

## SENATE BILL NO. 544—COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

MAY 30, 2017

Referred to Committee on Finance

SUMMARY—Ensures sufficient funding for K-12 public education for the 2017-2019 biennium. (BDR 34-1189)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.  
Effect on the State: Contains Appropriation included in Executive Budget.

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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; ensuring sufficient funding for K-12 public education for the 2017-2019 biennium; apportioning the State Distributive School Account in the State General Fund for the 2017-2019 biennium; authorizing certain expenditures; making appropriations for purposes relating to basic support, class-size reduction and other educational purposes; temporarily diverting the money from the State Supplemental School Support Account to the State Distributive School Account for use in funding operating costs and other expenditures of school districts and charter schools; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

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

1     **Section 1.** The basic support guarantee for school districts and  
2 charter schools for operating purposes for Fiscal Year 2017-2018 is  
3 an estimated weighted average of \$5,897 per pupil. For each  
4 respective school district, the basic support guarantee per pupil for  
5 Fiscal Year 2017-2018 is:

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7	Carson City	\$7,102
8	Churchill	\$7,094
9	Clark	\$5,700
10	Douglas	\$6,257



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1	Elko	\$8,073
2	Esmeralda	\$21,469
3	Eureka	\$14,333
4	Humboldt	\$7,430
5	Lander	\$6,693
6	Lincoln	\$10,790
7	Lyon	\$7,400
8	Mineral	\$9,602
9	Nye	\$8,257
10	Pershing	\$9,412
11	Storey	\$8,306
12	Washoe	\$5,677
13	White Pine	\$8,257

14 **Sec. 2.** 1. The basic support guarantee for school districts  
15 and charter schools for operating purposes for Fiscal Year 2018-  
16 2019 is an estimated weighted average of \$5,967 per pupil.

17 2. On or before April 1, 2018, the Executive Director of the  
18 Department of Taxation shall provide to the Superintendent of  
19 Public Instruction the certified total of the amount of ad valorem  
20 taxes to be received by each school district for Fiscal Year 2018-  
21 2019 pursuant to the levy imposed under subsection 1 of NRS  
22 387.195 and credited to the county's school district fund pursuant to  
23 subsection 4 of that section.

24 3. Pursuant to NRS 362.115, on or before March 15 of each  
25 year, the Department of Taxation shall provide the estimates  
26 required by that section.

27 4. For the purposes of establishing the basic support guarantee,  
28 the estimated basic support guarantee per pupil for each school  
29 district for Fiscal Year 2018-2019 for operating purposes are:

30		Basic	Estimated	Estimated
31		Support	Ad Valorem	Basic
32		Guarantee	Adjustment	Support
33		Before	Adjustment	Guarantee
34	<u>School District</u>	<u>Adjustment</u>	<u>Adjustment</u>	<u>as Adjusted</u>
35	Carson City	\$6,363	\$830	\$7,193
36	Churchill	\$6,233	\$969	\$7,202
37	Clark	\$4,901	\$878	\$5,779
38	Douglas	\$4,058	\$2,276	\$6,334
39	Elko	\$7,123	\$1,006	\$8,129
40	Esmeralda	\$16,926	\$4,850	\$21,776
41	Eureka	\$(7,549)	\$22,036	\$14,487
42	Humboldt	\$5,465	\$1,914	\$7,379
43	Lander	\$(2,187)	\$7,091	\$4,904
44	Lincoln	\$9,861	\$1,046	\$10,907



1	Lyon	\$6,706	\$781	\$7,487
2	Mineral	\$8,481	\$1,244	\$9,725
3	Nye	\$6,898	\$1,380	\$8,278
4	Pershing	\$6,881	\$2,380	\$9,261
5	Storey	\$1,681	\$6,602	\$8,283
6	Washoe	\$4,700	\$1,037	\$5,737
7	White Pine	\$7,025	\$1,299	\$8,324

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9       5. The ad valorem adjustment may be made only to take into  
10 account the difference in the ad valorem taxes to be received and the  
11 estimated enrollment of the school district between the amount  
12 estimated as of March 1, 2017, and the amount estimated as of  
13 March 1, 2018, for Fiscal Year 2018-2019. The estimates received  
14 from the Department of Taxation on or before March 15 pursuant to  
15 subsection 3 must be taken into consideration in determining the  
16 adjustment.

17       6. Upon receipt of the certified total of ad valorem taxes to be  
18 received by each school district for Fiscal Year 2018-2019 pursuant  
19 to subsection 2, the Superintendent of Public Instruction shall  
20 recalculate the ad valorem adjustment and the tentative basic  
21 support guarantee for operating purposes for each school district for  
22 Fiscal Year 2018-2019 based on the certified total of ad valorem  
23 taxes provided by the Executive Director of the Department of  
24 Taxation pursuant to subsection 2. The final basic support guarantee  
25 for each school district for Fiscal Year 2018-2019 is the amount  
26 which is recalculated for Fiscal Year 2018-2019 pursuant to this  
27 section, taking into consideration the estimates received from the  
28 Department of Taxation pursuant to NRS 362.115 on or before  
29 March 15, 2018. The basic support guarantee recalculated pursuant  
30 to this section must be calculated on or before May 31, 2018.

31       **Sec. 3.** 1. There is hereby appropriated from the State  
32 General Fund to the State Distributive School Account created by  
33 NRS 387.030:

34             For the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 ..... \$1,162,837,609  
35             For the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 ..... \$1,140,793,089

36       2. The money appropriated by subsection 1 must be:

37       (a) Expended in accordance with NRS 353.150 to 353.246,  
38 inclusive, concerning the allotment, transfer, work program and  
39 budget; and

40       (b) Work-programmed for the 2 separate fiscal years of the  
41 2017-2019 biennium, as required by NRS 353.215. Work programs  
42 may be revised with the approval of the Governor upon the  
43 recommendation of the Director of the Office of Finance in the  
44 Office of the Governor.



1 3. Transfers to and allotments from must be allowed and made  
2 in accordance with NRS 353.215 to 353.225, inclusive, after  
3 separate consideration of the merits of each request.

4 4. The money appropriated by subsection 1 is available for  
5 either fiscal year or may be transferred to Fiscal Year 2016-2017.  
6 Money may be transferred from one fiscal year to another with the  
7 approval of the Governor upon the recommendation of the Director  
8 of the Office of Finance in the Office of the Governor. If any money  
9 appropriated by subsection 1 is transferred to Fiscal Year 2016-  
10 2017, any remaining funds in the State Distributive School Account  
11 after all obligations have been met that are not subject to reversion  
12 to the State General Fund must be transferred back to Fiscal Year  
13 2017-2018. Any amount transferred back to Fiscal Year 2017-2018  
14 must not exceed the amount originally transferred to Fiscal Year  
15 2016-2017.

16 5. Any remaining balance of the appropriation made by  
17 subsection 1 for Fiscal Year 2017-2018 must be transferred and  
18 added to the money appropriated for Fiscal Year 2018-2019 and  
19 may be expended as that money is expended.

20 6. Any remaining balance of the appropriation made by  
21 subsection 1 for Fiscal Year 2018-2019, including any money added  
22 thereto pursuant to the provisions of subsections 3 and 5, must not  
23 be committed for expenditure after June 30, 2019, and must be  
24 reverted to the State General Fund on or before September 20, 2019.

25 **Sec. 4.** 1. Expenditure of \$420,494,044 by the Department of  
26 Education from money in the State Distributive School Account that  
27 was not appropriated from the State General Fund is hereby  
28 authorized during Fiscal Year 2017-2018.

29 2. Expenditure of \$446,248,075 by the Department of  
30 Education from money in the State Distributive School Account that  
31 was not appropriated from the State General Fund is hereby  
32 authorized during Fiscal Year 2018-2019.

33 3. For the purposes of accounting and reporting, the sums  
34 authorized for expenditure by subsections 1 and 2 are considered to  
35 be expended before any appropriation is made to the State  
36 Distributive School Account from the State General Fund.

37 4. The money authorized to be expended by subsections 1 and  
38 2 must be expended in accordance with NRS 353.150 to 353.246,  
39 inclusive, concerning the allotment, transfer, work program and  
40 budget. Transfers to and allotments from must be allowed and made  
41 in accordance with NRS 353.215 to 353.225, inclusive, after  
42 separate consideration of the merits of each request.

43 5. The Director of the Office of Finance in the Office of the  
44 Governor may, with the approval of the Governor, authorize  
45 the augmentation of the amounts authorized for expenditure by the



1 Department of Education in subsections 1 and 2, for the purpose of  
2 meeting obligations of the State incurred under chapter 387 of NRS  
3 with amounts from any other state agency, from any agency of local  
4 government, from any agency of the Federal Government or from  
5 any other source that he or she determines is in excess of the amount  
6 taken into consideration by this act. The Director of the Office of  
7 Finance shall reduce any authorization whenever he or she  
8 determines that money to be received will be less than the amount  
9 authorized in subsections 1 and 2.

10 **Sec. 5.** During each fiscal year of the 2017-2019 biennium,  
11 whenever the State Controller finds that current claims against the  
12 State Distributive School Account exceed the amount available in  
13 the Account to pay those claims, the State Controller may advance  
14 temporarily from the State General Fund to the State Distributive  
15 School Account the amount required to pay the claims, but not more  
16 than the amount expected to be received in the current fiscal year  
17 from any source authorized for the State Distributive School  
18 Account. No amount may be transferred unless requested by the  
19 Director of the Office of Finance in the Office of the Governor.

