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SENATE BILL NO. 287—SENATOR GUSTAVSON

MARCH 16, 2015

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JOINT SPONSOR: ASSEMBLYWOMAN DICKMAN

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Referred to Committee on Education

SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to education.  
(BDR 34-849)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: May have Fiscal Impact.  
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.

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AN ACT relating to education; requiring the provision of instruction in cursive handwriting in all public elementary schools in this State; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**Legislative Counsel’s Digest:**

1 Existing law establishes the academic subjects, standards and courses of study  
2 for the public schools in this State. (Chapter 389 of NRS) This bill requires the  
3 provision of instruction in cursive handwriting to pupils enrolled in elementary  
4 school. The instruction must be designed to ensure that a pupil will be able to create  
5 readable documents through legible cursive handwriting by the completion of the  
6 third grade.

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

1 **Section 1.** Chapter 389 of NRS is hereby amended by adding  
2 thereto a new section to read as follows:

3 *The board of trustees of each school district and the governing*  
4 *body of each charter school that operates as an elementary school*  
5 *shall ensure that instruction in cursive handwriting is provided to*  
6 *pupils enrolled in each elementary school within the school*  
7 *district or in the charter school, as applicable. The instruction*  
8 *must be designed to ensure that a pupil is able to create readable*



1 *documents through legible cursive handwriting by the completion*  
2 *of the third grade.*

3 **Sec. 2.** This act becomes effective upon passage and approval  
4 for the purpose of adopting regulations and performing any other  
5 preparatory administrative tasks necessary to carry out the  
6 provisions of this act, and on January 1, 2016, for all other purposes.

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