

Amendment No. 609

Senate Amendment to Senate Bill No. 420 (BDR 34-776)
Proposed by: Senate Committee on Education
Amendment Box: Replaces Amendment No. 504.
Amends: Summary: No Title: Yes Preamble: No Joint Sponsorship: No Digest: Yes

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EXPLANATION: Matter in (1) *blue bold italics* is new language in the original bill; (2) variations of green bold underlining is language proposed to be added in this amendment; (3) ~~red strikethrough~~ is deleted language in the original bill; (4) ~~purple double strikethrough~~ is language proposed to be deleted in this amendment; (5) orange double underlining is deleted language in the original bill proposed to be retained in this amendment.

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Date: 4/24/2017

S.B. No. 420—Revises provisions governing pupil publications in public schools and student publications in the Nevada System of Higher Education. (BDR 34-776)



SENATE BILL NO. 420—SENATOR CANNIZZARO

MARCH 20, 2017

Referred to Committee on Education

SUMMARY—Revises provisions governing pupil publications in public schools and student publications in the Nevada System of Higher Education. (BDR 34-776)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: No.

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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; requiring the board of trustees of each school district, the governing body of each charter school and the governing body of each university school for profoundly gifted pupils to adopt a written policy relating to the distribution of and right of expression for pupils working as journalists on pupil publications; ~~authorizing~~ requiring the Board of Regents of the University of Nevada to adopt a similar policy for student publications; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Existing law provides that each pupil of a public school, including a pupil enrolled in a charter school or a university school for profoundly gifted pupils, is entitled to express himself or herself in a manner consistent with the rights guaranteed by the First and Fourteenth Amendments to the United States Constitution. (NRS 388.077) **Section 1** of this bill requires the board of trustees of each school district, the governing body of each charter school and the governing body of each university school for profoundly gifted pupils to adopt a written policy for pupil publications which: (1) establishes reasonable provisions governing the time, place and manner for the distribution of those publications; ~~and~~ (2) protects the right of expression for pupils working on those publications as journalists ~~and~~; (3) prohibits restrictions on the publication of any content in a pupil publication unless the content would substantially disrupt the performance of the school's educational mission or taking certain adverse actions against a pupil or adviser relating to pupil publications; (4) includes procedures for disciplining pupils, and persons acting as advisers on pupil publications who violate the policy; and (5) includes a disclaimer indicating that any content published in a pupil publication is not endorsed by the public school. **Section 2** of this bill ~~authorizes~~ requires the Board of Regents of the University of Nevada to adopt a similar written policy for student publications. In addition, section 1 requires the written policy for pupil publications adopted by the board of trustees of a school district, the governing body of a charter school or the governing body of a university school for profoundly gifted pupils to include procedures for determining before publication whether any content would substantially disrupt the performance of the school's educational mission.

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

1 **Section 1.** NRS 388.077 is hereby amended to read as follows:

2 388.077 1. Each pupil of a public school, including, without limitation, each
3 pupil of a university school for profoundly gifted pupils, is entitled to express
4 himself or herself in a manner consistent with the rights guaranteed by the First and
5 Fourteenth Amendments to the United States Constitution.

6 2. Any expression described in subsection 1 must not be disruptive of
7 instruction at a public school, including, without limitation, a university school for
8 profoundly gifted pupils, must not be used to bully or intimidate any person and
9 must not be organized, broadcast or endorsed by a public school, including, without
10 limitation, a university school for profoundly gifted pupils.