20 **Sec. 6.** The amounts of the guarantees set forth in sections 1  
21 and 2 of this act may be reduced to effectuate a reserve required  
22 pursuant to NRS 353.225.

23 **Sec. 7.** 1. The Department of Education shall transfer from  
24 the State Distributive School Account the following sums for  
25 students with disabilities:

26	For the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 .....	\$186,670,566
27	For the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 .....	\$199,819,875

28 2. The money transferred by subsection 1 must be used only to  
29 fund the school districts and charter schools for the enrollment of  
30 pupils with disabilities in accordance with the funding multiplier  
31 calculated by the Department of Education pursuant to subsection 3  
32 of NRS 387.122.

33 **Sec. 8.** 1. The Department of Education shall transfer from  
34 the State Distributive School Account the following sums for  
35 special transportation costs to school districts:

36	For the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 .....	\$128,541
37	For the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 .....	\$128,541

38 2. Pursuant to NRS 392.015, the Department of Education shall  
39 use the money transferred in subsection 1 to reimburse school  
40 districts for the additional costs of transportation for any pupil to a  
41 school outside the school district in which his or her residence is  
42 located.

43 3. Any remaining balance of the sums transferred by  
44 subsection 1 for Fiscal Year 2017-2018 and Fiscal Year 2018-2019  
45 must not be committed for expenditure after June 30 of each fiscal



1 year and must be reverted to the State General Fund on or before  
2 September 21, 2018, and September 20, 2019, for each fiscal year  
3 respectively.

4 **Sec. 9.** 1. The Department of Education shall transfer from  
5 the State Distributive School Account to the school districts the  
6 following sums for the National School Lunch Program state match  
7 requirement pursuant to NRS 387.105 to reimburse school districts  
8 for the costs of providing meals pursuant to 42 U.S.C. §§ 1751 et  
9 seq.:

10	For the Fiscal Year 2017-2018.....	\$588,732
11	For the Fiscal Year 2018-2019.....	\$588,732

12 2. Any remaining balance of the sums transferred by  
13 subsection 1 for Fiscal Year 2017-2018 and Fiscal Year 2018-2019  
14 must not be committed for expenditure after June 30 of each fiscal  
15 year and must be reverted to the State General Fund on or before  
16 September 21, 2018, and September 20, 2019, for each fiscal year  
17 respectively.

18 **Sec. 10.** Each school district shall expend the revenue made  
19 available through this act, as well as other revenue from state, local  
20 and federal sources, in a manner which is consistent with NRS  
21 288.150 and which is designed to attain the goals of the Legislature  
22 regarding educational reform in this State, especially with regard to  
23 assisting pupils in need of remediation and pupils who are not  
24 proficient in the English language. Materials and supplies for  
25 classrooms are subject to negotiation by employers with recognized  
26 employee organizations.

27 **Sec. 11.** The Legislature hereby finds and declares that:

28 1. Available money is estimated to provide a sufficient number  
29 of licensed teachers to achieve in each school district pupil-teacher  
30 ratios of 17 pupils per licensed teacher in grades 1 and 2 in Fiscal  
31 Year 2017-2018 and Fiscal Year 2018-2019, and to achieve a pupil-  
32 teacher ratio of 20 pupils per licensed teacher in grade 3 in Fiscal  
33 Year 2017-2018 and Fiscal Year 2018-2019.

34 2. Certain school districts do not have a sufficient number of  
35 classrooms available to permit an average class size of 20 pupils per  
36 licensed teacher in grade 3.

37 3. It is unreasonable to assign 2 licensed teachers to classrooms  
38 of 40 pupils to attain a district-wide pupil-teacher ratio of 20 pupils  
39 per licensed teacher in grade 3.

40 4. School districts may, instead, attain the desired pupil-teacher  
41 ratio in classes where core curriculum is taught by using alternative  
42 methods of reducing the ratio, such as employing licensed teachers  
43 to provide remedial instruction.



1 5. School districts may wish to use money for class-size  
2 reduction to carry out programs that have been found to be effective  
3 in improving academic achievement.

4 6. The Legislature has specifically designed the laws relating to  
5 class-size reduction to allow the local school districts the necessary  
6 discretion to effectuate the reduction in the manner appropriate in  
7 their respective districts.

8 7. School districts are encouraged, to the extent possible, to  
9 further reduce the pupil-teacher ratio in each classroom in the  
10 district for grades 1, 2 and 3 for which additional funding is  
11 provided.

12 8. The Legislature intends to continue the reduced pupil-  
13 teacher ratio for grades 1, 2 and 3 throughout the State.

14 **Sec. 12.** 1. The Department of Education shall transfer from  
15 the State Distributive School Account the sum of \$147,445,963 for  
16 distribution by the Superintendent of Public Instruction to the  
17 county school districts for Fiscal Year 2017-2018 which must,  
18 except as otherwise provided in section 14 of this act, be used to  
19 employ licensed teachers to comply with the required ratio of pupils  
20 to teachers in grades 1, 2 and 3, as set forth in subsection 1 of  
21 section 11 of this act. Expenditures for the class-size reduction  
22 program must be accounted for in a separate category of expenditure  
23 in the State Distributive School Account.

24 2. Except as otherwise provided in section 14 of this act, the  
25 money transferred by subsection 1 must be used to pay the salaries  
26 and benefits of not less than 1,944 licensed teachers employed by  
27 school districts to meet the required pupil-teacher ratios in the 2017-  
28 2018 school year.

29 3. Any remaining balance of the money transferred by  
30 subsection 1 must not be committed for expenditure after June 30,  
31 2018, and must be transferred and added to the money appropriated  
32 to the State Distributive School Account pursuant to section 3 of  
33 this act for Fiscal Year 2018-2019, and may be expended as the  
34 money in section 13 of this act is expended.

35 **Sec. 13.** 1. The Department of Education shall transfer from  
36 the State Distributive School Account the sum of \$152,142,582 for  
37 distribution by the Superintendent of Public Instruction to the  
38 county school districts for Fiscal Year 2018-2019 which must,  
39 except as otherwise provided in section 14 of this act, be used to  
40 employ licensed teachers to comply with the required ratio of pupils  
41 to teachers in grades 1, 2 and 3, as set forth in subsection 1 of  
42 section 11 of this act. Expenditures for the class-size reduction  
43 program must be accounted for in a separate category of expenditure  
44 in the State Distributive School Account.



1 2. Except as otherwise provided in section 14 of this act, the  
2 money transferred by subsection 1 must be used to pay the salaries  
3 and benefits of not less than 1,968 licensed teachers employed by  
4 school districts to meet the required pupil-teacher ratios in the 2018-  
5 2019 school year.

6 3. Any remaining balance of the money transferred by  
7 subsection 1, including any money added thereto pursuant to section  
8 12 of this act, must not be committed for expenditure after June 30,  
9 2019, and must be reverted to the State General Fund on or before  
10 September 20, 2019.

11 **Sec. 14.** 1. The board of trustees of each school district:

12 (a) Shall file a plan with the Superintendent of Public Instruction  
13 describing how the money transferred pursuant to sections 12 and  
14 13 of this act will be used to comply with the required ratio of pupils  
15 to teachers in grades 1, 2 and 3; and

16 (b) May, after receiving approval of the plan from the  
17 Superintendent of Public Instruction, use the money transferred  
18 pursuant to sections 12 and 13 of this act to carry out:

19 (1) An alternative program for reducing the ratio of pupils  
20 per teacher, including, without limitation, any legislatively approved  
21 program of flexibility; or

22 (2) Programs of remedial education that have been found to  
23 be effective in improving pupil achievement in grades 1, 2 and 3, so  
24 long as the combined ratio of pupils per teacher in the aggregate of  
25 kindergarten and grades 1, 2 and 3 of the school district does not  
26 exceed the combined ratio of pupils per teacher in the aggregate of  
27 kindergarten and grades 1, 2 and 3 of the school district in the 2004-  
28 2005 school year.

29 ➤ The plan approved by the Superintendent of Public Instruction  
30 must describe the method to be used by the school district to  
31 evaluate the effectiveness of the alternative program or remedial  
32 education programs in improving pupil achievement.

33 2. In no event must the provisions of this section be construed  
34 to authorize the board of trustees of a school district in a county  
35 whose population is 100,000 or more to develop an alternative plan  
36 for the reduction of pupil-teacher ratios pursuant to subsection 2 of  
37 NRS 388.720.

38 **Sec. 15.** 1. The money transferred for class-size reduction  
39 pursuant to sections 12 and 13 of this act:

40 (a) May be applied first to pupils considered most at risk of  
41 failure.

42 (b) Must not be used to settle or arbitrate disputes between a  
43 recognized organization representing employees of a school district  
44 and the school district, or to settle any negotiations.





1 (c) Must not be used to adjust the district-wide schedules of  
2 salaries and benefits of the employees of a school district.

3 (d) Must fund the student-to-teacher ratios associated with the  
4 type of class-size reduction program implemented, with  
5 authorization to distribute residual class-size reduction program  
6 funds to underperforming schools with approved class-size  
7 reduction variances.

