

SENATE BILL NO. 99—COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

(ON BEHALF OF THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE
ON EDUCATION)

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Referred to Committee on Education

SUMMARY—Creates an advisory committee to study certain issues relating to the profession of teaching. (BDR S-389)

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; creating the Advisory Committee on the Creation of a Career Pathway for Teachers to study certain issues relating to the profession of teaching; requiring the Advisory Committee to make recommendations to implement its findings; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

1 Under existing law, the Commission on Professional Standards in Education is
2 required to adopt regulations prescribing: (1) the qualifications for licensing
3 teachers and other educational personnel; and (2) the educational requirements a
4 teacher must satisfy to qualify for an endorsement in a field of specialization. (NRS
5 391.019) This bill creates the Advisory Committee on the Creation of a Career
6 Pathway for Teachers to study certain issues relating to the profession of teaching,
7 including, without limitation, the creation of separate tiers of licenses or
8 endorsements for a teacher based on the scope of practice and experience of the
9 teacher. The Advisory Committee consists of 19 persons with experience and
10 knowledge in the profession of teaching. The Advisory Committee is required to
11 make findings and recommendations and issue a final report on changes which it
12 finds would have a beneficial effect on the profession of teaching and on the
13 educational performance of pupils in this State.



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

1 **Section 1.** (Deleted by amendment.)

2 **Sec. 2.** (Deleted by amendment.)

3 **Sec. 3.** (Deleted by amendment.)

4 **Sec. 3.3.** 1. The Advisory Committee on the Creation of a
5 Career Pathway for Teachers is hereby created consisting of the
6 following voting members:

7 (a) Two members who are Senators, one of whom is appointed
8 by the Majority Leader of the Senate and one of whom is appointed
9 by the Minority Leader of the Senate;

10 (b) Two members who are members of the Assembly, one of
11 whom is appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly and one of
12 whom is appointed by the Minority Leader of the Assembly;

13 (c) One member who is the dean of a college of education at one
14 of the institutions of the Nevada System of Higher Education or his
15 or her designee, appointed by the Chancellor of the Nevada System
16 of Higher Education;

17 (d) One member who is an administrator at the school level,
18 appointed by the Governor;

19 (e) One member who teaches in a program of early childhood
20 education at a public school, appointed by the Nevada Early
21 Childhood Advisory Council established pursuant to
22 NRS 432A.076;

23 (f) One member who is a paraprofessional who works in a
24 classroom in a public school, appointed by the Governor from a list
25 of nominees submitted by the employee organization that represents
26 the largest number of paraprofessionals in this State;

27 (g) One member who is a speech-language pathologist,
28 audiologist or social worker employed by a school district or charter
29 school, appointed by the Governor from a list of nominees
30 submitted by the employee organization that represents the largest
31 number of such educational personnel in this State;

32 (h) One member who is a school psychologist licensed pursuant
33 to chapter 391 of NRS and employed by a public school, appointed
34 by the Nevada Association of School Psychologists;

35 (i) One member who is a teacher, holds a license to teach
36 secondary education and teaches in a high school, appointed by the
37 Governor pursuant to subsection 3;

38 (j) One member who is a teacher, holds a license to teach middle
39 school or junior high school education and teaches in a middle
40 school or junior high school, appointed by the Governor pursuant to
41 subsection 3;



1 (k) One member who is a teacher, holds a license to teach
2 elementary education and teaches in an elementary school,
3 appointed by the Governor pursuant to subsection 3;

4 (l) One member who is a teacher, holds a license to teach special
5 education and teaches pupils with disabilities, appointed by the
6 Governor pursuant to subsection 3; and

7 (m) One member who holds a license issued pursuant to chapter
8 391 of NRS and works in a public school as a learning strategist,
9 reading strategist, data coach, literacy coach, instructional strategist,
10 instructional coach, art teacher, music teacher, physical education
11 teacher or librarian, appointed by the Governor pursuant to
12 subsection 3.

13 2. In addition to the members appointed pursuant to subsection
14 1, the following persons serve as nonvoting members of the
15 Advisory Committee:

16 (a) The employee of the Department of Education responsible
17 for the licensing of teachers or his or her designee, appointed by the
18 Superintendent of Public Instruction;

19 (b) The superintendent of schools of each of the two largest
20 school districts in this State; and

21 (c) A superintendent of schools of a school district not
22 represented in paragraph (b), appointed by the Nevada Association
23 of School Superintendents.

24 3. The Governor shall appoint:

25 (a) Two members of the Advisory Committee pursuant to
26 paragraphs (i) to (m), inclusive, of subsection 1 from a list of names
27 of at least three persons for each position that is submitted to the
28 Governor by the employee organization that represents the largest
29 number of teachers in this State.

30 (b) Two members of the Advisory Committee pursuant to
31 paragraphs (i) to (m), inclusive, of subsection 1 from a list of names
32 of at least three persons for each position that is submitted to the
33 Governor by the largest statewide association that represents
34 teachers and other educational personnel in this State.

35 (c) One member of the Advisory Committee pursuant to
36 paragraphs (i) to (m), inclusive, of subsection 1 from a list of names
37 of at least three persons that is submitted to the Governor by an
38 educator organization that provides training, programs to improve
39 instructional practice and advocacy for education policy in this
40 State.

