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AN ACT relating to education; creating the Advisory Task Force on School Leader Management; requiring the Task Force to conduct a study concerning the evaluation, preparation, licensure, recruitment, professional development and compensation of educational administrators; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

This bill creates the Advisory Task Force on School Leader Management to conduct a study during the 2017-2018 legislative interim. The study must consider: (1) the statewide performance evaluation system as it relates to administrators; (2) systems of school leader preparation; (3) the qualifications for licensure of administrators; (4) the recruitment of administrators; (5) professional development for administrators; and (6) the compensation of administrators. The Task Force is required to submit a report of its activities, findings and recommendations to certain specified persons and entities on or before May 31, 2018.

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. 1. The Advisory Task Force on School Leader Management is hereby created consisting of:

(a) Two members of the State Board of Education, appointed by the President of the Board;

(b) Two members who may be Senators, one of whom is appointed by the Majority Leader of the Senate and one of whom is appointed by the Minority Leader of the Senate;

(c) Two members who may be members of the Assembly, one of whom is appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly and one of whom is appointed by the Minority Leader of the Assembly;

(d) One member who is a school administrator, appointed by the Nevada Association of School Administrators, or its successor organization;

(e) One member who is a licensed teacher, appointed by the Nevada State Education Association, or its successor organization;

(f) One member who is the superintendent of schools of a school district, appointed by the Nevada Association of School Superintendents, or its successor organization;

(g) One member who is the dean of a college of education at one of the universities of the Nevada System of Higher Education or a



representative of such a college of education nominated by such a dean, appointed by the Chancellor of the System;

(h) One member who is the parent of a pupil enrolled in a public school in this State, appointed by the Legislative Commission from a list of nominees submitted by the Nevada Parent Teacher Association;

(i) One member appointed by the Teachers and Leaders Council of Nevada created by NRS 391.455 from among its members; and

(j) One member who represents the business community in this State, appointed by the Legislative Commission.

2. The Task Force shall study:

(a) The statewide performance evaluation system adopted by the State Board of Education pursuant to NRS 391.465 as it relates to administrators;

(b) Systems of school leader preparation, as approved by the State Board of Education pursuant to NRS 391.038 or by the Commission on Professional Standards in Education pursuant to NRS 391.019;

(c) The qualifications for licensure of administrators prescribed by the Commission on Professional Standards in Education pursuant to NRS 391.019;

(d) The recruitment of administrators;

(e) Professional development for administrators, as provided by a school district, regional training program for the professional development of teachers and administrators or other entity; and

(f) The compensation of administrators pursuant to chapter 288 of NRS and any program of performance pay and enhanced compensation established by a school district pursuant to NRS 391A.450.

3. The Task Force may make recommendations concerning any matter relating to the study to ensure that all areas of the study are aligned statewide so that school leaders are adequately prepared to ensure the college and career readiness of all pupils, including, without limitation, recommendations concerning:

(a) Budgets;

(b) Proposed legislation;

(c) Proposed regulations; and

(d) Policies.

4. At the first meeting of the Task Force, the members of the Task Force shall elect a Chair and a Vice Chair by majority vote.

5. The Task Force shall hold its first meeting not later than August 31, 2017, and shall meet not less than four times before June 30, 2018.



6. A majority of the members of the Task Force constitutes a quorum for the transaction of business, and a majority of those members present at any meeting is sufficient for any official action taken by the Task Force.

7. The Department of Education shall provide the Task Force with such staff as is necessary for the Task Force to carry out its duties.

8. A member of the Task Force who is an officer or employee of this State or a political subdivision of this State must be relieved from his or her duties without loss of regular compensation so that the person may prepare for and attend meetings of the Task Force and perform any work necessary to carry out the duties of the Task Force in the most timely manner practicable. A state agency or political subdivision of this State shall not require an officer or employee who is a member of the Task Force to make up the time he or she is absent from work to carry out his or her duties as a member of the Task Force or take annual leave or compensatory time for the absence.

9. Any costs associated with employing a substitute teacher to enable a member of the Task Force who is a teacher to attend a meeting of the Task Force must be paid by the school district or charter school that employs the member.

10. A Legislator who is a member of the Task Force is entitled to receive the salary provided for a majority of the members of the Legislature during the first 60 days of the preceding regular session for each day's attendance at a meeting of the Task Force, the per diem allowance provided for state officers generally and travel expenses provided pursuant to NRS 218A.655. The compensation, per diem allowances and travel expenses of the legislative members of the Task Force, if any, must be paid from the Legislative Fund.

11. While engaged in the business of the Task Force, to the extent that money is available for that purpose, the members of the Task Force who are not Legislators are entitled to receive the per diem allowance and travel expenses provided for state officers and employees generally.

12. The Task Force shall, on or before May 31, 2018, prepare and submit a report outlining the activities, findings and recommendations of the Task Force to:

- (a) The Governor;
- (b) The Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for transmittal to the next regular session of the Legislature;
- (c) The State Board of Education;



(d) The Commission on Professional Standards in Education;
and

(e) The Teachers and Leaders Council of Nevada.

13. As used in this section, “administrator” means an administrator who provides primarily administrative services at the school level or an administrator at the district level who provides direct supervision of the principal of a school.

Sec. 2. This act becomes effective on July 1, 2017, and expires by limitation on June 30, 2018.