8 2. The money transferred for class-size reduction pursuant to  
9 sections 12 and 13 of this act must not be distributed to a school  
10 district unless that school district has:

11 (a) Filed with the Department of Education a plan required by  
12 NRS 388.720 for achieving the required ratio set forth in NRS  
13 388.700; and

14 (b) Demonstrated that, from resources of the school district  
15 other than allocations received from the State Distributive School  
16 Account for class-size reduction, a sufficient number of classroom  
17 teachers have been employed to maintain the average pupil-teacher  
18 ratio that existed for each grade for grades 1, 2 and 3, in that school  
19 district for the 3 school years immediately preceding the start of the  
20 class-size reduction program in the 1990-1991 school year.

21 **Sec. 16.** 1. There is hereby appropriated from the State  
22 General Fund to the Other State Education Programs Account in the  
23 State General Fund the following sums:

24	For the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 .....	\$76,374,071
25	For the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 .....	\$77,881,742

26 2. The money appropriated by subsection 1 must be expended  
27 in accordance with NRS 353.150 to 353.246, inclusive, concerning  
28 the allotment, transfer, work program and budget. Transfers to and  
29 allotments from must be allowed and made in accordance with NRS  
30 353.215 to 353.225, inclusive, after separate consideration of the  
31 merits of each request.

32 3. The Department of Education shall transfer from the Other  
33 State Education Programs Account the sum of \$18,260,398 for both  
34 Fiscal Year 2017-2018 and Fiscal Year 2018-2019 for distribution  
35 by the Superintendent of Public Instruction to county school  
36 districts for the support of courses which are approved by the  
37 Department of Education as meeting the course of study for an adult  
38 standard high school diploma as approved by the State Board of  
39 Education. In each fiscal year of the 2017-2019 biennium, the sum  
40 transferred must be allocated among the various school districts in  
41 accordance with a plan or formula developed by the Department of  
42 Education to ensure that the money is distributed equitably and in a  
43 manner that permits accounting for the expenditures of school  
44 districts.



1 4. The Department of Education shall, not later than  
2 November 1, 2018, provide a written report to the Governor, the  
3 Legislative Committee on Education and the Director of the  
4 Legislative Counsel Bureau that describes each expenditure made  
5 from the amount transferred in subsection 3 and the performance  
6 results of the participants of the Adult High School Diploma  
7 program.

8 5. Any remaining balance of the allocations made by  
9 subsection 3 for Fiscal Year 2017-2018 must be added to the money  
10 received by the school districts for Fiscal Year 2018-2019 and may  
11 be expended as that money is expended. Any remaining balance of  
12 the allocations made by subsection 3 for Fiscal Year 2018-2019,  
13 including any such money added from the previous fiscal year, must  
14 not be committed for expenditure after June 30, 2019, and must be  
15 reverted to the State General Fund on or before September 20, 2019.

16 6. The money appropriated by subsection 1 to finance specific  
17 programs as outlined in this subsection are available for both Fiscal  
18 Year 2017-2018 and Fiscal Year 2018-2019 and may be transferred  
19 from one fiscal year to the other with the approval of the Interim  
20 Finance Committee upon the recommendation of the Governor as  
21 follows:

22 (a) A total of \$49,285 in both Fiscal Year 2017-2018 and Fiscal  
23 Year 2018-2019 for successful completion of the National Board  
24 Teacher Certification Program.

25 (b) A total of \$668,740 in both Fiscal Year 2017-2018 and  
26 Fiscal Year 2018-2019 for Counselor National Board Certification.

27 (c) A total of \$449,142 in both Fiscal Year 2017-2018 and  
28 Fiscal Year 2018-2019 for LEA library books.

29 (d) A total of \$12,543,822 in both Fiscal Year 2017-2018 and  
30 Fiscal Year 2018-2019 for the award of grants for career and  
31 technical education pursuant to NRS 388.393 and, notwithstanding  
32 the provisions of subsections 1, 2 and 3 of NRS 388.392, not for the  
33 use of leadership and training activities and pupil organizations.

34 (e) A total of \$3,586,645 in both Fiscal Year 2017-2018 and  
35 Fiscal Year 2018-2019 for the Jobs for America's Graduates  
36 Program.

37 (f) A total of \$850,000, with a maximum of \$50,000 to each of  
38 the 17 school districts, in both Fiscal Year 2017-2018 and Fiscal  
39 Year 2018-2019 to support special counseling services for  
40 elementary school pupils at risk of failure.

41 (g) A total of \$18,798 in both Fiscal Year 2017-2018 and Fiscal  
42 Year 2018-2019 to pay the increase of salaries of professional  
43 school library media specialists required by NRS 391.163.

44 7. Any remaining balance of the sums transferred in subsection  
45 6 must not be committed for expenditure after June 30, 2019, and



1 must be reverted to the State General Fund on or before  
2 September 20, 2019.

3 8. Except as otherwise provided in subsections 5 and 7,  
4 unencumbered balances of the appropriations made by this section  
5 for Fiscal Year 2017-2018 and Fiscal Year 2018-2019 must not be  
6 committed for expenditure after June 30 of each fiscal year. Except  
7 as otherwise provided in subsections 5 and 7, unencumbered  
8 balances of these appropriations revert to the State General Fund on  
9 or before September 21, 2018, and September 20, 2019, for each  
10 fiscal year respectively.

11 **Sec. 17.** 1. The Department of Education shall transfer from  
12 the Other State Education Programs Account the sum of \$6,374,243  
13 in Fiscal Year 2017-2018 and \$8,274,243 in Fiscal Year 2018-2019  
14 for pupils enrolled in school districts and charter schools who  
15 qualify for gifted and talented education programs.

16 2. The money transferred by subsection 1 must be distributed  
17 on a per pupil basis to pupils who have been identified as gifted and  
18 talented through a state-approved assessment, procedure, or both  
19 and must receive at least 150 minutes per week during the school  
20 year of differentiated educational activities unless the pupil's  
21 individualized educational program otherwise provides. The  
22 Department of Education shall calculate an amount of funding for  
23 each pupil identified as gifted and talented for both Fiscal Year  
24 2017-2018 and Fiscal Year 2018-2019 by dividing the money  
25 appropriated by the Legislature for such pupils in Fiscal Year 2017-  
26 2018 and in Fiscal Year 2018-2019 by the total final count of such  
27 pupils in the immediately preceding fiscal year.

28 3. The money transferred by subsection 1 for pupils enrolled in  
29 school districts and charter schools who qualify for gifted and  
30 talented education programs:

31 (a) Must not be used to settle or arbitrate disputes between a  
32 recognized organization representing employees of a school district  
33 and the school district, or to settle any negotiations.

34 (b) Must not be used to adjust the district-wide schedules of  
35 salaries and benefits of the employees of a school district.

36 4. Any remaining balance of the sums transferred by  
37 subsection 1 for Fiscal Year 2017-2018 and Fiscal Year 2018-2019  
38 must not be committed for expenditure after June 30 of each fiscal  
39 year and must be reverted to the State General Fund on or before  
40 September 21, 2018, and September 20, 2019, for each fiscal year  
41 respectively.

42 **Sec. 18.** 1. The Department of Education shall transfer from  
43 the Other State Education Programs Account the following sums for  
44 early childhood education:



1 For the Fiscal Year 2017-2018..... \$3,338,875  
2 For the Fiscal Year 2018-2019..... \$3,338,875

3 2. The money transferred by subsection 1 must be used by the  
4 Department of Education for competitive state grants to school  
5 districts, charter schools and nonprofit organizations for early  
6 childhood education programs.

7 3. To receive a grant of money pursuant to subsection 2, school  
8 districts, charter schools and nonprofit organizations must submit a  
9 comprehensive plan to the Department of Education that includes,  
10 without limitation:

11 (a) A detailed description of the proposed early childhood  
12 education program; and

13 (b) A description of the manner in which the money will be  
14 used, which must supplement and not replace the money that would  
15 otherwise be expended for early childhood education programs.

16 4. A school district, charter school or nonprofit organization  
17 that receives a grant of money pursuant to this section shall:

18 (a) Use the money to establish or expand prekindergarten  
19 education programs.

20 (b) Use the money to supplement and not replace the money that  
21 the school district, charter school or nonprofit organization would  
22 otherwise expend for early childhood education programs, as  
23 described in this section.

24 (c) Use the money to pay for the salaries and other items directly  
25 related to the instruction of pupils in the classroom.

26 ↪ The money must not be used to remodel classrooms or facilities  
27 or for playground equipment.

28 5. The Department of Education shall utilize statewide  
29 performance and outcome indicators to measure the effectiveness of  
30 the early childhood education programs for which grants of money  
31 are awarded pursuant to this section. The Department shall establish  
32 minimum performance levels and increase the expected  
33 performance rates on a yearly basis, based upon the performance  
34 results of the participants.