11 3. *The board of trustees of each school district, the governing body of each*
12 *charter school and the governing body of each university school for profoundly*
13 *gifted pupils shall adopt a written policy for pupil publications which:*

14 (a) *Establishes reasonable provisions governing the time, place and manner*
15 *for the distribution of pupil publications; ~~and~~*

16 (b) *Protects the right of expression described in subsection 1 for pupils*
17 *working on pupil publications as journalists in their determination of the news,*
18 *opinions, feature content, advertising content and other content of pupil*
19 *publications ~~and~~;*

20 (c) *Includes procedures for determining before publication whether the*
21 *content would substantially disrupt the ability of the public school to perform its*
22 *educational mission if published in a pupil publication;*

23 (d) *Includes procedures for disciplining a pupil, employee or other person*
24 *acting as an adviser for a pupil publication or as an adviser of pupils working as*
25 *journalists on a pupil publication who violates the policy;*

26 (e) *Prohibits, without limitation, the following:*

27 (1) *Restricting the publication of any content in pupil publications unless*
28 *the content would substantially disrupt the ability of the public school to perform*
29 *its educational mission;*

30 (2) *Dismissing, suspending, disciplining or retaliating against an*
31 *employee or other person acting as an adviser for a pupil publication or as an*
32 *adviser for pupils working as journalists on a pupil publication for acting within*
33 *the scope of that position, including, without limitation, taking responsible and*
34 *appropriate action to protect a pupil engaged in conduct protected pursuant to the*
35 *written policy or refusing to perform an action which violates the written policy;*
36 *and*

37 (3) *Expelling, suspending or otherwise disciplining a pupil for engaging*
38 *in conduct in accordance with the policy, even if such conduct substantially*
39 *disrupts the ability of the public school to perform its educational mission; and*

40 (f) *Includes a disclaimer indicating that any content published in a pupil*
41 *publication is not endorsed by the public school.*

42 4. The board of trustees of each school district, the governing body of each
43 charter school and the governing body of each university school for profoundly
44 gifted pupils ~~must~~ *shall* adopt a policy prescribing procedures for the resolution of
45 a complaint by a pupil of the school district, charter school or university school for
46 profoundly gifted pupils that the rights of the pupil described in subsection 1 *or* 3
47 have been violated. The policy required by this subsection may be part of a
48 comprehensive discrimination grievance policy of the school district, charter school
49 or university school for profoundly gifted pupils or may be a separate policy.

1 **Sec. 2.** Chapter 396 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new
2 section to read as follows:

3 *The Board of Regents ~~may~~ shall adopt a written policy for the Universities,*
4 *state colleges and community colleges within the System for student publications*
5 *which:*

6 1. *Establishes reasonable provisions governing the time, place and manner*
7 *for the distribution of student publications; ~~and~~*

8 2. *Protects the right of expression in a manner consistent with the rights*
9 *guaranteed by the First and Fourteenth Amendments to the United States*
10 *Constitution for students working on student publications as journalists in their*
11 *determination of the news, opinions, feature content, advertising content and*
12 *other content of the student publications ~~it~~;*

13 3. *Includes procedures for disciplining a student, faculty member, employee*
14 *or other person acting as an adviser for a student publication or as an adviser for*
15 *students working as journalists on a student publication who violates the policy;*

16 4. *Prohibits, without limitation, the following:*

17 *(a) Restricting the publication of any content in student publications unless*
18 *the content would substantially disrupt the ability of the institution to perform its*
19 *educational mission;*

20 *(b) Dismissing, suspending, disciplining or retaliating against a faculty*
21 *member, employee or other person acting as an adviser for a student publication*
22 *or as an adviser to students working as journalists on a student publication for*
23 *acting within the scope of that position, including, without limitation, taking*
24 *responsible and appropriate action to protect a student engaged in conduct*
25 *protected pursuant to the written policy or refusing to perform an action which*
26 *violates the written policy; and*

27 *(c) Expelling, suspending or otherwise disciplining a student for engaging in*
28 *conduct in accordance with the policy, even if such conduct substantially disrupts*
29 *the ability of the institution to perform its educational mission; and*

30 5. *Includes a disclaimer indicating that any content published in a student*
31 *publication is not endorsed by the Board of Regents, the System or a university,*
32 *state college or community college within the System.*

33 **Sec. 3.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2017.