
SENATE BILL NO. 66—COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION
(ON BEHALF OF THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION)

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Referred to Committee on Education

SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to internship programs.
(BDR 34-254)

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

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

AN ACT relating to education; removing the limitation on the amount of credit a high school pupil may earn for successful completion of a public or private internship; authorizing the board of trustees of a school district or the governing body of a charter school to apply for a grant of money from the Department of Education to develop and implement certain public and private internship programs; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

1 Existing law provides that certain high school pupils may receive one elective
2 credit toward the academic credit requirements for graduation from high school by
3 completing a public or private internship. (NRS 389.167) **Section 2** of this bill
4 removes the limitation on the amount of credit a pupil may obtain for completing
5 such an internship. **Section 1** of this bill authorizes the board of trustees of a school
6 district or the governing body of a charter school to apply for a grant of money
7 from the Department of Education to develop and implement public and private
8 internship programs in the fields, trades or occupations prescribed by the State
9 Board of Education.



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

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

3 1. *The board of trustees of a school district or the governing*
4 *body of a charter school may apply for a grant of money from the*
5 *Department to develop and implement public and private*
6 *internship programs pursuant to NRS 389.167 in the fields, trades*
7 *or occupations prescribed by the State Board.*

8 2. *The Department shall, within the limits of money available*
9 *for such use, distribute money for the development and*
10 *implementation of public and private internship programs*
11 *pursuant to NRS 389.167 through a competitive grants program.*
12 *Grants must be awarded by the Department to school districts and*
13 *charter schools that apply pursuant to subsection 1 based upon the*
14 *demonstrated needs of the school districts and charter schools.*
15 *Grants must be used for the development and implementation of*
16 *public and private internship programs pursuant to NRS 389.167.*

17 3. *The State Board shall prescribe the fields, trades or*
18 *occupations for which a grant of money may be awarded.*

19 **Sec. 2.** NRS 389.167 is hereby amended to read as follows:

20 389.167 1. A pupil enrolled in grade 11 or 12 at a public
21 school who is at least 16 years of age must be allowed to apply ~~not~~
22 ~~more than one credit~~ *one or more credits* toward the total number
23 of credits required for graduation from high school if the pupil
24 successfully completes a public or private internship which has been
25 approved pursuant to subsection 2 and which is of a duration of not
26 less than 60 hours in a school year. ~~The credit~~ *Any credits earned*
27 *for successful completion of a public or private internship* must be
28 applied toward the pupil's elective course credits and not toward a
29 course that is required for graduation from high school.

30 2. If the board of trustees of a school district or the governing
31 body of a charter school obtains the approval of the State Board, the
32 board of trustees or the governing body may authorize pupils
33 enrolled in the school district or charter school who satisfy the
34 qualifications prescribed pursuant to subparagraph (2) of paragraph
35 (a) to participate in a public or private internship for the purpose of
36 obtaining credit pursuant to subsection 1. If a board of trustees or
37 governing body of a charter school authorizes the participation in a
38 public or private internship, the board of trustees or governing body
39 shall:

40 (a) Prescribe:

41 (1) The fields, trades or occupations in which a pupil may
42 complete a public or private internship, including, without



- 1 limitation, agriculture, medical and health sciences, manufacturing
2 and construction;
- 3 (2) The qualifications of a pupil for participation in a public
4 or private internship;
- 5 (3) The manner in which a qualified pupil must apply for
6 participation in a public or private internship; and
- 7 (4) The manner for verifying that a pupil has completed the
8 requisite number of hours to qualify for credit; and
- 9 (b) Establish and maintain a nonexclusive list of participating
10 businesses, agencies and organizations which offer the employment
11 and supervision of pupils for the purposes of obtaining academic
12 credit in a public or private internship pursuant to this section.
- 13 **Sec. 3.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2017.