35 6. The Department of Education shall, not later than  
36 November 1, 2018, provide a written report to the Governor, the  
37 Legislative Committee on Education and the Director of the  
38 Legislative Counsel Bureau regarding the effectiveness of the early  
39 childhood education programs for which grants of money were  
40 received. The report must include, without limitation:

41 (a) The number of grants awarded;

42 (b) An identification of each school district, charter school and  
43 nonprofit organization that received a grant of money and the  
44 amount of each grant awarded;



1 (c) For each school district, charter school and nonprofit  
2 organization that received a grant of money:

3 (1) The number of children who received services through a  
4 program funded by the grant that received funding from the State for  
5 early childhood education programs in Fiscal Year 2017-2018; and

6 (2) The average expenditure per child in each early  
7 childhood education program that received funding from the State in  
8 Fiscal Year 2017-2018;

9 (d) A description of the programs in this State that are the most  
10 effective;

11 (e) Based upon the performance of children in the program on  
12 established performance and outcome indicators, a description of  
13 revised performance and outcome indicators, including any revised  
14 minimum performance levels and performance rates; and

15 (f) Any recommendations for legislation.

16 7. The money transferred by this section:

17 (a) Must be accounted for separately from any other money  
18 received by the school districts, charter schools and nonprofit  
19 organizations of this State and used only for the purposes specified  
20 in this section.

21 (b) May not be used to settle or arbitrate disputes between a  
22 recognized organization representing employees of a school district  
23 and the school district, or to settle any negotiations.

24 (c) May not be used to adjust the district-wide schedules of  
25 salaries and benefits of the employees of a school district.

26 8. The sums transferred by subsection 1 are available for either  
27 fiscal year. Money may be transferred from one fiscal year to  
28 another with the approval of the Interim Finance Committee upon  
29 the recommendation of the Governor. Any remaining balance of  
30 those sums must not be committed for expenditure after June 30,  
31 2019, and must be reverted to the State General Fund on or before  
32 September 20, 2019.

33 **Sec. 19.** 1. The Department of Education shall transfer from  
34 the Other State Education Programs Account the following sums for  
35 a college and career readiness grant program:

36	For the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 .....	\$5,000,000
37	For the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 .....	\$5,000,000

38 2. Except as otherwise provided by subsection 3, the money  
39 transferred by subsection 1 must be used by the Department of  
40 Education for competitive grants to school districts and charter  
41 schools:

42 (a) To support dual enrollment for pupils enrolled in high  
43 schools, including, without limitation, charter schools, and  
44 simultaneously enrolled in college courses; and



(b) To create a competitive science, technology, engineering and mathematics grant program for pupils enrolled in middle schools and high schools, including, without limitation, charter schools, to assist those pupils in becoming college and career ready.

3. Of the money transferred by subsection 1, an amount of at least \$500,000 but not more than \$750,000 in both Fiscal Year 2017-2018 and Fiscal Year 2018-2019 may be used by the Department of Education to provide competitive grants to school districts, charter schools and nonprofit organizations for the development and implementation of work-based learning pilot programs.

4. The money transferred by subsection 1:

(a) Must be accounted for separately from any other money received by the school districts, charter schools and nonprofit organizations and used only for the purposes specified in this section.

(b) May not be used to settle or arbitrate disputes between a recognized organization representing employees of a school district and the school district, or to settle any negotiations.

(c) May not be used to adjust the district-wide schedules of salaries and benefits of the employees of a school district.

5. Any remaining balance of the sums transferred by subsection 1 for Fiscal Year 2017-2018 and Fiscal Year 2018-2019 must not be committed for expenditure after June 30 of each fiscal year and must be reverted to the State General Fund on or before September 21, 2018, and September 20, 2019, for each fiscal year respectively.

**Sec. 20.** 1. The Department of Education shall transfer from the Other State Education Programs Account the following sums for underperforming schools:

For the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 .....	\$2,500,000
For the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 .....	\$2,500,000

2. The money transferred by subsection 1 must be used by the Department of Education to provide grants and other financial support, within the limits of legislative appropriation, to public schools to improve the achievement of pupils required by NRS 385A.650 for any one or more of the following:

(a) Activities to replicate high poverty/high performing schools and high performing schools.

(b) To support a transition period until such time as an underperforming school is sustainable at a three-star level, as determined by the Department of Education pursuant to the statewide system of accountability for public schools.

(c) Other activities consistent with the approved federal plan for school improvement.



3. The money transferred pursuant to subsection 1:

(a) Must be accounted for separately from any other money received by the school districts and charter schools of this State and used only for the purposes specified in subsection 2.

(b) May not be used to settle or arbitrate disputes between a recognized organization representing employees of a school district and the school district, or to settle any negotiations.

(c) May not be used to adjust the district-wide schedules of salaries and benefits of the employees of a school district.

4. Any remaining balance of the sums transferred by subsection 1 for Fiscal Year 2017-2018 and Fiscal Year 2018-2019 must not be committed for expenditure after June 30 of each fiscal year and must be reverted to the State General Fund on or before September 21, 2018, and September 20, 2019, for each fiscal year respectively.

**Sec. 21.** 1. The Department of Education shall transfer from the Other State Education Programs Account the following sums which must be used only to carry out the provisions of NRS 392.750 to NRS 392.775, inclusive:

For the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 .....	\$20,537,953
For the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 .....	\$20,537,953

2. The money transferred by subsection 1 must be expended in accordance with NRS 353.150 to 353.246, inclusive, concerning the allotment, transfer, work program and budget. Transfers to and allotments from must be allowed and made in accordance with NRS 353.215 to 353.225, inclusive, after separate consideration of the merits of each request.

3. The money transferred pursuant to subsection 1:

(a) Must be accounted for separately from any other money received by the school districts and charter schools of this State and used only for the purposes specified in subsection 1.

(b) May not be used to settle or arbitrate disputes between a recognized organization representing employees of a school district and the school district, or to settle any negotiations.

(c) May not be used to adjust the district-wide schedules of salaries and benefits of the employees of a school district.

4. Any balance of the money transferred by subsection 1 remaining at the end of the respective fiscal years must not be committed for expenditure after June 30 of each fiscal year and must be reverted to the State General Fund on or before September 21, 2018, and September 20, 2019, respectively.

**Sec. 22.** 1. There is hereby appropriated from the State General Fund to the Account for Programs for Innovation and the Prevention of Remediation created by NRS 387.1247 the following sums:



1 For the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 ..... \$49,950,000  
 2 For the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 ..... \$49,950,000

3 2. The money appropriated by subsection 1 must be expended  
 4 in accordance with NRS 353.150 to 353.246, inclusive, concerning  
 5 the allotment, transfer, work program and budget. Transfers to and  
 6 allotments from must be allowed and made in accordance with NRS  
 7 353.215 to 353.225, inclusive, after separate consideration of the  
 8 merits of each request.

9 3. The Department of Education shall transfer from the  
 10 appropriation made by subsection 1 to the school districts specified  
 11 in this subsection the following sums which must be used only to  
 12 carry out the provisions of Senate Bill No. 390 of this session for  
 13 Fiscal Year 2017-2018:

14	<u>School District:</u>	<u>2017-2018</u>
15	Clark County School District	\$38,741,220
16	Washoe County School District	\$7,307,685

17 4. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 5, the  
 18 Department of Education shall calculate an amount of funding for  
 19 each pupil identified as English Learner for Fiscal Year 2018-2019,  
 20 by dividing the money appropriated in subsection 1 for Fiscal Year  
 21 2018-2019 by the total final count of such pupils in Fiscal Year  
 22 2017-2018 and shall transfer the applicable sums to the school  
 23 districts specified in subsection 3.

24 5. Of the sums appropriated by subsection 1, the Department of  
 25 Education shall use not more than \$3,901,095 in Fiscal Year 2017-  
 26 2018 and the amount determined in subsection 4 other than the  
 27 amounts determined for the Clark County School District and  
 28 Washoe County School District in Fiscal Year 2018-2019, which  
 29 must be used only to carry out the provisions of Senate Bill No. 390  
 30 of this session to provide grants of money to the State Public  
 31 Charter School Authority and the school districts, other than the  
 32 Clark County School District or the Washoe County School District.  
 33 The board of trustees of a school district and the State Public  
 34 Charter School Authority may submit an application to the  
 35 Department on a form prescribed by the Department.

36 6. Any remaining balance of the transfers made by subsection  
 37 3 for Fiscal Year 2017-2018 must be added to the money transferred  
 38 for Fiscal Year 2018-2019 and may be expended as that money is  
 39 expended. Any remaining balance of the transfers made by  
 40 subsection 4 for Fiscal Year 2018-2019, including any money added  
 41 from the previous fiscal year, must not be committed for  
 42 expenditure after June 30, 2019, and must be reverted to the State  
 43 General Fund on or before September 20, 2019.

44 7. Any remaining balance of the transfers made by subsection  
 45 5 for Fiscal Year 2017-2018 must be added to the money transferred





1 for Fiscal Year 2018-2019 and may be expended as that money is  
2 expended. Any remaining balance of the transfers made pursuant to  
3 subsection 5 for Fiscal Year 2018-2019, including any money added  
4 from the previous fiscal year, must not be committed for  
5 expenditure after June 30, 2019, and must be reverted to the State  
6 General Fund on or before September 20, 2019.

7 8. Any remaining balance of the appropriation made by  
8 subsection 1 must not be committed for expenditure after June 30,  
9 2019, by the entity to which the appropriation is made or any entity  
10 to which money from the appropriation is granted or otherwise  
11 transferred in any manner, and any portion of the appropriated  
12 money remaining must not be spent for any purpose after  
13 September 20, 2019, by either the entity to which the money was  
14 appropriated or the entity to which the money was subsequently  
15 granted or transferred, and must be reverted to the State General  
16 Fund on or before September 20, 2019.

