

SENATE BILL NO. 469—COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

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Referred to Committee on Education

SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to the reorganization of certain school districts. (BDR 34-818)

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

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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; revising the number of local school precincts in a large school district that a school associate superintendent is authorized to oversee; revising provisions relating to the allocation of money by such a large school district to local school precincts to carry out the responsibilities transferred to the precincts; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

1 Existing law prescribes requirements for the transition and restructuring of
2 school districts which have more than 100,000 pupils enrolled in its public schools
3 (currently the Clark County School District) from a centralized operational model
4 to a more decentralized and autonomous site-based operational model. (NRS
5 388G.500-388G.810) To accomplish this, existing law: (1) deems each public
6 school within a large school district, other than a charter school or a university
7 school for profoundly gifted pupils, to be a local school precinct which is operated
8 under site-based decision-making; and (2) provides to the local school precincts the
9 authority to carry out certain responsibilities which have traditionally been carried
10 out by the large school district. (NRS 388G.600)

11 Existing law requires the superintendent of schools of a large school district to
12 assign a school associate superintendent to oversee local school precincts, but
13 prohibits such a person from being assigned to oversee more than 25 local school
14 precincts. (NRS 388G.620) **Section 1** of this bill removes this prohibition, therefore
15 authorizing a school associate superintendent to oversee more than 25 local school
16 precincts.

17 Existing law requires the superintendent of schools of a large school district to
18 annually make certain estimates regarding the funding received by the school
19 district and to estimate the amount of money that will be allocated to the local
20 school precincts for the next school year. Existing law prescribes certain money of
21 the large school district as restricted and requires that the amount allocated to the
22 local school precincts be a certain percentage of the total amount of unrestricted



23 money of the large school district. (NRS 388G.660) **Section 2** of this bill classifies
24 as restricted the money that is necessary for a large school district to carry out the
25 responsibilities that are not transferred to the local school precinct.

26 Existing law sets forth the manner in which a large school district is required to
27 determine the allocation that will be made to each local school precinct, which must
28 be on a per pupil basis. (NRS 388G.670) Existing law requires the superintendent
29 of schools of a large school district to inform each local school precinct on or
30 before January 15 of each year of the estimated amount of money that will be
31 allocated to the local school precinct for the next school year, based upon: (1) for
32 an existing local school precinct, the actual number of pupils who attended the local
33 school precinct as reported during the previous calendar quarter; or (2) for a new
34 local school precinct, the estimated number of pupils who will attend the new
35 school and the effect on any existing local school precinct. (NRS 388G.680) For
36 purposes of this allocation, **section 3** of this bill changes the measure for
37 determining the number of pupils for existing local school precincts from actual
38 numbers to estimates by the large school district, which is the same measure as is
39 used for determining the number of pupils for a new local school precinct.

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

1 **Section 1.** NRS 388G.620 is hereby amended to read as
2 follows:

3 388G.620 1. The superintendent shall assign a school
4 associate superintendent to oversee ~~each~~ *one or more* local school
5 ~~precinct. Each school associate superintendent must not be assigned~~
6 ~~to oversee more than 25 local school~~ precincts.

7 2. Whenever a vacancy occurs in the position of school
8 associate superintendent, the superintendent shall post notice of the
9 vacancy. The superintendent shall interview qualified candidates for
10 the vacant position. At least one, but not more than two
11 representatives of the principals of the local school precincts
12 overseen by the vacant position must be allowed to participate in
13 interviewing candidates for the vacant position. If the local
14 governmental agency which has the most schools that are overseen
15 by the vacant position is:

16 (a) A city, the governing body of the city may appoint one
17 representative to participate in interviewing candidates for the
18 vacant position.

19 (b) Not a city, the board of county commissioners for the county
20 in which the large school district is located may appoint one
21 representative to participate in interviewing candidates for the
22 vacant position.

23 3. Each person who participates in interviewing candidates
24 pursuant to subsection 2 shall comply with all laws that apply to an
25 employer when making a decision about employment.



