

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 4—COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

(ON BEHALF OF THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION)

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Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to certain educational commissions. (BDR 34-280)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.  
Effect on the State: Yes.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~fornited-material~~ is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to education; revising provisions governing meetings of the Commission on School Funding; revising the membership of the Commission on Professional Standards in Education; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**Legislative Counsel’s Digest:**

1 Existing law creates the Commission on School Funding which has various  
2 powers and duties relating to the implementation of the Pupil-Centered Funding  
3 Plan and the funding of public schools in this State. (NRS 387.1246, 387.12463)  
4 Under existing law, the Commission on School Funding is authorized to meet only  
5 between July 1 of an odd-numbered year and September 30 of the subsequent even-  
6 numbered year. (NRS 387.1246) **Section 1** of this bill eliminates the limitation on  
7 when the Commission on School Funding is authorized to meet, thereby allowing  
8 the Commission on School Funding to meet at any time during the interim period  
9 between regular legislative sessions and during regular legislative sessions.

10 Existing law creates the Commission on Professional Standards in Education to  
11 prescribe qualifications for the licensure of teachers and other educational  
12 personnel and provides that the Commission on Professional Standards in  
13 Education consists of eleven members who are appointed by the Governor,  
14 including one member who has expertise and experience in the operation of a  
15 business. (NRS 391.011, 391.019) **Section 2** of this bill removes the member with  
16 experience and expertise in the operation of a business, and adds three additional  
17 members, including the dean of the School of Education at Nevada State College or  
18 the dean representing the Teacher Education Department at Great Basin College, as  
19 well as two human resources professionals from school districts of different  
20 enrollment sizes.



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

1     **Section 1.** NRS 387.1246 is hereby amended to read as  
2 follows:

3     387.1246 1. The Commission on School Funding, consisting  
4 of 11 members, is hereby created.

5     2. The Commission consists of the following members, who  
6 may not be Legislators:

7     (a) One member appointed by the Governor, who serves as  
8 Chair;

9     (b) Two members appointed by the Majority Leader of the  
10 Senate;

11     (c) Two members appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly;

12     (d) One member appointed by the Minority Leader of the  
13 Senate;

14     (e) One member appointed by the Minority Leader of the  
15 Assembly;

16     (f) Two members appointed by the Governor, each of whom is  
17 the chief financial officer of a school district in this State which has  
18 more than 40,000 pupils enrolled in its public schools, nominated by  
19 the Nevada Association of School Superintendents or its successor  
20 organization; and

21     (g) Two members appointed by the Governor, each of whom is  
22 the chief financial officer of a school district in this State which has  
23 40,000 or fewer pupils enrolled in its public schools, nominated by  
24 the Nevada Association of School Superintendents or its successor  
25 organization.

26     ↪ In making appointments to the Commission, the appointing  
27 authorities shall consider whether the membership generally reflects  
28 the geographic distribution of pupils in the State.

29     3. Each member of the Commission must:

30     (a) Be a resident of this State;

31     (b) Not have been registered as a lobbyist pursuant to NRS  
32 218H.200 for a period of at least 2 years immediately preceding  
33 appointment to the Commission;

34     (c) Have relevant experience in public education;

35     (d) Have relevant experience in fiscal policy, school finance or  
36 similar or related financial activities;

37     (e) Have the education, experience and skills necessary to  
38 effectively execute the duties and responsibilities of a member of  
39 the Commission; and

40     (f) Have demonstrated ability in the field of economics, taxation  
41 or other discipline necessary to school finance and be able to bring



1 knowledge and professional judgment to the deliberations of the  
2 Commission.

3 4. Each member of the Commission serves a term of 3 years  
4 and may be reappointed to additional terms.

5 5. Each member may be removed by the appointing authority  
6 for good cause. A vacancy on the Commission must be filled in the  
7 same manner as the original appointment.

8 6. The Commission shall:

9 (a) Elect a Vice Chair from among its members at its first  
10 meeting for a term of 3 years. A vacancy in the office of Vice Chair  
11 must be filled by the Commission by election for the remainder of  
12 the existing term.

13 (b) Adopt such rules governing the conduct of the Commission  
14 as it deems necessary.

15 (c) Hold its first meeting on or before October 1, 2019, and hold  
16 such additional number of meetings as may be necessary to  
17 accomplish the tasks assigned to it. ~~[in the time allotted.]~~

18 7. A majority of the members of the Commission constitutes a  
19 quorum and a majority of those present must concur in any decision.

20 8. The Department shall provide the Commission with meeting  
21 rooms, data processing services and administrative and clerical  
22 assistance. The Superintendent of Public Instruction and Office of  
23 Finance shall jointly provide the Commission with professional staff  
24 services.