17 **Sec. 23.** 1. There is hereby appropriated from the State  
18 General Fund to the Account for Programs for Innovation and the  
19 Prevention of Remediation created by NRS 387.1247 a total of  
20 \$10,000,000 in both Fiscal Year 2017-2018 and Fiscal Year 2018-  
21 2019 to be distributed by the Commission on Educational  
22 Technology created by NRS 388.790 for the Nevada Ready 21  
23 Technology competitive grant program for statewide one-to-one  
24 pupil computing in certain middle schools to provide pupils and  
25 teachers with 24-hour access to their own personal, portable,  
26 technology device connected wirelessly to the Internet. The money  
27 must not be used for administrative expenditures of the Department  
28 of Education.

29 2. The money appropriated by subsection 1 must be expended  
30 in accordance with NRS 353.150 to 353.246, inclusive, concerning  
31 the allotment, transfer, work program and budget. Transfers to and  
32 allotments from must be allowed and made in accordance with NRS  
33 353.215 to 353.225, inclusive, after separate consideration of the  
34 merits of each request.

35 3. Any remaining balance of the appropriation made by  
36 subsection 1 for Fiscal Year 2017-2018 must be added to the money  
37 appropriated for Fiscal Year 2018-2019 and may be expended as  
38 that money is expended. Any remaining balance of the appropriation  
39 made by subsection 1 for Fiscal Year 2018-2019, including any such  
40 money added from the previous fiscal year, must not be committed  
41 for expenditure after June 30, 2019, and does not revert to the State  
42 General Fund.

43 **Sec. 24.** 1. There is hereby appropriated from the State  
44 General Fund to the Account for Programs for Innovation and the



1 Prevention of Remediation created by NRS 387.1247 the following  
2 sums:

3 For the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 ..... \$25,000,000  
4 For the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 ..... \$25,000,000

5 2. The money appropriated by subsection 1 must be expended  
6 in accordance with NRS 353.150 to 353.246, inclusive, concerning  
7 the allotment, transfer, work program and budget. Transfers to and  
8 allotments from must be allowed and made in accordance with NRS  
9 353.215 to 353.225, inclusive, after separate consideration of the  
10 merits of each request.

11 3. The Department of Education shall transfer from the  
12 appropriation made by subsection 1 to school districts and charter  
13 schools which must be used only to carry out the provisions of  
14 Assembly Bill No. 447 of this session for Fiscal Year 2017-2018  
15 and Fiscal Year 2018-2019, respectively.

16 4. Any remaining balance of the transfers made to carry out the  
17 provisions of Assembly Bill 447 of this session for Fiscal Year  
18 2017-2018 must be added to the money transferred for Fiscal Year  
19 2018-2019 and may be expended as that money is expended. Any  
20 remaining balance of the transfers made to carry out the provisions  
21 of Assembly Bill No. 447 of this session for Fiscal Year 2018-2019,  
22 including any money added from the previous fiscal year, must not  
23 be committed for expenditure after June 30, 2019, and must be  
24 reverted to the State General Fund on or before September 20, 2019.

25 **Sec. 25.** 1. There is hereby appropriated from the State  
26 General Fund to the Account for Programs for Innovation and the  
27 Prevention of Remediation created by NRS 387.1247 the following  
28 sums:

29 For the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 ..... \$10,710,673  
30 For the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 ..... \$10,710,673

31 2. The Department of Education shall transfer from the  
32 appropriation made by subsection 1 to school districts and charter  
33 schools for block grants for contract or employee social workers or  
34 other licensed mental health workers in schools with identified  
35 needs. The money must not be used for administrative expenditures  
36 of the Department of Education.

37 3. For purposes of the allocations of sums for the block grant  
38 program described in subsection 2, eligible licensed social or other  
39 mental health workers include the following:

- 40 (a) Licensed Clinical Social Worker;  
41 (b) Social Worker;  
42 (c) Social Worker Intern with Supervision;  
43 (d) Clinical Psychologist;  
44 (e) Psychologist Intern with Supervision;  
45 (f) Marriage and Family Therapist;



- 1 (g) Mental Health Counselor;
- 2 (h) Community Health Worker;
- 3 (i) School-Based Health Centers; and
- 4 (j) Licensed Nurse.

5 4. The money appropriated by subsection 1 must be expended  
6 in accordance with NRS 353.150 to 353.246, inclusive, concerning  
7 the allotment, transfer, work program and budget. Transfers to and  
8 allotments from must be allowed and made in accordance with NRS  
9 353.215 to 353.225, inclusive, after separate consideration of the  
10 merits of each request.

11 5. Any remaining balance of the transfer made by subsection 2  
12 for Fiscal Year 2017-2018 must be added to the money transferred  
13 for Fiscal Year 2018-2019 and may be expended as that money is  
14 expended. Any remaining balance of the transfer made by  
15 subsection 2 for Fiscal Year 2018-2019, including any such money  
16 added from the previous fiscal year, must not be committed for  
17 expenditure after June 30, 2019, and does not revert to the State  
18 General Fund.

19 6. Expenditure of \$478,127 in both Fiscal Year 2017-2018 and  
20 Fiscal Year 2018-2019 from money in the Account for Programs for  
21 Innovation and the Prevention of Remediation that was not  
22 appropriated from the State General Fund is hereby authorized for  
23 the block grant program described in subsection 2.

24 7. For the purposes of accounting and reporting, the sum  
25 authorized for expenditure by subsection 6 is considered to be  
26 expended before any appropriation is made to the Account for  
27 Programs for Innovation and the Prevention of Remediation from  
28 the State General Fund.

29 8. The money authorized to be expended by subsection 6 must  
30 be expended in accordance with NRS 353.150 to 353.246, inclusive,  
31 concerning the allotment, transfer, work program and budget.  
32 Transfers to and allotments from must be allowed and made in  
33 accordance with NRS 353.215 to 353.225, inclusive, after separate  
34 consideration of the merits of each request.

35 9. The Director of the Office of Finance in the Office of the  
36 Governor may, with the approval of the Governor, authorize  
37 the augmentation of the amounts authorized for expenditure by the  
38 Department of Education in subsection 6, for the purpose of the  
39 block grant program described in subsection 2 with amounts from  
40 any other state agency, from any agency of local government, from  
41 any agency of the Federal Government or from any other source that  
42 he or she determines is in excess of the amount taken into  
43 consideration by this act. The Director of the Office of Finance shall  
44 reduce any authorization whenever he or she determines that



1 money to be received will be less than the amount authorized in  
2 subsection 6.

3 **Sec. 26.** 1. There is hereby appropriated from the State  
4 General Fund to the Account for Programs for Innovation and the  
5 Prevention of Remediation created by NRS 387.1247 the following  
6 sums:

7	For the Fiscal Year 2017-2018.....	\$2,500,000
8	For the Fiscal Year 2018-2019.....	\$2,500,000

9 2. On or before August 31, 2017, the board of trustees of a  
10 school district may apply to the State Board of Education for a grant  
11 of money from the money appropriated pursuant to subsection 1 to  
12 provide financial incentives to newly hired teachers as described in  
13 subsection 3. Each application submitted pursuant to this section  
14 must include the number of teachers to whom the board of trustees  
15 intends to provide such incentives. On or before October 31, 2017,  
16 the State Board of Education shall distribute the money to each  
17 board of trustees of a school district that submits an application in  
18 proportion to the number of teachers to whom the board of trustees  
19 plans to provide incentives.

20 3. Each board of trustees of a school district that receives a  
21 grant of money pursuant to subsection 2 must use the money to pay  
22 for incentives to newly hired teachers through the program of  
23 performance pay and enhanced compensation for the recruitment  
24 and retention of licensed teachers and administrators established by  
25 the board of trustees pursuant to NRS 391A.450. A board of trustees  
26 of a school district may only use such money to provide incentives  
27 to licensed teachers who were not employed by the board of trustees  
28 during the 2016-2017 school year and:

- 29 (a) Are employed full-time to teach in a school that:
  - 30 (1) Is a Title I school as defined in NRS 385A.040; or
  - 31 (2) Received one of the two lowest possible ratings
- 32 indicating underperformance of a public school, as determined by  
33 the Department of Education pursuant to the statewide system of  
34 accountability for public schools, for the 2017-2018 school year; or
- 35 (b) Are licensed to teach special education and employed full  
36 time.

37 4. An incentive provided pursuant to subsection 3 may be used  
38 to increase the base salary of a teacher for the 2017-2018 and 2018-  
39 2019 school years in an amount not to exceed \$5,000 per school  
40 year. A teacher who receives such an incentive is not entitled to  
41 continue to receive such an incentive after the 2018-2019 school  
42 year, and the board of trustees of a school district is not required to  
43 pay such an incentive after that school year.

44 5. The board of trustees of a school district that provides an  
45 incentive pursuant to subsection 3 shall provide professional



1 development to each teacher who receives such an incentive for  
2 each school year for which the teacher receives the incentive.