41 4. The Advisory Committee shall hold its first meeting as soon
42 as practicable after July 1, 2019, upon the call of the Governor. At
43 the first meeting of the Advisory Committee, the members of the
44 Advisory Committee shall elect a Chair from among their members.



1 5. The Advisory Committee shall meet not less than four times
2 before June 30, 2020.

3 6. A majority of the members of the Advisory Committee
4 constitutes a quorum for the transaction of business, and a majority
5 of those members present at any meeting is sufficient for any
6 official action taken by the Advisory Committee.

7 7. The Chair of the Advisory Committee may appoint such
8 subcommittees from within or outside the membership of the
9 Advisory Committee as the Chair determines necessary to carry out
10 the duties of the Advisory Committee. To the extent money is
11 available for this purpose, the Advisory Committee or a
12 subcommittee of the Advisory Committee may seek the input,
13 advice and assistance of persons and organizations with the
14 knowledge, interest or expertise relevant to the duties of the
15 Advisory Committee, including, without limitation, contracting with
16 persons with expertise in systems design and the education
17 profession to provide technical assistance to the Advisory
18 Committee.

19 8. The Legislative Counsel Bureau shall provide administrative
20 support for the Advisory Committee.

21 9. The Legislators who are members of the Advisory
22 Committee are entitled to receive the salary provided for a majority
23 of the members of the Legislature during the first 60 days of the
24 preceding session for each day's attendance at a meeting of the
25 Advisory Committee, the per diem allowance provided for state
26 officers generally and travel expenses provided pursuant to NRS
27 218A.655. Such compensation, per diem allowances and travel
28 expenses must be paid from the Legislative Fund.

29 10. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 9, the members
30 of the Advisory Committee serve without compensation.

31 11. While engaged in the business of the Advisory Committee,
32 to the extent money is available for that purpose, the members of the
33 Advisory Committee who are not Legislators are entitled to receive
34 the per diem allowance and travel expenses provided for state
35 officers and employees generally.

36 12. A member of the Advisory Committee who is an officer or
37 employee of this State or a political subdivision of this State must be
38 relieved from his or her duties without loss of regular compensation
39 to prepare for and attend meetings of the Advisory Committee and
40 perform any work necessary to carry out the duties of the Advisory
41 Committee in the most timely manner practicable. A state agency or
42 political subdivision of this State shall not require an officer or
43 employee who is a member of the Advisory Committee to:

44 (a) Make up the time the member is absent from work to carry
45 out his or her duties as a member of the Advisory Committee; or



1 (b) Take annual leave or compensatory time for the absence.
2 13. The Advisory Committee may apply for and accept gifts,
3 grants, donations and contributions from any source for the purpose
4 of carrying out its duties.

5 **Sec. 3.5.** 1. The Advisory Committee on the Creation of a
6 Career Pathway for Teachers created by section 3.3 of this act shall:

7 (a) Examine the scope of practice, professional development and
8 typical duties and responsibilities of teachers, administrators, other
9 licensed educational personnel and paraprofessionals who have
10 various levels of experience to determine whether separate tiers of
11 licenses or endorsements would have a beneficial effect on the
12 profession of teaching and the educational performance of pupils in
13 this State;

14 (b) Study the systems of professional growth used by school
15 districts in this State, the types of licenses issued by the
16 Superintendent of Public Instruction and the endorsements issued by
17 the Department;

18 (c) Examine whether a requirement of training in research
19 methodology as a prerequisite to the issuance of or as a condition of
20 renewal of a license issued by the Superintendent of Public
21 Instruction would have a beneficial effect on the profession of
22 teaching and the educational performance of pupils in this State;

23 (d) Examine the programs of student teaching currently used in
24 this State; and

25 (e) Consider such other matters as the Advisory Committee
26 determines are necessary to improve the profession of teaching and
27 the educational performance of pupils in this State.

28 2. Not later than December 31, 2020, the Advisory Committee
29 shall complete a final report with its findings and any
30 recommendations, including, without limitation, recommendations
31 regarding budgets and changes to regulations and legislation. The
32 recommendations of the Advisory Committee must include, without
33 limitation, recommendations to:

34 (a) Revise the systems of professional growth used by the school
35 districts in this State;

36 (b) Revise the types of licenses issued by the Superintendent of
37 Public Instruction and the endorsements issued by the Department;

38 (c) Require training in research methodology for teachers; and

39 (d) Improve the quality and rigor of student teaching, including,
40 without limitation, by requiring teachers who supervise a student
41 teacher to obtain a special license or endorsement.

42 3. The final report of the Advisory Committee must be
43 submitted to the Governor, the State Board of Education, the
44 Legislative Committee on Education and the Director of the
45 Legislative Counsel Bureau for transmission to the next regular



1 session of the Legislature. The Advisory Committee may
2 additionally transmit its final report or any recommendation of the
3 Advisory Committee to any other person or governmental agency
4 that the Advisory Committee determines to be appropriate.

5 **Sec. 4.** As soon as practicable, but not later than July 1, 2019,
6 the members of the Advisory Committee on the Creation of a Career
7 Pathway for Teachers must be appointed in accordance with section
8 3.3 of this act.

9 **Sec. 5.** This act becomes effective upon passage and approval
10 for the purpose of appointing members to the Advisory Committee
11 on the Creation of a Career Pathway for Teachers created by section
12 3.3 of this act, and on July 1, 2019, for all other purposes and
13 expires by limitation on July 1, 2021.



