
SENATE BILL NO. 91—COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

(ON BEHALF OF THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE
ON EDUCATION)

PREFILED JANUARY 24, 2019

Referred to Committee on Education

SUMMARY—Establishes the commission on Innovation and Excellence in Education to develop a statewide vision and implementation plan to improve the public education system in this State. (BDR 34-386)

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; creating the Commission on Innovation and Excellence in Education; providing for the membership and duties of the Commission; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

1 This bill creates the Commission on Innovation and Excellence in Education
2 for the purposes of developing a statewide vision and implementation plan to
3 improve the education system in this State. **Section 3** of this bill creates the
4 Commission and prescribes the membership of the Commission, consisting of 25
5 persons representing a variety of stakeholders. **Section 4** of this bill requires the
6 Commission to: (1) conduct a study comparing the education policies of this State
7 to those of high performing international and domestic education systems; (2) make
8 recommendations on how to adapt the appropriate education policies of those high
9 performing education systems into the public education system in this State; (3)
10 make recommendations on how to put the performance of pupils in this State in
11 parity with the performance of those pupils in high performing education systems;
12 (4) incorporate any relevant findings of any previous or ongoing studies related to
13 funding for education; and (5) develop an implementation plan for the
14 recommendations made which includes an analysis of the costs involved.



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

1 **Section 1.** Chapter 385 of NRS is hereby amended by adding
2 thereto the provisions set forth as sections 2, 3 and 4 of this act.

3 **Sec. 2.** *As used in sections 2, 3 and 4 of this act, unless the*
4 *context otherwise requires, "Commission" means the Commission*
5 *on Innovation and Excellence in Education created by section 3 of*
6 *this act.*

7 **Sec. 3. 1.** *The Commission on Innovation and Excellence*
8 *in Education is hereby created. The Commission consists of:*

9 (i) *Four members who are Senators, appointed by the*
10 *Majority Leader of the Senate;*

11 (ii) *Four members who are members of the Assembly,*
12 *appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly;*

13 (iii) *The Superintendent of Public Instruction;*

14 (iv) *The Director of the Office of Finance;*

15 (v) *The Chancellor of the Nevada System of Higher*
16 *Education;*

17 (vi) *One member who is a representative of the State Board of*
18 *Education, appointed by the President of the State Board;*

19 (vii) *One member who is a representative of the Nevada State*
20 *Education Association, appointed by the President of that*
21 *Association;*

22 (viii) *One member who is a representative of the Clark County*
23 *Education Association, appointed by the President of that*
24 *Association;*

25 (ix) *One member who is a member of the board of trustees of a*
26 *school district, appointed by the Nevada Association of School*
27 *Boards;*

28 (x) *One member who is a superintendent of schools of a school*
29 *district, appointed by the Nevada Association of School*
30 *Superintendents;*

31 (xi) *One member who is chief financial officer of a school*
32 *district, appointed by the Association of School Business Officials;*

33 (xii) *Two members appointed by the Nevada Association of*
34 *Counties;*

35 (xiii) *One member who is the representative of an organization*
36 *that advocates for public education, appointed by the*
37 *Superintendent of Public Instruction;*

38 (xiv) *One member who is the parent or guardian of a pupil who*
39 *is enrolled in a public school in this State, appointed by the*
40 *Nevada Parent Teacher Association;*

41 (xv) *One member who is a representative of the public at large,*
42 *appointed by the Governor;*



1 (p) One member who is a representative of the public at large,
2 appointed by the Majority Leader of the Senate;

3 (q) One member who is a representative of the public at large,
4 appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly; and

5 (r) One member who owns or manages a business located in
6 this State, appointed by the Governor.

7 2. If any organization listed in subsection 1 ceases to exist,
8 the appointment required pursuant to that subsection must be
9 made by the association's successor in interest or, if there is no
10 successor in interest, by the Governor.

11 3. In appointing the members of the Commission described in
12 subsection 1, the appointing authorities shall coordinate the
13 appointments when practicable so that the members of the
14 Commission represent the diversity of this State, including,
15 without limitation, regional, ethnic, economic and gender
16 diversity.

17 4. Each member of the Commission:

18 (a) Serves without compensation; and

19 (b) While engaged in the business of the Commission, is
20 entitled to receive the per diem allowance and travel expenses
21 provided for state officers and employees generally.

22 5. Each appointed member of the Commission serves a term
23 of 2 years and may be reappointed.

24 6. The Governor shall call the first meeting of the
25 Commission. At its first meeting and annually thereafter, the
26 members of the Commission shall elect a Chair and a Vice Chair
27 from among the members of the Commission.

28 7. The Commission shall meet at least once each calendar
29 year and, after its first meeting, at the call of the Chair.

30 8. The Department shall provide any administrative support
31 necessary for the Commission to carry out its duties.

32 **Sec. 4. 1.** The Commission shall develop a statewide vision
33 and implementation plan to improve the public education system
34 in this State. The Commission shall:

35 (a) Conduct a benchmarking or gap analysis study comparing
36 the education policies of this State to the education policies of
37 high performing international and domestic education systems.

38 (b) Make recommendations on how to adapt the appropriate
39 education policies of high performing international and domestic
40 education systems into the public education system in this State.

41 (c) Identify objectives to put the educational performance of
42 pupils in this State in parity with that of pupils in high performing
43 international and domestic education systems and make
44 recommendations on how to meet the identified objectives.



1 *(d) Review the findings of any previous or ongoing studies*
2 *related to the funding of education and incorporate any relevant*
3 *findings.*

4 *(e) Develop an implementation plan for the recommendations*
5 *made pursuant to this section which includes an analysis of the*
6 *costs of the plan.*

7 *2. The Commission may employ and contract with the*
8 *National Center on Education and the Economy or an*
9 *organization with similar expertise and qualifications to carry out*
10 *any of its functions pursuant to this section.*

11 **Sec. 5.** This act becomes effective upon passage and approval
12 for the purposes of appointing members to the Commission on
13 Innovation and Excellence in Education created by section 3 of this
14 act and performing any other administrative tasks that are necessary
15 to carry out the provisions of this act, and on July 1, 2019, for all
16 other purposes.

