

Assembly Bill No. 234—Assemblymen Munford, Hickey, Diaz, Thompson, Flores; Elliot Anderson, Araujo, Benitez-Thompson, Bustamante Adams, Joiner, Kirkpatrick, Neal, Ohrenschall, Sprinkle, Swank and Wheeler

Joint Sponsors: Senators Manendo, Atkinson, Denis, Kihuen, Ford; Harris and Spearman

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AN ACT relating to education; requiring the standards of content and performance for a course of study in social studies established by the Council to Establish Academic Standards for Public Schools to include multicultural education; requiring certain licensed teachers to complete a course in multicultural education for renewal of their license; making an appropriation; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

Existing law requires the Council to Establish Academic Standards for Public Schools to establish standards of content and performance for certain courses of study, including social studies. (NRS 389.520) **Section 1.5** of this bill requires: (1) the standards of content and performance for social studies to include multicultural education; and (2) the Council to consult with members of the community who represent the racial and ethnic diversity of this State in developing such standards.

Section 2 of this bill requires a licensed teacher who is initially licensed on or after July 1, 2015, to submit with his or her first application for renewal of his or her license proof of the completion of a course in multicultural education. If the teacher is initially issued a nonrenewable license, he or she must submit such proof with his or her first application for a renewable license. **Section 2** also requires the Commission on Professional Standards in Education to prescribe the contents and credits required for such a course in multicultural education.

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

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

Section 1. (Deleted by amendment.)

Sec. 1.5. NRS 389.520 is hereby amended to read as follows:
389.520 1. The Council shall:

(a) Establish standards of content and performance, including, without limitation, a prescription of the resulting level of achievement, for the grade levels set forth in subsection ~~3~~ 4, based upon the content of each course, that is expected of pupils for the following courses of study:



- (1) English, including reading, composition and writing;
- (2) Mathematics;
- (3) Science;
- (4) Social studies, which includes only the subjects of history, geography, economics and government;
- (5) The arts;
- (6) Computer education and technology;
- (7) Health; and
- (8) Physical education.

(b) Establish a schedule for the periodic review and, if necessary, revision of the standards of content and performance. The review must include, without limitation, the review required pursuant to NRS 389.570 of the results of pupils on the examinations administered pursuant to NRS 389.550.

(c) Assign priorities to the standards of content and performance relative to importance and degree of emphasis and revise the standards, if necessary, based upon the priorities.

2. The standards for computer education and technology must include a policy for the ethical, safe and secure use of computers and other electronic devices. The policy must include, without limitation:

(a) The ethical use of computers and other electronic devices, including, without limitation:

(1) Rules of conduct for the acceptable use of the Internet and other electronic devices; and

(2) Methods to ensure the prevention of:

(I) Cyber-bullying;

(II) Plagiarism; and

(III) The theft of information or data in an electronic form;

(b) The safe use of computers and other electronic devices, including, without limitation, methods to:

(1) Avoid cyber-bullying and other unwanted electronic communication, including, without limitation, communication with on-line predators;

(2) Recognize when an on-line electronic communication is dangerous or potentially dangerous; and

(3) Report a dangerous or potentially dangerous on-line electronic communication to the appropriate school personnel;

(c) The secure use of computers and other electronic devices, including, without limitation:

(1) Methods to maintain the security of personal identifying information and financial information, including, without limitation,



identifying unsolicited electronic communication which is sent for the purpose of obtaining such personal and financial information for an unlawful purpose;

(2) The necessity for secure passwords or other unique identifiers;

(3) The effects of a computer contaminant;

(4) Methods to identify unsolicited commercial material; and

(5) The dangers associated with social networking Internet sites; and

(d) A designation of the level of detail of instruction as appropriate for the grade level of pupils who receive the instruction.

3. *The standards for social studies must include multicultural education, including, without limitation, information relating to contributions made by men and women from various racial and ethnic backgrounds. The Council shall consult with members of the community who represent the racial and ethnic diversity of this State in developing such standards.*

4. The Council shall establish standards of content and performance for each grade level in kindergarten and grades 1 to 8, inclusive, for English and mathematics. The Council shall establish standards of content and performance for the grade levels selected by the Council for the other courses of study prescribed in subsection 1.

~~4.1~~ 5. The Council shall forward to the State Board the standards of content and performance established by the Council for each course of study. The State Board shall:

(a) Adopt the standards for each course of study, as submitted by the Council; or

(b) If the State Board objects to the standards for a course of study or a particular grade level for a course of study, return those standards to the Council with a written explanation setting forth the reason for the objection.

~~4.2~~ 6. If the State Board returns to the Council the standards of content and performance for a course of study or a grade level, the Council shall:

(a) Consider the objection provided by the State Board and determine whether to revise the standards based upon the objection; and

(b) Return the standards or the revised standards, as applicable, to the State Board.

➔ The State Board shall adopt the standards of content and performance or the revised standards, as applicable.



~~16~~ 7. The Council shall work in cooperation with the State Board to prescribe the examinations required by NRS 389.550.

~~17~~ 8. As used in this section:

(a) "Computer contaminant" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 205.4737.

(b) "Cyber-bullying" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 388.123.

(c) "Electronic communication" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 388.124.

Sec. 2. Chapter 391 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

1. Any licensed teacher who is initially licensed on or after July 1, 2015, except for a teacher who is licensed only as a substitute teacher, must submit with his or her first application for renewal of his or her license to teach proof of the completion of a course in multicultural education. If the licensed teacher is initially issued a nonrenewable license, he or she must submit such proof with his or her first application for a renewable license to teach.

2. The Commission shall adopt regulations:

(a) That prescribe the required contents of a course in multicultural education which must be completed pursuant to this section;

(b) That prescribe the number of credits which must be earned by a licensed teacher in a course in multicultural education; and

(c) As otherwise necessary to carry out the requirements of this section.

Sec. 3. On or before January 1, 2016, the Commission on Professional Standards in Education shall adopt regulations to carry out the provisions of section 2 of this act.

Sec. 4. (Deleted by amendment.)

Sec. 4.5. 1. There is hereby appropriated from the State General Fund to the Department of Education the sum of \$8,406 for the costs of programming changes to the licensure system of the Department and the adoption of regulations related to multicultural education as required by the amendatory provisions of this act.

2. Any remaining balance of the appropriation made by subsection 1 must not be committed for expenditure after June 30, 2017, by the entity to which the appropriation is made or any entity to which the money from the appropriation is granted or otherwise transferred in any manner, and any portion of the appropriated money remaining must not be spent for any purpose after September 15, 2017, by either the entity to which the money was



appropriated or the entity to which the money was subsequently granted or transferred, and must be reverted to the State General Fund on or before September 15, 2017.

Sec. 5. This act becomes effective on July 1, 2015.

