

SENATE BILL NO. 344—SENATORS WOODHOUSE, SMITH, DENIS,  
SPEARMAN, PARKS; FORD, JONES, KIHUEN AND SEGERBLOM

MARCH 18, 2013

Referred to Committee on Finance

SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to the education of certain children who are patients or residents of certain hospitals or facilities. (BDR 34-933)

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 certain hospitals and facilities to request reimbursement, under certain circumstances, for providing educational services to children in their care; authorizing the Department of Education, the county school districts, charter schools and the Health Division of the Department of Health and Human Services to enter into a cooperative agreement for the provision of educational services to children at certain hospitals and facilities; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**Legislative Counsel's Digest:**

1     **Section 1** of this bill authorizes certain hospitals or other facilities that are  
2 licensed by the Health Division of the Department of Health and Human Services  
3 and that operate a licensed private school to request reimbursement, under certain  
4 circumstances, from the Department of Education for the cost of providing  
5 educational services to a child who attends the licensed private school.  
6     **Section 2** of this bill authorizes the Department of Education, the county school  
7 districts, charter schools and the Health Division of the Department of Health and  
8 Human Services to enter into a cooperative agreement for the provision of  
9 educational services at certain hospitals or other facilities that are licensed by the  
10 Health Division.



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

1       **Section 1.** Chapter 387 of NRS is hereby amended by adding  
2 thereto a new section to read as follows:

3       1. *A hospital or other facility which is licensed by the Health*  
4 *Division of the Department of Health and Human Services that*  
5 *provides residential treatment to children and which operates a*  
6 *private school licensed pursuant to chapter 394 of NRS may*  
7 *request reimbursement from the Department for the cost of*  
8 *providing educational services to a child who:*

9       (a) *The Department verifies is a patient or resident of the*  
10 *hospital or facility; and*

11       (b) *Attends the private school for more than 7 school days.*

12       2. *Upon receiving a request for reimbursement, the*  
13 *Department shall determine the amount of reimbursement to*  
14 *which the hospital or facility is entitled as a percentage of the*  
15 *basic support guarantee per pupil and withhold that amount from*  
16 *the county school district or charter school where the child would*  
17 *attend school if the child were not placed in the hospital or facility.*  
18 *The Department shall distribute the money withheld from the*  
19 *county school district or charter school to the hospital or facility.*

20       3. *The Department shall adopt any regulations necessary to*  
21 *carry out the provisions of this section.*

22       4. *As used in this section:*

23       (a) *“Hospital” has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 449.012.*

24       (b) *“Private school” has the meaning ascribed to it in*  
25 *NRS 394.103.*

26       **Sec. 2.** Chapter 277 of NRS is hereby amended by adding  
27 thereto a new section to read as follows:

28       1. *The Department of Education, the county school districts*  
29 *of the various counties, charter schools and the Health Division of*  
30 *the Department of Health and Human Services may enter into*  
31 *cooperative agreements for the provision of educational services at*  
32 *any hospital or other facility which is licensed by the Health*  
33 *Division that provides residential treatment to children and which*  
34 *operates a private school licensed pursuant to chapter 394 of NRS.*

35       2. *The authorization provided by subsection 1 includes the*  
36 *right to pay over money appropriated to a county school district or*  
37 *charter school for the education of a child placed in such a*  
38 *hospital or facility.*

39       3. *As used in this section, “hospital” has the meaning*  
40 *ascribed to it in NRS 449.012.*

41       **Sec. 3.** This act becomes effective:



- 1       1. Upon passage and approval for the purposes of entering into
- 2 cooperative agreements pursuant to section 2 of this act, adopting
- 3 regulations and performing any other preparatory administrative
- 4 tasks that are necessary to carry out the provisions of this act; and
- 5       2. On July 1, 2013, for all other purposes.



