

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 49—COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

(ON BEHALF OF THE WASHOE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT)

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Referred to Committee on Education

SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to educational personnel. (BDR 34-519)

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 educational personnel; authorizing a person who holds a license to teach in certain states to be hired as a teacher in this State if he or she satisfies certain requirements; authorizing a person to simultaneously enroll in multiple programs for an alternative route to licensure; requiring the Commission on Professional Standards in Education to prescribe certain regulations concerning the licensure of teachers, school nurses and school social workers; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

1 Existing law creates the Commission on Professional Standards in Education
2 and requires the Commission to prescribe regulations for licensing teachers and
3 other educational personnel. (NRS 391.011, 391.019) Under existing law, such
4 regulations are required to provide for the reciprocal licensure of educational
5 personnel from other states. (NRS 391.032) **Section 1** of this bill requires the
6 Commission to compile a list of states in which the requirements and qualifications
7 to obtain a license to teach are equivalent to the requirements and qualifications to
8 obtain a license to teach in this State. **Section 1** additionally authorizes the board of
9 trustees of a school district or the governing body of a charter school to employ as a
10 teacher a person not licensed as a teacher in this State if the person: (1) holds a
11 license in good standing from a state included on the list compiled by the
12 Commission; (2) has submitted an application to receive a license to teach in this
13 State; and (3) has completed the background investigation the employing school
14 district is required to conduct.

15 **Section 2** of this bill requires that the regulations adopted by the Commission
16 also prescribe qualifications for a person who holds certain licenses to teach to



17 receive a license to teach elementary education without repeating previously
18 completed requirements or satisfying additional requirements. **Section 2**
19 additionally requires such regulations to prescribe qualifications for a person to use
20 work experience or a license in an area of career and technical education to receive
21 an endorsement in career and technical education without repeating certain
22 requirements. **Section 2** also requires such regulations to authorize a person to
23 serve as a school nurse or school social worker without the applicable endorsement
24 if the person: (1) has applied for such an endorsement but the endorsement has not
25 yet been approved or denied; and (2) holds certain valid licenses issued by the State
26 Board of Nursing or the Board of Examiners for Social Workers, as applicable.
27 **Section 4** of this bill makes a conforming change to authorize such a registered
28 nurse to be employed as a school nurse without an endorsement as a school nurse.

29 Existing law requires the Commission to prescribe regulations that set forth the
30 qualifications for licensing teachers through an alternative route to licensure. (NRS
31 391.019) **Section 2** requires such regulations to authorize a person to
32 simultaneously enroll in multiple programs for an alternative route to licensure.

33 **Section 3** of this bill requires a reduction in the fee for a license to teach for
34 certain applicants who are substitute teachers.

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

1 **Section 1.** Chapter 391 of NRS is hereby amended by adding
2 thereto a new section to read as follows:

3 *1. The Commission shall develop, and on an annual basis,*
4 *update a list of each state that the Commission determines has*
5 *requirements and qualifications for a license to teach early*
6 *childhood education, elementary education, middle school or*
7 *junior high school education, secondary education or special*
8 *education that are substantially equivalent to the requirements*
9 *and qualifications for such a license in this State.*

10 *2. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the board of*
11 *trustees of a school district or the governing body of a charter*
12 *school may, on a provisional basis not to exceed 1 year, employ as*
13 *a teacher a person who is not licensed to teach pursuant to this*
14 *chapter if the person:*

15 *(a) Is licensed in good standing as a teacher in a state included*
16 *on the most recent list developed or updated by the Commission*
17 *pursuant to subsection 1;*

18 *(b) Has submitted an application for the issuance of a license*
19 *to teach pursuant to this chapter;*

20 *(c) Is employed to teach in a position that corresponds to the*
21 *license of the teacher in the other state;*

22 *(d) Complies with the requirements of NRS 391.104; and*

23 *(e) Is not otherwise prohibited from being employed as a*
24 *teacher in this State.*



Sec. 2. NRS 391.019 is hereby amended to read as follows:

391.019 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 391.027, the Commission shall adopt regulations:

(a) Prescribing the qualifications for licensing teachers and other educational personnel and the procedures for the issuance and renewal of those licenses. The regulations:

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

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

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

(III) *Authorize a person to simultaneously enroll in multiple programs for an alternative route to licensure;*

(IV) Require a qualified provider to provide in-person or virtual supervised, school-based experiences and ongoing support for its students, such as mentoring and coaching;

~~(V)~~ (V) Significantly limit the amount of course work required or provide for the waiver of required course work for students who achieve certain scores on tests;

~~(VI)~~ (VI) Allow for the completion in 2 years or less of the education and training required under the alternative route to licensure;

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

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

(2) Must require an applicant for a license to teach middle school or junior high school education or secondary education to demonstrate proficiency in a field of specialization or area of



1 concentration by successfully completing course work prescribed by
2 the Department or completing a subject matter competency
3 examination prescribed by the Department with a score deemed
4 satisfactory.

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

9 *(4) Must prescribe, for a person who holds a license to*
10 *teach middle school or junior high school education or secondary*
11 *education, and is an applicant for a license to teach elementary*
12 *education, qualifications to receive the additional license without*
13 *satisfying additional requirements or repeating requirements that*
14 *were previously completed.*

15 *(5) Must prescribe qualifications for the receipt of a*
16 *secondary license with an endorsement in career and technical*
17 *education that authorize an applicant to use work experience or a*
18 *license in an area of career and technical education to satisfy*
19 *requirements on the application if he or she has previously listed*
20 *the information on an application for such a license that is no*
21 *longer valid.*

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

24 (c) Except as otherwise provided in NRS 391.125, requiring
25 teachers to obtain from the Department an endorsement in a field of
26 specialization to be eligible to teach in that field of specialization.

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

29 (e) Setting forth the qualifications and requirements for
30 obtaining a license or endorsement to teach American Sign
31 Language, including, without limitation, being registered with the
32 Aging and Disability Services Division of the Department of Health
33 and Human Services pursuant to NRS 656A.100 to engage in the
34 practice of sign language interpreting in a primary or secondary
35 educational setting.

36 (f) Requiring teachers and other educational personnel to be
37 registered with the Aging and Disability Services Division pursuant
38 to NRS 656A.100 to engage in the practice of sign language
39 interpreting in a primary or secondary educational setting if they:

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

41 (2) Concurrently engage in the practice of sign language
42 interpreting, as defined in NRS 656A.060.

43 (g) Prescribing course work on parental involvement and family
44 engagement. The Commission shall:



1 (1) Work in cooperation with the Office of Parental
2 Involvement and Family Engagement created by NRS 385.630 in
3 developing the regulations required by this paragraph.

4 (2) Establish standards for professional development training
5 which may be used to satisfy any course work requirement
6 prescribed pursuant to this paragraph.

7 (h) Establishing the requirements for obtaining an endorsement
8 on the license of a teacher, administrator or other educational
9 personnel in cultural competency.

10 (i) Authorizing the Superintendent of Public Instruction to issue
11 a license by endorsement to an applicant who holds an equivalent
12 license or authorization issued by a governmental entity in another
13 country if the Superintendent determines that the qualifications for
14 the equivalent license or authorization are substantially similar to
15 those prescribed pursuant to paragraph (a).

16 (j) Establishing the requirements for obtaining an endorsement
17 on the license of a teacher, administrator or other educational
18 personnel in teaching courses relating to financial literacy.

19 (k) Authorizing a person who is employed as a paraprofessional
20 and enrolled in a program to become a teacher to complete an
21 accelerated program of student teaching in the same or a
22 substantially similar area in which the person is employed as a
23 paraprofessional while remaining employed as a paraprofessional.

24 (l) Requiring the Department to accept a program of student
25 teaching or other teaching experience completed in another state or
26 foreign country by an applicant for a license if the Department
27 determines that the program or experience substantially fulfills the
28 standards of a program of student teaching in this State.

29 (m) Authorizing a person who is employed by a public school to
30 provide support or other services relating to school psychology, if
31 the person does not hold a license or endorsement as a school
32 psychologist but is enrolled in a program that would allow the
33 person to obtain such a license or endorsement, to complete a
34 program of internship in school psychology while remaining
35 employed in such a position.