1 4. Upon completion of the interviews pursuant to subsection 2
2 and before the superintendent makes a final determination about
3 which candidate to hire, the superintendent must notify the
4 governing body of the city or the board of county commissioners for
5 the county, as applicable, regarding the candidate whom the
6 superintendent intends to hire. After receiving such notice, the
7 governing body of the city or the board of county commissioners, as
8 applicable, may hold a public meeting within 10 days to question
9 the superintendent and the candidate for the vacant position and
10 receive public input. After any such meeting or, if no such meeting
11 is held, after 10 days, the superintendent shall, in his or her sole
12 discretion, hire a candidate for the vacant position.

13 5. After the school associate superintendent is hired, the
14 superintendent may, in his or her sole discretion, reassign and make
15 other employment decisions concerning the school associate
16 superintendent.

17 **Sec. 2.** NRS 388G.660 is hereby amended to read as follows:

18 388G.660 1. On or before January 15 of each year, the
19 superintendent shall establish for the next school year:

20 (a) The estimated total amount of money to be received by the
21 large school district from all sources, including any year-end
22 balance that is carried forward, and shall identify the sources of such
23 a year-end balance and whether the year-end balance is restricted. If
24 the year-end balance is restricted, the superintendent shall identify
25 the source of the restriction and the total of amount of money to be
26 received by the large school district that is unrestricted. Money may
27 only be identified as restricted if it ~~is~~ :

28 (1) *Is* required by state or federal law ~~[, if it is]~~ ;

29 (2) *Is* proscribed by the Department ;

30 (3) *Is necessary for the large school district to carry out its*
31 *responsibilities pursuant to subsection 3 of NRS 388G.610;* or ~~[if it~~
32 ~~has]~~

33 (4) *Has* been otherwise encumbered.

34 (b) The estimated percentage of the amount of money
35 determined pursuant to paragraph (a) to be unrestricted that will be
36 allocated to the local school precincts. The percentage must equal:

37 (1) For the first school year in which the large school district
38 operates pursuant to the provisions of NRS 388G.500 to 388G.810,
39 inclusive, not less than 80 percent of the total amount of money
40 from all sources received by the large school district that is
41 unrestricted for the school year; and

42 (2) For each subsequent school year, 85 percent of the total
43 amount of money from all sources received by the large school
44 district that is unrestricted for the school year.



1 (c) The estimated amount of categorical funding to be received
2 by the large school district and whether such funding is restricted in
3 a manner that prohibits the large school district from including that
4 categorical funding in the amount of funding per pupil that is
5 allocated to the local school precincts.

6 (d) The total estimated amount of money that will be
7 allocated to each local school precinct as determined pursuant to
8 NRS 388G.680.

9 2. The superintendent shall post the information established
10 pursuant to subsection 1 on the Internet website of the large school
11 district and make the information available to any person upon
12 request.

13 **Sec. 3.** NRS 388G.680 is hereby amended to read as follows:

14 388G.680 1. On or before January 15 of each year, the
15 superintendent shall inform each local school precinct of the
16 estimated amount of money that will be allocated to the local school
17 precinct for the next school year. The allocation must be based upon
18 *estimates by the large school district of* the number of pupils in
19 each category who *will* attend the local school precinct after
20 applying the appropriate weight to each category of pupil as
21 determined pursuant to NRS 388G.670.

22 2. ~~Except as otherwise provided in subsections 3 and 4, the~~
23 ~~number and category of pupils must be determined based upon~~
24 ~~the report of the pupils attending each local school precinct for the~~
25 ~~previous calendar quarter pursuant to NRS 387.1223.~~

26 ~~3.]~~ If an additional local school precinct is added in the large
27 school district, for the purpose of determining the first allocation for
28 the new local school precinct, the large school district must estimate
29 the number of pupils in each category who will attend the new local
30 school precinct and the effect on any existing local school precinct.
31 If the opening of a new local school precinct is anticipated to reduce
32 the number of pupils who will attend another local school precinct,
33 for purposes of determining the allocation, the number of pupils
34 must be adjusted accordingly.

35 ~~4.]~~ 3. The estimated amount of money allocated to each local
36 school precinct for the next school year must be adjusted on or
37 before November 1 of each year to reflect the actual number of
38 pupils in each category who attend the local school precinct.

39 **Sec. 4.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2019.

