
ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 42—COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

(ON BEHALF OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL)

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Referred to Committee on Education

SUMMARY—Requires the State Board of Education to create a subcommittee to study the manner in which to include certain instruction relating to substance abuse in the health curriculum for certain grade levels. (BDR S-419)

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

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

AN ACT relating to education; requiring the State Board of Education to create a subcommittee to study the manner in which to include certain instruction on substance abuse to the health courses taught in middle schools, junior high schools and high schools; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

1 Existing law designates certain core academic subjects that must be taught in
2 public schools. In addition to those core academic subjects, certain additional
3 subjects must be taught including health. (NRS 389.018) This bill requires the State
4 Board of Education to create a subcommittee to study the manner in which to
5 include certain instruction on substance abuse within the health class that is taught
6 in middle school, junior high school and high school. The subcommittee is required
7 to report back to the State Board with its findings. The State Board must then report
8 to the Legislative Committee on Education.

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

1 **Section 1.** 1. The State Board of Education shall create a
2 subcommittee to study the manner in which to include instruction



1 concerning substance abuse in a course of study in health prescribed
2 pursuant to paragraph (c) of subsection 3 of NRS 389.018 for pupils
3 enrolled in middle school, junior high school and high school. Such
4 instruction must include, without limitation, instruction in:

5 (a) The nature of controlled substances, dangerous drugs,
6 alcohol, anabolic steroids and tobacco;

7 (b) The physiological, psychological, sociological and legal
8 effects of such substances on the individual, family and society; and

9 (c) Resources and information that is available to address
10 substance abuse.

11 2. The study conducted by the subcommittee created pursuant
12 to subsection 1 must include, without limitation:

13 (a) The manner in which to modify the curriculum of the
14 relevant course in health to include the instruction in subsection 1
15 and ensure that such instruction is adapted for the age and
16 understanding of the pupils;

17 (b) Any appropriate revision to the requirements for licensure or
18 endorsement that may be necessary or appropriate for a teacher who
19 provides the instruction described in subsection 1;

20 (c) The professional development that may be necessary or
21 appropriate for a teacher who provides the instruction described in
22 subsection 1; and

23 (d) Consideration of the manner in which any similar instruction
24 is provided in another state or school district.

25 3. The subcommittee created pursuant to subsection 1 shall
26 report its findings to the State Board of Education on or before
27 April 1, 2020. The State Board of Education shall, on or before
28 July 1, 2020, submit a report to the Legislative Committee on
29 Education which includes its recommendations to carry out the
30 instruction described in subsection 1, as well as any actions the State
31 Board has taken or intends to take to include the instruction in the
32 relevant health course.

33 **Sec. 2.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2019.