3 6. Any remaining balance of the appropriation made by  
4 subsection 1 for Fiscal Year 2017-2018 must be added to the money  
5 appropriated for Fiscal Year 2018-2019 and may be expended as  
6 that money is expended. Any remaining balance of the appropriation  
7 made by subsection 1 for Fiscal Year 2018-2019, including any such  
8 money added from the previous fiscal year, must not be committed  
9 for expenditure after June 30, 2019, and does not revert to the State  
10 General Fund.

11 **Sec. 27.** 1. There is hereby appropriated from the State  
12 General Fund to the Professional Development Programs Account:

13 For the Fiscal Year 2017-2018..... \$7,560,948  
14 For the Fiscal Year 2018-2019..... \$7,560,948

15 2. The money appropriated by subsection 1 must be expended  
16 in accordance with NRS 353.150 to 353.246, inclusive, concerning  
17 the allotment, transfer, work program and budget. Transfers to and  
18 allotments from must be allowed and made in accordance with NRS  
19 353.215 to 353.225, inclusive, after separate consideration of the  
20 merits of each request.

21 **Sec. 28.** 1. Of the sums appropriated by subsection 1 of  
22 section 27 of this act, the Department of Education shall transfer the  
23 following sums for Fiscal Year 2017-2018 and Fiscal Year 2018-  
24 2019:

<u>School District</u>	<u>2017-2018</u>	<u>2018-2019</u>
Clark County School District	\$3,983,356	\$3,983,356
Elko County School District	\$1,243,736	\$1,243,736
Washoe County School District	<u>\$2,233,856</u>	<u>\$2,233,856</u>
TOTAL:	\$7,460,948	\$7,460,948

30 2. A school district that receives an allocation pursuant to  
31 subsection 1 shall serve as fiscal agent for the respective regional  
32 training program for the professional development of teachers and  
33 administrators. As fiscal agent, each school district is responsible for  
34 the payment, collection and holding of all money received from this  
35 State for the maintenance and support of the regional training  
36 program for the professional development of teachers and  
37 administrators and the Nevada Early Literacy Intervention Program  
38 established and operated by the applicable governing body.

39 3. Any remaining balance of the transfers made by subsection  
40 1 for Fiscal Year 2017-2018 must be added to the money received  
41 by the school districts for Fiscal Year 2018-2019 and may be  
42 expended as that money is expended. Any remaining balance of the  
43 transfers made by subsection 1 for Fiscal Year 2018-2019, including  
44 any money added from the transfer for the previous fiscal year, must



1 not be committed for expenditure after June 30, 2019, and must be  
2 reverted to the State General Fund on or before September 20, 2019.

3 **Sec. 29.** 1. Of the sums appropriated by subsection 1 of  
4 section 27 of this act, the Department of Education shall transfer to  
5 the Statewide Council for the Coordination of the Regional Training  
6 Programs created by NRS 391A.130 the sum of \$100,000 in both  
7 Fiscal Year 2017-2018 and Fiscal Year 2018-2019 for additional  
8 training opportunities for educational administrators in Nevada.

9 2. The Statewide Council shall use the money:

10 (a) To disseminate research-based knowledge related to  
11 effective educational leadership behaviors and skills.

12 (b) To develop, support and maintain ongoing activities,  
13 programs, training and networking opportunities.

14 (c) For the purpose of providing additional training for  
15 educational administrators, including, without limitation, to pay:

16 (1) Travel expenses of administrators who attend the training  
17 program;

18 (2) Travel and per diem expenses for any consultants  
19 contracted to provide additional training; and

20 (3) Any charges to obtain a conference room for the  
21 provision of the additional training.

22 (d) To supplement and not replace the money that the school  
23 district or the regional training program would otherwise expend for  
24 the training of administrators as described in this section.

25 3. Any remaining balance of the transfer made by subsection 1  
26 for Fiscal Year 2017-2018 must be added to the money received by  
27 the Statewide Council for Fiscal Year 2018-2019 and may be  
28 expended as that money is expended. Any remaining balance of the  
29 transfer made by subsection 1 for Fiscal Year 2018-2019, including  
30 any money added from the transfer for the previous fiscal year, must  
31 not be committed for expenditure after June 30, 2019, and must be  
32 reverted to the State General Fund on or before September 20, 2019.

33 **Sec. 30.** 1. There is hereby appropriated from the State  
34 General Fund to the Great Teaching and Leading Fund created by  
35 NRS 391A.500 the following sums:

36 For the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 ..... \$4,866,478

37 For the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 ..... \$4,866,478

38 2. The money appropriated by subsection 1 must be expended  
39 in accordance with NRS 353.150 to 353.246, inclusive, concerning  
40 the allotment, transfer, work program and budget. Transfers to and  
41 allotments from must be allowed and made in accordance with NRS  
42 353.215 to 353.225, inclusive, after separate consideration of the  
43 merits of each request.

44 3. The Department of Education shall transfer the money  
45 appropriated in subsection 1 for competitive grants which must be



1 used only to carry out the provisions of NRS 391A.500 to  
2 391A.515, inclusive.

3 4. Any remaining balance of the transfer made by subsection 3  
4 for Fiscal Year 2017-2018 must be added to the transfers for Fiscal  
5 Year 2018-2019 and may be expended as that money is expended.  
6 Any remaining balance of the transfer made by subsection 3 for  
7 Fiscal Year 2018-2019, including any such money added from the  
8 previous fiscal year, must not be committed for expenditure after  
9 June 30, 2019, and does not revert to the State General Fund.

10 5. Expenditure of \$40,776 in both Fiscal Year 2017-2018 and  
11 Fiscal Year 2018-2019 from money in the Great Teaching and  
12 Leading Fund that was not appropriated from the State General  
13 Fund is hereby authorized to carry out the provisions of NRS  
14 391A.500 to 391A.515, inclusive.

15 6. For the purposes of accounting and reporting, the sum  
16 authorized for expenditure by subsection 5 is considered to be  
17 expended before any appropriation is made to the Great Teaching  
18 and Leading Fund from the State General Fund.

19 7. The money authorized to be expended by subsection 5 must  
20 be expended in accordance with NRS 353.150 to 353.246, inclusive,  
21 concerning the allotment, transfer, work program and budget.  
22 Transfers to and allotments from must be allowed and made in  
23 accordance with NRS 353.215 to 353.225, inclusive, after separate  
24 consideration of the merits of each request.

25 8. The Director of the Office of Finance in the Office of the  
26 Governor may, with the approval of the Governor, authorize  
27 the augmentation of the amounts authorized for expenditure by the  
28 Department of Education in subsection 5, for the purpose of  
29 carrying out the provisions of NRS 391A.500 to 391A.515,  
30 inclusive, with amounts from any other state agency, from any  
31 agency of local government, from any agency of the Federal  
32 Government or from any other source that he or she determines is in  
33 excess of the amount taken into consideration by this act. The  
34 Director of the Office of Finance shall reduce any authorization  
35 whenever he or she determines that money to be received will be  
36 less than the amount authorized in subsection 5.

37 **Sec. 31.** 1. There is hereby appropriated from the State  
38 General Fund to the Contingency Account for Special Education  
39 Services created by NRS 388.5243 the sum of \$100 in both Fiscal  
40 Year 2017-2018 and Fiscal Year 2018-2019.

41 2. There is hereby authorized for expenditure from the  
42 Contingency Account for Special Education Services the sum of  
43 \$1,999,900 in both Fiscal Year 2017-2018 and Fiscal Year  
44 2018-2019.



1 3. The money appropriated by subsection 1 and authorized to  
2 be expended by subsection 2 must be used only to carry out the  
3 purpose of the Contingency Account for Special Education Services  
4 created by NRS 388.5243.

5 4. Any remaining balance of the money appropriated by  
6 subsection 1 for Fiscal Year 2017-2018 and Fiscal Year 2018-2019  
7 must not be committed for expenditure after June 30 of each fiscal  
8 year and must be reverted to the State General Fund on or before  
9 September 21, 2018, and September 20, 2019, for each fiscal year  
10 respectively.

11 **Sec. 32.** 1. There is hereby appropriated from the State  
12 General Fund to the Grant Fund for Incentives for Licensed  
13 Educational Personnel created by NRS 391A.400 to purchase one-  
14 fifth of a year of retirement service credit pursuant to section 5  
15 of chapter 8, Statutes of Nevada 2007, 23rd Special Session, at  
16 page 18:

17 For the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 ..... \$1,000,000  
18 For the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 ..... \$1,000,000

19 2. The money appropriated by subsection 1 is available for  
20 either fiscal year with the approval of the Interim Finance  
21 Committee upon the recommendation of the Governor. Any  
22 remaining balance of those sums must not be committed for  
23 expenditure after June 30, 2019, and must be reverted to the State  
24 General Fund on or before September 20, 2019.

25 **Sec. 33.** 1. There is hereby appropriated from the State  
26 General Fund to the Bullying Prevention Account created by NRS  
27 388.1325 to provide bullying prevention grant funding to school  
28 districts:

29 For the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 ..... \$45,000  
30 For the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 ..... \$45,000

31 2. The money appropriated by subsection 1 must be expended  
32 in accordance with NRS 353.150 to 353.246, inclusive, concerning  
33 the allotment, transfer, work program and budget. Transfers to and  
34 allotments from must be allowed and made in accordance with NRS  
35 353.215 to 353.225, inclusive, after separate consideration of the  
36 merits of each request.

