
SENATE BILL NO. 2—SENATOR SCHNEIDER

PREFILED NOVEMBER 19, 2008

Referred to Committee on Finance

SUMMARY—Makes an appropriation to the State Distributive School Account to ensure that the amount of money expended per pupil meets or exceeds the national average. (BDR S-64)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
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 public education; making an appropriation to the State Distributive School Account to ensure that the amount of money expended per pupil in this State for the 2009-2011 biennium meets or exceeds the national average; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

1 **Section 1** of this bill appropriates money to the State Distributive School
2 Account for kindergarten through grade 12 to ensure that the money expended per
3 pupil in this State meets or exceeds the current national average expended per pupil
4 in kindergarten through grade 12 by state and local governments combined. This
5 money is in addition to money that is otherwise allocated to school districts from
6 the State Distributive School Account during the 2009-2011 biennium.

1 **WHEREAS**, An effective public school system relies significantly
2 upon the financial support of both state and local governments; and

3 **WHEREAS**, The Nevada Plan seeks to ensure that each child in
4 Nevada has a reasonably equal educational opportunity by providing
5 for the establishment of school district basic support guarantees for
6 each fiscal year and requiring that the difference between the school
7 district basic support guarantee and the local money available for
8 public schools be provided to the school districts by periodic
9 apportionments from the State Distributive School Account; and



1 WHEREAS, The costs incurred by the school districts in this
2 State to provide educational services and programs to pupils
3 enrolled in public schools continue to rise, and meeting those
4 substantial costs requires a strong partnership between both the State
5 and its local governments that includes a significant financial
6 contribution by both; and

7 WHEREAS, Current estimates indicate that the statewide average
8 amount of money expended by this State and its local governments
9 combined is approximately \$1,932 below the current national
10 average for the total amount of money expended per pupil in
11 kindergarten through grade 12 by state and local governments
12 combined; and

13 WHEREAS, Current estimates indicate that there will be
14 approximately 432,473 pupils enrolled in public schools in this State
15 in Fiscal Year 2009-2010 and approximately 439,637 pupils in
16 Fiscal Year 2010-2011; now, therefore,

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18 THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
19 SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:
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21 **Section 1.** 1. There is hereby appropriated from the State
22 General Fund to the State Distributive School Account:

23 For the Fiscal Year 2009-2010.....\$835,321,600
24 For the Fiscal Year 2010-2011.....\$849,158,866

25 2. The money appropriated by subsection 1 must be added to
26 the money that is otherwise allocated to school districts from the
27 State Distributive School Account in the 2009-2011 biennium to
28 ensure that the total amount of money expended per pupil in each
29 fiscal year of the 2009-2011 biennium is equal to or exceeds the
30 current national average for the total amount of money expended per
31 pupil in kindergarten through grade 12 by state and local
32 governments combined.

33 **Sec. 2.** This act becomes effective upon passage and approval.

