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ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 198—ASSEMBLYMEN PERKINS, BUCKLEY, PARNELL, GIUNCHIGLIANI, SMITH, ANDERSON, ARBERRY JR., ATKINSON, CLABORN, CONKLIN, DENIS, GERHARDT, HOGAN, HORNE, KIRKPATRICK, KOIVISTO, LESLIE, MANENDO, McCLAIN, McCLEARY, MORTENSEN, MUNFORD, OCEGUERA, OHRENSCHALL, PARKS, PIERCE AND SHERER

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JOINT SPONSORS: SENATORS TITUS, HORSFORD, WIENER, SCHNEIDER, CARLTON AND COFFIN

Referred to Concurrent Committees on Education and Ways and Means

SUMMARY—Makes appropriation for full-day kindergarten in certain schools and authorizes full-day kindergarten in certain other schools. (BDR 34-1197)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: May have Fiscal Impact.
Effect on the State: Contains Appropriation not included in Executive Budget.

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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; making an appropriation for certain schools to provide full-day kindergarten during the 2006-2007 school year; authorizing school districts to apply for grants of available money to provide full-day kindergarten in certain other schools; requiring the State Board of Education to adopt regulations for school districts that wish to offer early admission to kindergarten; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.



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Legislative Counsel's Digest:

1 Under existing law, apportionments are made from the State Distributive
2 School Account to the school districts and charter schools based upon the number
3 of pupils enrolled. The apportionment for kindergarten is computed to reflect that
4 pupils do not attend kindergarten for a full school day. (NRS 387.1233)

5 This bill makes an allocation to the Department of Education for certain
6 schools to provide full-day kindergarten. A school in which at least 55 percent of
7 the pupils are eligible for free and reduced-price lunches must provide full-day
8 kindergarten with the money from the allocation.

9 This bill also authorizes school districts to request grants of money, to the
10 extent available, for other schools to provide full-day kindergarten depending upon
11 the surveys of parents and legal guardians who reside within the school district.

12 This bill requires the State Board of Education to adopt regulations for school
13 districts that wish to offer early admission to kindergarten to certain pupils.

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

1 **Section 1.** 1. There is hereby allocated from the Account for
2 Programs for Innovation and the Prevention of Remediation to the
3 Department of Education for the Fiscal Year 2006-2007 the sum of
4 \$22,000,000 for school districts to provide full-day kindergarten at
5 certain schools.

6 2. The Department of Education shall distribute the allocation
7 made by subsection 1 to school districts to provide full-day
8 kindergarten during the 2006-2007 school year at the schools within
9 the school district in which at least 55 percent of the pupils enrolled
10 in the school are eligible for free or reduced-price lunches pursuant
11 to 42 U.S.C. §§ 1751 et seq.

12 3. A school district that receives an allocation of money
13 pursuant to this section shall use the money to provide full-day
14 kindergarten in each school within the school district in which at
15 least 55 percent of the pupils satisfy the requirements of subsection
16 2. If a school within a school district that is required to provide full-
17 day kindergarten pursuant to this section currently provides full-day
18 kindergarten with money that it receives from the Federal
19 Government or other funding allocations, the school may redirect
20 that money, to the extent authorized by applicable federal law, for
21 other programs of remediation at the school and use the money
22 provided by the Department of Education from the allocation to
23 provide full-day kindergarten during the 2006-2007 school year.

24 **Sec. 2.** 1. The board of trustees of each school district shall
25 distribute in a timely manner during the 2005-2006 school year,
26 surveys to parents and legal guardians who reside within the school
27 district and whose children will be enrolling in kindergarten to
28 assess whether the parents and guardians desire that the school



1 district offer full-day kindergarten in those schools that are not
2 required to provide full-day kindergarten pursuant to section 1 of
3 this act.

4 2. If the board of trustees of a school district determines, based
5 upon the surveys submitted, that the parents and legal guardians
6 within the school district, or particular areas within the school
7 district, desire the provision of full-day kindergarten, the board of
8 trustees may submit an application for a grant of money from the
9 Department of Education. To the extent money is available,
10 including, without limitation, money made available in an Account
11 for Programs for Innovation and the Prevention of Remediation, the
12 Department shall provide grants of money to school districts whose
13 applications are approved.

14 3. If the board of trustees of a school district receives a grant of
15 money pursuant to subsection 2, the board of trustees shall
16 determine which schools within the school district will offer full-day
17 kindergarten based upon the results of the surveys submitted by
18 parents and guardians. The board of trustees may designate one or
19 more schools within the school district to provide full-day
20 kindergarten for the enrollment of pupils across attendance zones.

21 **Sec. 3.** 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of NRS 392.040 to
22 the contrary, the State Board of Education shall adopt regulations
23 for school districts that wish to offer admission to kindergarten to
24 children who are at least 4 years and 9 months old but less than 5
25 years old on or before September 30 of a school year. If a school
26 district offers admission to such children, the pupils who are
27 enrolled shall be included in the count of pupils for purposes of the
28 apportionments and allowances from the State Distributive School
29 Account.

30 2. If the board of trustees of a school district offers early
31 admission to kindergarten in accordance with the regulations
32 adopted by the State Board of Education, the board of trustees shall
33 submit a report to the State Board that includes the number of pupils
34 who enrolled in kindergarten before the age of 5 years and an
35 evaluation of the success of the early admission in the school
36 district. The Superintendent of Public Instruction shall compile the
37 reports and, on or before February 1, 2007, submit a written report
38 of the compilations and any recommendations for legislation to the
39 Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for transmission to the
40 74th Session of the Nevada Legislature.

41 **Sec. 4.** 1. This section and sections 2 and 3 of this act
42 become effective on July 1, 2005.



- 1 2. Section 1 of this act becomes effective on July 1, 2005, at
- 2 12:01 a.m. only if Assembly Bill No. 525 of this session is enacted.

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