37 3. Any remaining balance of the appropriation made by  
38 subsection 1 must not be committed for expenditure after June 30,  
39 2019, by the entity to which the appropriation is made or any entity  
40 to which money from the appropriation is granted or otherwise  
41 transferred in any manner, and any portion of the appropriated  
42 money remaining must not be spent for any purpose after  
43 September 20, 2019, by either the entity to which the money was  
44 appropriated or the entity to which the money was subsequently





1 granted or transferred, and must be reverted to the State General  
2 Fund on or before September 20, 2019.

3 **Sec. 34.** 1. There is hereby appropriated from the State  
4 General Fund to the Teach Nevada Scholarship Program Account  
5 created by NRS 391A.575 to award grants to universities, colleges  
6 and other providers of an alternative licensure program that are  
7 approved to award Teach Nevada Scholarships pursuant to  
8 NRS 391A.585:

9	For the Fiscal Year 2017-2018.....	\$2,500,000
10	For the Fiscal Year 2018-2019.....	\$2,500,000

11 2. The money appropriated by subsection 1 must be expended  
12 in accordance with NRS 353.150 to 353.246, inclusive, concerning  
13 the allotment, transfer, work program and budget. Transfers to and  
14 allotments from must be allowed and made in accordance with NRS  
15 353.215 to 353.225, inclusive, after separate consideration of the  
16 merits of each request.

17 3. Expenditure of \$13,892 in both Fiscal Year 2017-2018 and  
18 Fiscal Year 2018-2019 from money in the Teach Nevada  
19 Scholarship Program Account that was not appropriated from the  
20 State General Fund is hereby authorized to award grants to  
21 universities, colleges and other providers of an alternative licensure  
22 program that are approved to award Teach Nevada Scholarships  
23 pursuant to NRS 391A.585.

24 4. For the purposes of accounting and reporting, the sum  
25 authorized for expenditure by subsection 3 is considered to be  
26 expended before any appropriation is made to the Teach Nevada  
27 Scholarship Program Account from the State General Fund.

28 **Sec. 35.** 1. There is hereby appropriated from the State  
29 General Fund to the Teachers' School Supplies Reimbursement  
30 Account created by NRS 387.1253 to reimburse teachers for out-of-  
31 pocket expenses incurred in connection with purchasing necessary  
32 school supplies for the pupils they instruct:

33	For the Fiscal Year 2017-2018.....	\$2,500,000
34	For the Fiscal Year 2018-2019.....	\$2,500,000

35 2. The money appropriated by subsection 1 must be expended  
36 in accordance with NRS 353.150 to 353.246, inclusive, concerning  
37 the allotment, transfer, work program and budget. Transfers to and  
38 allotments from must be allowed and made in accordance with NRS  
39 353.215 to 353.225, inclusive, after separate consideration of the  
40 merits of each request.

41 3. Any remaining balance of the appropriation made by  
42 subsection 1 must not be committed for expenditure after June 30,  
43 2019, by the entity to which the appropriation is made or any entity  
44 to which money from the appropriation is granted or otherwise  
45 transferred in any manner, and any portion of the appropriated



1 money remaining must not be spent for any purpose after  
2 September 20, 2019, by either the entity to which the money was  
3 appropriated or the entity to which the money was subsequently  
4 granted or transferred, and does not revert to the State General Fund.

5 **Sec. 36.** 1. Expenditure of the following sums not  
6 appropriated from the State General Fund or the State Highway  
7 Fund is hereby authorized during Fiscal Year 2017-2018 and Fiscal  
8 Year 2018-2019 by the Department of Education for the State  
9 Supplemental School Support Account created by NRS 387.191:

10	For the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 .....	\$185,056,000
11	For the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 .....	\$191,092,000

12 2. The Superintendent of Public Instruction shall transfer all  
13 money credited to the State Supplemental School Support Account  
14 on and after July 1, 2017, through June 30, 2019, to the State  
15 Distributive School Account.

16 **Sec. 37.** The nonprofit organization to which a grant is  
17 awarded pursuant to section 1 of chapter 485, Statutes of Nevada,  
18 2015, at page 2871, shall:

19 1. Prepare and transmit a report to the Office of Finance in the  
20 Office of the Governor and the Interim Finance Committee on or  
21 before July 31, 2018, that describes each expenditure made from the  
22 grant of money from July 1, 2017, through June 30, 2018;

23 2. Prepare and transmit a report to the Office of Finance in the  
24 Office of the Governor and the Interim Finance Committee on or  
25 before July 31, 2019, that describes each expenditure made from the  
26 grant of money from July 1, 2018, through June 30, 2019; and

27 3. Upon request of the Legislative Commission, make available  
28 to the Legislative Auditor any of the books, accounts, claims,  
29 reports, vouchers or other records of information, confidential or  
30 otherwise, of the nonprofit organization, regardless of their form or  
31 location, that the Legislative Auditor deems necessary to conduct an  
32 audit of the use of the grant of money.

33 **Sec. 38.** NRS 387.191 is hereby amended to read as follows:

34 387.191 1. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection,  
35 the proceeds of the tax imposed pursuant to NRS 244.33561 and any  
36 applicable penalty or interest must be paid by the county treasurer to  
37 the State Treasurer for credit to the State Supplemental School  
38 Support Account, which is hereby created in the State General Fund.  
39 The county treasurer may retain from the proceeds an amount  
40 sufficient to reimburse the county for the actual cost of collecting  
41 and administering the tax, to the extent that the county incurs any  
42 cost it would not have incurred but for the enactment of this section  
43 and NRS 387.193 or NRS 244.33561, but in no case exceeding the  
44 amount authorized by statute for this purpose. Any interest or other



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1 income earned on the money in the State Supplemental School  
2 Support Account must be credited to the Account.

3 2. On or before February 1, May 1, August 1 and November 1  
4 of ~~2018~~ 2020, and on those dates each year thereafter, the  
5 Superintendent of Public Instruction shall transfer from the State  
6 Supplemental School Support Account all the proceeds of the tax  
7 imposed pursuant to NRS 244.33561, including any interest or other  
8 income earned thereon, and distribute the proceeds proportionally  
9 among the school districts and charter schools of the state. The  
10 proportionate amount of money distributed to each school district or  
11 charter school must be determined by dividing the number of  
12 students enrolled in the school district or charter school by the  
13 number of students enrolled in all the school districts and charter  
14 schools of the state. For the purposes of this subsection, the  
15 enrollment in each school district and the number of students who  
16 reside in the district and are enrolled in a charter school must be  
17 determined as of each quarter of the school year. This determination  
18 governs the distribution of money pursuant to this subsection until  
19 the next quarterly determination of enrollment is made. The  
20 Superintendent may retain from the proceeds of the tax an amount  
21 sufficient to reimburse the Superintendent for the actual cost of  
22 administering the provisions of this section and NRS 387.193, to the  
23 extent that the Superintendent incurs any cost the Superintendent  
24 would not have incurred but for the enactment of this section and  
25 NRS 387.193, but in no case exceeding the amount authorized by  
26 statute for this purpose.

27 **Sec. 39.** NRS 391A.575 is hereby amended to read as follows:

28 391A.575 1. The Teach Nevada Scholarship Program  
29 Account is hereby created in the State General Fund. The Account  
30 must be administered by the State Board.

31 2. The interest and income earned on:

32 (a) The money in the Account, after deducting any applicable  
33 charges; and

34 (b) Unexpended appropriations made to the Account from the  
35 State General Fund,  
36 ↪ must be credited to the Account.

37 3. Any money remaining in the Account at the end of a fiscal  
38 year including, without limitation, any unexpended appropriations  
39 made to the Account from the State General Fund does not revert to  
40 the State General Fund, and the balance in the Account must be  
41 carried forward to the next fiscal year.

42 4. The State Board may accept gifts and grants of money from  
43 any source for deposit in the Account.

44 5. The money in the Account may only be used to ~~award~~ :



1 (a) Award grants to universities, colleges and other providers of  
2 an alternative licensure program that are approved to award Teach  
3 Nevada Scholarships pursuant to NRS 391A.585.

4 (b) Disburse the money retained pursuant to paragraph (b) of  
5 subsection 2 of NRS 391A.580 to a scholarship recipient who  
6 meets the requirements of subsection 4 of NRS 391A.585.

7 **Sec. 40.** NRS 391A.580 is hereby amended to read as follows:

8 391A.580 1. A public or private university, college or other  
9 provider of an alternative licensure program in this State is eligible  
10 to apply to the State Board for a grant from the Account to award  
11 scholarships to students who attend the university, college or other  
12 provider of an alternative licensure program to complete a program  
13 offered by the university, college or other provider of an alternative  
14 licensure program that has been approved by the State Board and  
15 which:

16 (a) Upon completion makes a student eligible to obtain a license  
17 to teach kindergarten, any grade from grades 1 through 12 or in the  
18 subject area of special education in this State; or

19 (b) Allows a student to specialize in the subject area of early  
20 childhood education.

21 2. The State Board shall:

22 (a) Establish the number of Teach Nevada Scholarships that will  
23 be available each year based upon the amount of money available in  
24 the Account.

