical education to determine its  
14 effectiveness in:

15 (1) Preparing pupils enrolled in the program to enter the  
16 workforce and meeting the needs of supplying an appropriately  
17 trained workforce to businesses and industries in the community;  
18 and

19 (2) Complying with the provisions of NRS 388.340 to  
20 388.400, inclusive, *and section 1 of this act* and any regulations  
21 adopted pursuant thereto.

22 (b) Advise the school district regarding the curriculum, design,  
23 content, operation and effectiveness of the program of career and  
24 technical education.

25 (c) Provide technical assistance to the school district in  
26 designing and revising as necessary the curriculum for the program  
27 of career and technical education.

28 (d) In cooperation with businesses, industries, employer  
29 associations and employee organizations in the community, develop  
30 work-based experiences for pupils enrolled in the program of career  
31 and technical education. The work-based experiences must:

32 (1) Be designed:

33 (I) For pupils enrolled in grades 11 and 12, but may be  
34 offered to pupils enrolled in grades 9 and 10 upon the approval of  
35 the principal of the school where the program is offered.

36 (II) To prepare and train pupils to work as apprentices in  
37 business settings.

38 (2) Allow a pupil to earn academic credit for the work-based  
39 experience.

40 (e) Meet at least three times each calendar year.

41 (f) Provide to the superintendent of schools of the school district  
42 any recommendations regarding the program of career and technical  
43 education and any actions of the committee.



1 (g) Comply with the provisions of chapter 241 of NRS.  
2 3. The members of an advisory technical skills committee  
3 serve without compensation.

4 **Sec. 4.** NRS 391.019 is hereby amended to read as follows:  
5 391.019 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 391.027,  
6 the Commission shall adopt regulations:

7 (a) Prescribing the qualifications for licensing teachers and other  
8 educational personnel, including, without limitation, the  
9 qualifications for a license to teach middle school or junior high  
10 school education, and the procedures for the issuance and renewal of  
11 those licenses. The regulations:

12 (1) Must include, without limitation, the qualifications for  
13 licensing teachers and administrators pursuant to an alternative route  
14 to licensure which provides that the required education and training  
15 may be provided by any qualified provider which has been approved  
16 by the Commission, including, without limitation, institutions of  
17 higher education and other providers that operate independently of  
18 an institution of higher education. The regulations adopted pursuant  
19 to this subparagraph must:

20 (I) Establish the requirements for approval as a qualified  
21 provider;

22 (II) Require a qualified provider to be selective in its  
23 acceptance of students;

24 (III) Require a qualified provider to provide supervised,  
25 school-based experiences and ongoing support for its students, such  
26 as mentoring and coaching;

27 (IV) Significantly limit the amount of course work  
28 required or provide for the waiver of required course work for  
29 students who achieve certain scores on tests;

30 (V) Allow for the completion in 2 years or less of the  
31 education and training required under the alternative route to  
32 licensure;

33 (VI) Provide that a person who has completed the  
34 education and training required under the alternative route to  
35 licensure and who has satisfied all other requirements for licensure  
36 may apply for a regular license pursuant to sub-subparagraph (VII)  
37 regardless of whether the person has received an offer of  
38 employment from a school district, charter school or private school;  
39 and

40 (VII) Upon the completion by a person of the education  
41 and training required under the alternative route to licensure and the  
42 satisfaction of all other requirements for licensure, provide for the  
43 issuance of a regular license to the person pursuant to the provisions  
44 of this chapter and the regulations adopted pursuant to this chapter.



1 (2) Must require an applicant for a license to teach middle  
2 school or junior high school education or secondary education to  
3 demonstrate proficiency in a field of specialization or area of  
4 concentration by successfully completing course work prescribed by  
5 the Department or completing a subject matter competency  
6 examination prescribed by the Department with a score deemed  
7 satisfactory.

8 (3) Must not prescribe qualifications which are more  
9 stringent than the qualifications set forth in NRS 391.0315 for a  
10 licensed teacher who applies for an additional license in accordance  
11 with that section.

12 (b) Identifying fields of specialization in teaching which require  
13 the specialized training of teachers.

14 (c) Except as otherwise provided in NRS 391.125, requiring  
15 teachers to obtain from the Department an endorsement in a field of  
16 specialization to be eligible to teach in that field of specialization,  
17 including, without limitation, an endorsement to teach English as a  
18 second language.

19 (d) Setting forth the educational requirements a teacher must  
20 satisfy to qualify for an endorsement in each field of specialization.

21 (e) Setting forth the qualifications and requirements for  
22 obtaining a license or endorsement to teach American Sign  
23 Language, including, without limitation, being registered with the  
24 Aging and Disability Services Division of the Department of Health  
25 and Human Services pursuant to NRS 656A.100 to engage in the  
26 practice of interpreting in an educational setting.

27 (f) Requiring teachers and other educational personnel to be  
28 registered with the Aging and Disability Services Division pursuant  
29 to NRS 656A.100 to engage in the practice of interpreting in an  
30 educational setting if they:

31 (1) Provide instruction or other educational services; and

32 (2) Concurrently engage in the practice of interpreting, as  
33 defined in NRS 656A.060.

