

**PROPOSED REGULATION OF THE
COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE**

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *italics* is new; matter in brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

AUTHORITY: §1-3, NRS 354.107.

A REGULATION relating to local government finance; amending provisions governing the exclusion of certain money from collective bargaining negotiations and from consideration in determining the ability of local governments to pay compensation and monetary benefits; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

Existing law provides that for a general fund of a local government other than a school district, a budgeted ending fund balance of not more than 16.67 percent of the total budgeted expenditures, less capital outlay, is not subject to collective bargaining negotiations and must not be considered by a fact finder or arbitrator in determining the financial ability to pay compensation or monetary benefits. (NRS 354.6241) Existing regulations contain similar language, but provide that a budgeted ending fund balance of not more than 25 percent of the total budgeted expenditures, less capital outlay, is not subject to negotiations and must not be considered by a fact finder or arbitrator in determining the financial ability to pay. (NAC 354.660) **Section 1** of this regulation adopts the percentage set forth in the statutory language to provide that for a local government other than a school district, a budgeted ending fund balance of not more than 16.67 percent of the total budgeted expenditures, less capital outlay, for a general fund, is not subject to negotiations and must not be considered by a fact finder or arbitrator in determining the financial ability to pay.

Existing regulations provide that a budgeted ending fund balance of not more than 8.3 percent of the total budgeted expenditures, less capital outlay, for a school district general fund or a local government special revenue fund which receives revenue from property taxes or the Local Government Tax Distribution Account is not subject to negotiations and must not be considered by a fact finder or arbitrator in determining the financial ability to pay. (NAC 354.660) **Section 1** of this regulation removes the exclusion of capital outlay from total budgeted expenditures of such local government special revenue funds when determining the percentage of the budgeted ending fund balance that is excluded from collective bargaining negotiations and removes language excluding such funds from negotiations with other local governments.

Existing law provides that beginning with the 2021-2022 Fiscal Year, for a school district, a budgeted ending fund balance of not more than 16.6 percent of the total budgeted

expenditures for a county school district fund is not subject to collective bargaining negotiations and must not be considered by a fact finder or arbitrator in determining the financial ability to pay compensation or monetary benefits. (NRS 354.6241; section 81 of Senate Bill No. 543, chapter 624, Statutes of Nevada 2019, at page 4253) **Sections 2 and 3** of this regulation incorporate the statutory language to provide that beginning with the 2021-2022 Fiscal Year, for a school district, a budgeted ending fund balance of not more than 16.6 percent of the total budgeted expenditures for a county school district fund is not subject to collective bargaining negotiations and must not be considered by a fact finder or arbitrator in determining the financial ability to pay compensation or monetary benefits.

NEW FIRST
PARALLEL
SECTION

Section 1. NAC 354.660 is hereby amended to read as follows:

354.660 1. Except as otherwise provided in this section, for the purposes of chapter 288 of NRS, a budgeted ending fund balance of not more than ~~25~~ **16.67** percent of the total budgeted expenditures, less capital outlay, for a general fund:

(a) Is not subject to negotiations with an employee organization; and

(b) Must not be considered by a fact finder or arbitrator in determining the financial ability of the local government to pay compensation or monetary benefits.

2. ~~A~~ **For the purposes of chapter 288 of NRS, a** budgeted ending fund balance of not more than 8.3 percent of the total budgeted expenditures ~~less capital outlay,~~ for a school district general fund or a local government special revenue fund which receives revenue from property taxes or the Local Government Tax Distribution Account:

(a) Is not subject to negotiations with ~~other local governments or~~ **an** employee ~~organizations;~~ **organization;** and

(b) Must not be considered by a fact finder or arbitrator in determining the financial ability of the local government to pay compensation or monetary benefits.

NEW
SECOND
PARALLEL
SECTION

Sec. 2. NAC 354.660 is hereby amended to read as follows:

354.660 1. Except as otherwise provided in this section, for the purposes of chapter 288 of NRS, a budgeted ending fund balance of not more than 16.67 percent of the total budgeted expenditures, less capital outlay, for a general fund:

(a) Is not subject to negotiations with an employee organization; and

(b) Must not be considered by a fact finder or arbitrator in determining the financial ability of the local government to pay compensation or monetary benefits.

2. For the purposes of chapter 288 of NRS, a budgeted ending fund balance of not more than 8.3 percent of the total budgeted expenditures for ~~for a school district general fund or~~ a local government special revenue fund which receives revenue from property taxes or the Local Government Tax Distribution Account:

(a) Is not subject to negotiations with an employee organization; and

(b) Must not be considered by a fact finder or arbitrator in determining the financial ability of the local government to pay compensation or monetary benefits.

3. For a school district, for the purposes of chapter 288 of NRS, a budgeted ending fund balance of not more than 16.6 percent of the total budgeted expenditures for a county school district fund:

(a) Is not subject to negotiations with an employee organization; and

(b) Must not be considered by a fact finder or arbitrator in determining the financial ability of the local government to pay compensation or monetary benefits.

Sec. 3. 1. This section and section 1 of this regulation become effective on the date on which this regulation is filed by the Legislative Counsel with the Secretary of State.

2. Section 2 of this regulation becomes effective:

(a) On the date on which this regulation is filed by the Legislative Counsel with the Secretary of State for the purpose of creating each school district's budget for the fiscal year which begins on July 1, 2021; and

(b) On July 1, 2021, for all other purposes.