25 (b) Review all applications submitted pursuant to subsection 1  
26 and award a grant of money from the Account to an approved  
27 university, college or other provider of an alternative licensure  
28 program to the extent that money is available in an amount  
29 determined by the State Board. *The State Board shall retain 25*  
30 *percent of such an award in the Account for disbursement to a*  
31 *scholarship recipient who meets the requirements of subsection 4*  
32 *of NRS 391A.585.*

33 3. The State Board may prioritize the award of grants from the  
34 Account to a university, college or other provider of an alternative  
35 licensure program that demonstrates the university, college or other  
36 provider of an alternative licensure program will provide  
37 scholarships to a greater number of recipients who:

38 (a) Are veterans or the spouses of veterans;

39 (b) Intend to teach in public schools in this State which have the  
40 highest shortage of teachers;

41 (c) Have been economically disadvantaged or belong to a racial  
42 or ethnic minority group; or

43 (d) Will be eligible to teach in a subject area for which there is a  
44 shortage of teachers. Such a subject area may include, without



1 limitation, science, technology, engineering, mathematics, special  
2 education or English as a second language.

3 4. A student may apply for a Teach Nevada Scholarship from a  
4 university, college or other provider of an alternative licensure  
5 program that receives a grant from the Account only if the student  
6 attends or has been accepted to attend the university, college or  
7 other provider of an alternative licensure program to complete a  
8 program described in subsection 1. An application submitted by the  
9 student must identify the program to be completed and the date by  
10 which the student must complete the program to finish on schedule.

11 5. The State Board may adopt any regulations necessary to  
12 carry out the provisions of NRS 391A.550 to 391A.590, inclusive.

13 **Sec. 41.** NRS 391A.585 is hereby amended to read as follows:

14 391A.585 1. Each university, college or other provider of an  
15 alternative licensure program that is awarded a grant of money from  
16 the Account pursuant to NRS 391A.580 shall use the money to  
17 award Teach Nevada Scholarships to students who will attend the  
18 university, college or other provider of an alternative licensure  
19 program with the intent to complete a program described in  
20 subsection 1 of NRS 391A.580. Such students may include, without  
21 limitation:

22 (a) Recent high school graduates who enroll in a program  
23 described in subsection 1 of NRS 391A.580;

24 (b) Students who are enrolled at a university or college who  
25 change their academic program or major to a program described in  
26 subsection 1 of NRS 391A.580;

27 (c) Students who have completed some credits at a university or  
28 college and who enroll in a program described in subsection 1 of  
29 NRS 391A.580;

30 (d) Students who possess a bachelor's degree in a field other  
31 than education who pursue an alternative route to licensure as a  
32 teacher;

33 (e) Veterans and the spouses of veterans; and

34 (f) Students who have had some experience working in a  
35 classroom, including, without limitation, as a paraprofessional or  
36 substitute teacher.

37 2. A university, college or other provider of an alternative  
38 licensure program may award a Teach Nevada Scholarship to a  
39 scholarship recipient in an amount not to exceed \$3,000 per  
40 semester or \$24,000 in the aggregate.

41 3. A university, college or other provider of an alternative  
42 licensure program that awards a Teach Nevada Scholarship shall, at  
43 the beginning of each semester †



1 ~~—(a) Disburse~~ *disburse* to the scholarship recipient 75 percent of  
2 the scholarship money awarded to the scholarship recipient for the  
3 semester. ~~}; and~~

4 ~~—(b) Deposit 25 percent of such money into a trust account~~  
5 ~~established for the scholarship recipient.]~~

6 4. A scholarship recipient may only receive the *25 percent of*  
7 *the scholarship* money ~~{deposited in the trust account established}~~  
8 *that is retained by the State Board* pursuant to paragraph (b) of  
9 subsection ~~{3} 2 of NRS 391A.580~~ if the scholarship recipient:

10 (a) Completes the program for which he or she was awarded the  
11 scholarship;

12 (b) Maintains employment as a teacher at a public school in this  
13 State for 5 consecutive school years immediately following  
14 completion of the program ~~{}~~ *unless the State Board waives this*  
15 *requirement for good cause shown;* and

16 (c) Meets any other requirements established by the State Board.

17 5. To receive the *25 percent of the scholarship* money ~~{placed~~  
18 ~~into the trust account}~~ *retained by the State Board* pursuant to  
19 paragraph (b) of subsection ~~{3} 2 of NRS 391A.580~~, a scholarship  
20 recipient who meets the requirements set forth in subsection 4 must  
21 request the ~~{university, college or other provider of an alternative~~  
22 ~~licensure program that established the trust account to withdraw}~~ *the*  
23 *State Board to disburse* the money within ~~{120 days}~~ *1 year* after  
24 the 5-year anniversary of the date on which the scholarship recipient  
25 ~~{completed the program for which he or she was awarded the~~  
26 ~~scholarship. Any money in a trust account that is not claimed within~~  
27 ~~that time reverts to the university, college or other provider of an~~  
28 ~~alternative licensure program that established the trust account and~~  
29 ~~must be used only to pay any costs associated with a program~~  
30 ~~described in subsection 1 of NRS 391A.580.~~

31 ~~—6. If a scholarship recipient fails to meet the requirements of~~  
32 ~~subsection 4, the university, college or other provider of an~~  
33 ~~alternative licensure program that established the trust account for~~  
34 ~~the scholarship recipient must transfer any money in the trust~~  
35 ~~account to the State Board for credit to the Account.]~~ *meets the*  
36 *requirements of subsection 4.*

37 **Sec. 42.** NRS 391A.590 is hereby amended to read as follows:

38 391A.590 1. If a scholarship recipient does not complete the  
39 program for which the scholarship was awarded for any reason,  
40 including, without limitation, withdrawing from the university,  
41 college or other provider of an alternative licensure program or  
42 pursuing another course of study, the university, college or other  
43 provider of an alternative licensure program that awarded the  
44 scholarship must pay to the State Board for credit to the Account:



1 (a) ~~Any amount of money placed in a trust account on behalf of~~  
2 ~~the scholarship recipient pursuant to NRS 391A.585;~~

3 ~~—(b)~~ Any amount of money that the university, college or other  
4 provider of an alternative licensure program has received but has not  
5 yet disbursed to the scholarship recipient pursuant to NRS  
6 391A.585; and

7 ~~(c)~~ (b) An amount of money equal to the total amount of  
8 money disbursed to the scholarship recipient pursuant to NRS  
9 391A.585 or \$1,000, whichever is less.

10 2. If a scholarship recipient completes the program for which  
11 the scholarship was awarded on schedule, as described in the  
12 application for the scholarship submitted pursuant to NRS  
13 391A.580, to the extent that money is available for this purpose, the  
14 State Board shall pay \$1,000 to the university, college or other  
15 provider of an alternative licensure program that awarded the  
16 scholarship. Any money received by a university, college or other  
17 provider of an alternative licensure program pursuant to this section  
18 must be used to pay costs associated with providing a program  
19 described in subsection 1 of NRS 391A.580.

20 **Sec. 43.** Any balance remaining on June 30, 2017, in a trust  
21 account established for a scholarship recipient by a university,  
22 college or other provider of an alternative licensure program  
23 pursuant to NRS 391A.585 must be transferred to the State Board of  
24 Education for credit to the Teach Nevada Scholarship Program  
25 Account created by NRS 391A.575 for disbursement to the  
26 scholarship recipient if the scholarship recipient meets the  
27 requirements of subsection 4 of NRS 391A.585, as amended by  
28 section 41 of this act.

29 **Sec. 44.** Section 8 of chapter 4, Statutes of Nevada 2009, as  
30 last amended by section 42 of chapter 537, Statutes of Nevada 2015,  
31 at page 3758, is hereby amended to read as follows:

32 Sec. 8. Transitory provision.

33 1. Notwithstanding the expiration of section 4 of this  
34 measure on June 30, 2011, any tax and any interest or penalty  
35 owing and unpaid as of that date and collected on or before  
36 October 1, 2011, must be paid, deposited and credited to the  
37 State General Fund as provided in that section.

38 2. The Superintendent of Public Instruction shall make  
39 the initial transfer from the State Supplemental School  
40 Support Account, as required by section 6 of this measure, on  
41 or before February 1, ~~2018.~~ 2020.

42 3. The board of trustees of each school district and the  
43 governing body of each charter school shall prepare their  
44 initial reports to the Superintendent of Public Instruction, as



1 required by section 6 of this measure, on or before  
2 November 10, ~~2018.~~ 2020.

3 **Sec. 45.** Section 2 of chapter 485, Statutes of Nevada 2015, at  
4 page 2872, is hereby amended to read as follows:

5 Sec. 2. This act becomes effective on July 1, 2015, and  
6 expires by limitation on June 30, ~~2017.~~ 2019.

7 **Sec. 46.** 1. This section and sections 1 to 21, inclusive, 23  
8 and 25 to 44, inclusive, of this act become effective on July 1, 2017.

9 2. Section 22 of this act becomes effective on July 1, 2017, if  
10 and only if Senate Bill No. 390 of this session is enacted by the  
11 Legislature and approved by the Governor.

12 3. Section 24 of this act becomes effective on July 1, 2017, if  
13 and only if Assembly Bill No. 447 of this session is enacted by the  
14 Legislature and approved by the Governor.