34 (g) Providing for the issuance and renewal of a special  
35 qualifications license to an applicant who holds a bachelor's degree,  
36 a master's degree or a doctoral degree from an accredited degree-  
37 granting postsecondary educational institution in a field for which  
38 the applicant will provide instruction in a classroom and who has:

39 (1) At least 2 years of experience teaching at an accredited  
40 degree-granting postsecondary educational institution in a field for  
41 which the applicant will provide instruction in a classroom and at  
42 least 3 years of experience working in that field; or

43 (2) At least 5 years of experience working in a field for  
44 which the applicant will provide instruction in a classroom.



1 ↪ An applicant for licensure pursuant to this paragraph who holds a  
2 bachelor's degree must submit proof of participation in a program of  
3 student teaching or mentoring or agree to participate in a program of  
4 mentoring or courses of pedagogy for the first 2 years of the  
5 applicant's employment as a teacher with a school district or charter  
6 school.

7 (h) Requiring an applicant for a special qualifications license to:

8 (1) Pass each examination required by NRS 391.021 for the  
9 specific subject or subjects in which the applicant will provide  
10 instruction; or

11 (2) Hold a valid license issued by a professional licensing  
12 board of any state that is directly related to the subject area of the  
13 bachelor's degree, master's degree or doctoral degree held by the  
14 applicant.

15 (i) Setting forth the subject areas that may be taught by a person  
16 who holds a special qualifications license, based upon the subject  
17 area of the bachelor's degree, master's degree or doctoral degree  
18 held by that person.

19 (j) Providing for the issuance and renewal of a special  
20 qualifications license to an applicant who:

21 (1) Holds a bachelor's degree or a graduate degree from an  
22 accredited college or university in the field for which the applicant  
23 will be providing instruction;

24 (2) Is not licensed to teach public school in another state;

25 (3) Has at least 5 years of experience teaching with  
26 satisfactory evaluations at a school that is accredited by a national or  
27 regional accrediting agency recognized by the United States  
28 Department of Education; and

29 (4) Submits proof of participation in a program of student  
30 teaching or mentoring or agrees to participate in a program of  
31 mentoring for the first year of the applicant's employment as a  
32 teacher with a school district or charter school if the applicant holds  
33 a graduate degree or, if the applicant holds a bachelor's degree,  
34 submits proof of participation in a program of student teaching or  
35 mentoring or agrees to participate in a program of mentoring or  
36 courses of pedagogy for the first 2 years of his or her employment as  
37 a teacher with a school district or charter school.

38 ↪ An applicant for licensure pursuant to this paragraph is exempt  
39 from each examination required by NRS 391.021 if the applicant  
40 successfully passed the examination in another state.

41 (k) Prescribing course work on parental involvement and family  
42 engagement. The Commission shall work in cooperation with the  
43 Office of Parental Involvement and Family Engagement created by  
44 NRS 385.630 in developing the regulations required by this  
45 paragraph.



1 (l) Establishing the requirements for obtaining an endorsement  
2 on the license of a teacher, administrator or other educational  
3 personnel in cultural competency.

4 2. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 391.027, the  
5 Commission may adopt such other regulations as it deems necessary  
6 for its own government or to carry out its duties.

7 3. Any regulation which increases the amount of education,  
8 training or experience required for licensing:

9 (a) Must, in addition to the requirements for publication in  
10 chapter 233B of NRS, be publicized before its adoption in a manner  
11 reasonably calculated to inform those persons affected by the  
12 change.

13 (b) Must not become effective until at least 1 year after the date  
14 it is adopted by the Commission.

15 (c) Is not applicable to a license in effect on the date the  
16 regulation becomes effective.

17 4. A person who is licensed pursuant to paragraph (g) or (j) of  
18 subsection 1:

19 (a) Shall comply with all applicable statutes and regulations.

20 (b) Except as otherwise provided by specific statute, is entitled  
21 to all benefits, rights and privileges conferred by statutes and  
22 regulations on licensed teachers.

23 (c) Except as otherwise provided by specific statute, if the  
24 person is employed as a teacher by the board of trustees of a school  
25 district or the governing body of a charter school, is entitled to all  
26 benefits, rights and privileges conferred by statutes and regulations  
27 on the licensed employees of a school district or charter school, as  
28 applicable.

29 **5. For an endorsement in any field of specialization relating**  
30 **to career and technical education, the Commission shall require:**

31 (a) **Not less than 5 years of work experience in the appropriate**  
32 **subject; and**

33 (b) **Not more than 3 hours of credit or instruction in a course**  
34 **of teaching methods and classroom management, which may be**  
35 **provided by a school district or public school, trade or professional**  
36 **association or labor union.**

37 **6. The Commission shall deem as work experience for the**  
38 **purpose of paragraph (a) of subsection 5 any course of instruction**  
39 **or training which is required by law for employment in the**  
40 **occupation in which the person wishes to teach, if any.**

41 **Sec. 5.** The Commission on Professional Standards in  
42 Education and the State Board of Education shall, on or before  
43 January 1, 2020, adopt any regulations which are required by or  
44 necessary to carry out the provisions of this act.





1     **Sec. 6.** This act becomes effective upon passage and approval  
2 for the purpose of adopting regulations and performing any  
3 preliminary administrative tasks that are necessary to carry out the  
4 provisions of this act and on July 1, 2019, for all other purposes.