25 9. While engaged in the business of the Commission, each  
26 member is entitled to receive the per diem allowance and travel  
27 expenses provided for state officers and employees generally.

28 ~~[10. The Commission may meet only between July 1 of an~~  
29 ~~odd-numbered year and September 30 of the subsequent even-~~  
30 ~~numbered year.]~~

31 **Sec. 2.** NRS 391.011 is hereby amended to read as follows:

32 391.011 1. The Commission on Professional Standards in  
33 Education, consisting of ~~[eleven]~~ *thirteen* members appointed by the  
34 Governor, is hereby created.

35 2. Five members of the Commission must be teachers who  
36 teach in the classroom as follows:

37 (a) One who holds a license to teach secondary education and  
38 teaches in a secondary school.

39 (b) One who holds a license to teach middle school or junior  
40 high school education and teaches in a middle school or junior high  
41 school.

42 (c) One who holds a license to teach elementary education and  
43 teaches in an elementary school.

44 (d) One who holds a license to teach special education and  
45 teaches special education.



1 (e) One who holds a license to teach pupils in a program of early  
2 childhood education and teaches in a program of early childhood  
3 education.

4 3. The remaining members of the Commission must include:

5 (a) One school counselor, psychologist, speech-language  
6 pathologist, audiologist, or social worker who is licensed pursuant  
7 to this chapter and employed by a school district or charter school.

8 (b) One administrator of a school who is employed by a school  
9 district or charter school to provide administrative service at an  
10 individual school. Such an administrator must not provide service at  
11 the district level.

12 (c) The dean of the College of Education at one of the  
13 universities in the Nevada System of Higher Education, or a  
14 representative of one of the Colleges of Education nominated by  
15 such a dean for appointment by the Governor.

16 *(d) The dean of the School of Education at Nevada State  
17 College or the dean who represents the Teacher Education  
18 Department at Great Basin College, or a representative nominated  
19 by such a dean for appointment by the Governor.*

20 *(e) The chief human resources officer or a human resources  
21 representative of a school district in this State which has more  
22 than 40,000 pupils enrolled in its public schools.*

23 *(f) The chief human resources officer or a human resources  
24 representative of a school district in this State which has 40,000 or  
25 fewer pupils enrolled in its public schools.*

26 ~~[(d)]~~ (g) One member who is the parent or legal guardian of a  
27 pupil enrolled in a public school.

28 ~~[(e) One member who has expertise and experience in the  
29 operation of a business.]~~

30 ~~[(f)]~~ (h) One member who is the superintendent of schools of a  
31 school district.

32 4. Three of the five appointments made pursuant to subsection  
33 2 must be made from a list of names of at least three persons for  
34 each position that is submitted to the Governor by an employee  
35 organization representing the majority of teachers in the State who  
36 teach in the educational level from which the appointment is being  
37 made.

38 5. The appointment made pursuant to:

39 (a) Paragraph (a) of subsection 3 must be made from a list of  
40 names of at least three persons that is submitted to the Governor by  
41 an employee organization representing the majority of school  
42 counselors, psychologists, speech-language pathologists,  
43 audiologists or social workers in this State who are not  
44 administrators.



1 (b) Paragraph (b) of subsection 3 must be made from a list of  
2 names of at least three persons that is submitted to the Governor by  
3 the organization of administrators for schools in which the majority  
4 of administrators of schools in this State have membership.

5 (c) *Paragraphs (e) and (f) of subsection 3 must be made from a*  
6 *list of names of persons for each position submitted to the*  
7 *Governor by the Nevada Association of School Superintendents or*  
8 *its successor organization.*

9 (d) Paragraph ~~(d)~~ (g) of subsection 3 must be made from a list  
10 of names of persons submitted to the Governor by the Nevada  
11 Parent Teacher Association or its successor organization.

12 ~~(d)~~ (e) Paragraph ~~(d)~~ (h) of subsection 3 must be made from  
13 a list of names of persons submitted to the Governor by the Nevada  
14 Association of School Superintendents ~~(h)~~ *or its successor*  
15 *organization.*

16 **Sec. 3.** 1. The term of the member serving on the  
17 Commission on Professional Standards in Education whose  
18 qualifications require expertise and experience in the operation of a  
19 business expires on July 1, 2023.

20 2. As soon as practicable after July 1, 2023, the Governor shall  
21 appoint to the Commission on Professional Standards in Education  
22 any new members required to be appointed to the Commission  
23 pursuant to NRS 391.011, as amended by section 2 of this act.

24 **Sec. 4.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2023.