36 (n) *If a person has applied for an endorsement as a school
37 nurse or school social worker but the endorsement has not been
38 issued or denied, authorizing the applicant to, as applicable:*

39 *(1) Serve as a school nurse without an endorsement as a
40 school nurse if he or she holds a valid license as a registered nurse
41 issued by the State Board of Nursing; or*

42 *(2) Serve as a school social worker without an endorsement
43 as a school social worker if he or she holds a valid license as a
44 social worker issued by the Board of Examiners for Social
45 Workers.*



1 (o) To carry out the provisions of NRS 391B.010.

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

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

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

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

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

15 **Sec. 3.** NRS 391.040 is hereby amended to read as follows:

16 391.040 1. The Commission shall fix fees of not less than
17 \$100 for the:

18 (a) Initial issuance of a license, which must include the fees for
19 processing the fingerprints of the applicant by the Central
20 Repository for Nevada Records of Criminal History and the Federal
21 Bureau of Investigation; and

22 (b) Renewal of a license, which must include the fees for
23 processing the fingerprints of the applicant for renewal by the
24 Central Repository for Nevada Records of Criminal History and the
25 Federal Bureau of Investigation.

26 2. The fee for issuing a duplicate license is the same as for
27 issuing the original.

28 3. The portion of each fee which represents the amount charged
29 by the Federal Bureau of Investigation for processing the
30 fingerprints of the applicant must be deposited with the State
31 Treasurer for credit to the appropriate account of the Department of
32 Public Safety. The remaining portion of the money received from
33 the fees must be deposited with the State Treasurer for credit to the
34 appropriate account of the Department of Education.

35 4. The Department of Education ~~may~~ :

36 (a) *May* waive any fee for the initial issuance of a license, the
37 renewal of a license or the issuance of a duplicate license for an
38 applicant or licensee who is a veteran of the Armed Forces of the
39 United States, an applicant or licensee who is a member of the
40 Armed Forces of the United States who is on active duty or an
41 applicant or licensee who is the spouse of such a veteran or member
42 of the Armed Forces of the United States.

43 (b) *Shall waive all or part of the fee for the initial issuance of a*
44 *license to teach for an applicant who holds a license or*
45 *endorsement as a substitute teacher and who paid the fee to apply*



1 *for and be issued such a license or endorsement within 1 year*
2 *preceding the date on which the applicant submits the application*
3 *for the initial issuance of a license to teach. The amount of the fee*
4 *waiver pursuant to this paragraph must equal the amount by*
5 *which the fee for the initial issuance of a license to teach exceeds*
6 *the amount paid by the applicant for the license or endorsement as*
7 *a substitute teacher.*

8 **Sec. 4.** NRS 391.291 is hereby amended to read as follows:

9 391.291 1. The provision of nursing services in a school
10 district by school nurses and other qualified personnel must be
11 under the direction and supervision of a chief nurse who is a
12 registered nurse as provided in NRS 632.240 and who:

13 (a) Holds an endorsement to serve as a school nurse issued
14 pursuant to regulations adopted by the Commission; or

15 (b) Is employed by a state, county, city or district health
16 department and provides nursing services to the school district in the
17 course of that employment.

18 2. ~~FA~~ *Except as otherwise provided in regulations adopted by*
19 *the Commission pursuant to NRS 391.019, a school district shall*
20 *not employ a person to serve as a school nurse unless the person*
21 *holds an endorsement to serve as a school nurse issued pursuant to*
22 *regulations adopted by the Commission.*

23 3. The chief nurse shall ensure that each school nurse:

24 (a) Coordinates with the principal of each school to designate:

25 (1) Employees of the school who are authorized to
26 administer auto-injectable epinephrine; and

27 (2) If the school has obtained an order for an opioid
28 antagonist pursuant to subsection 2 of NRS 386.870, at least two
29 employees of the school who are authorized to administer the opioid
30 antagonist.

31 (b) Provides the employees so designated with training
32 concerning the proper storage and administration of auto-injectable
33 epinephrine or opioid antagonists, as applicable.

34 4. As used in this section, "opioid antagonist" has the meaning
35 ascribed to it in NRS 453C.040.

36 **Sec. 5.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2025.



