

SENATE BILL NO. 332—SENATOR SEEVERS GANSERT

MARCH 18, 2019

Referred to Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections

SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to education.  
(BDR S-640)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.  
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; directing the Legislative Commission to appoint a committee concerning the provision of a safe and respectful learning environment that is free of bullying, cyber-bullying and sexual harassment; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**Legislative Counsel's Digest:**

1 **Section 1** of this bill directs the Legislative Commission to appoint a  
2 committee to conduct an interim study concerning the provision of a safe and  
3 respectful learning environment that is free of bullying, cyber-bullying and sexual  
4 harassment. **Section 1** also requires the committee to consult with and solicit input  
5 from certain persons and organizations with expertise and experience in matters  
6 relevant to the provision of a safe and respectful learning environment that is free  
7 of bullying, cyber-bullying and sexual harassment. **Section 3** of this bill requires  
8 the Legislative Counsel Bureau to provide administrative and technical assistance  
9 to the committee at the request of the Chair of the committee.

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

1 **Section 1.** 1. The Legislative Commission shall appoint a  
2 committee to conduct an interim study concerning the provision of a  
3 safe and respectful learning environment that is free of bullying,  
4 cyber-bullying and sexual harassment.  
5 2. The committee must be composed of:  
6 (a) Two voting members of the Legislature appointed by the  
7 Majority Leader of the Senate;



1 (b) Two voting members of the Legislature appointed by the  
2 Speaker of the Assembly;

3 (c) One voting member of the Legislature appointed by the  
4 Minority Leader of the Senate; and

5 (d) One voting member of the Legislature appointed by the  
6 Minority Leader of the Assembly.

7 3. The Majority Leader of the Senate shall appoint a Chair and  
8 Vice Chair of the committee.

9 4. The committee shall consult with and solicit input from  
10 persons and organizations with expertise or experience in matters  
11 relevant to bullying, cyber-bullying and sexual harassment,  
12 including, without limitation:

13 (a) For the southern region of this State, the northern region of  
14 this State and the rural region of this State, one or more  
15 representatives from school districts, elementary schools, junior  
16 high schools, middle schools and high schools for each region;

17 (b) For the southern region of this State and the northern region  
18 of this State, one or more representatives from a community college  
19 and university of the Nevada System of Higher Education located in  
20 each region;

21 (c) Representatives of organizations that assist victims of sexual  
22 assault, sexual harassment or similar crimes, including, without  
23 limitation:

24 (1) The Nevada Coalition to End Domestic and Sexual  
25 Violence;

26 (2) Crisis Support Services of Nevada; and

27 (3) The Rape Crisis Center;

28 (d) Representatives with expertise in representing the rights of a  
29 person who is accused of misconduct concerning bullying, cyber-  
30 bullying or sexual harassment in violation of state or local law, or  
31 Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, 20 U.S.C. §§ 1681  
32 et seq., and any regulations adopted pursuant thereto; and

33 (e) Students enrolled in an institution of the Nevada System of  
34 Higher Education.

35 **Sec. 2.** In studying the provision of a safe and respectful  
36 learning environment that is free of bullying, cyber-bullying and  
37 sexual harassment, the committee appointed pursuant to section 1 of  
38 this act shall:

39 1. Review Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, 20  
40 U.S.C. §§ 1681 et seq., and any regulations proposed or adopted  
41 pursuant thereto;

42 2. Consider the existing laws of this State concerning the  
43 provision of a safe and respectful learning environment that is free  
44 of bullying, cyber-bullying and sexual harassment and laws of this  
45 State concerning misconduct which constitutes bullying, cyber-



1 bullying and sexual harassment including, without limitation, the  
2 definition of such conduct, the response to such conduct, whether  
3 pupils feel safe at school and whether the concerns of pupils are  
4 addressed;

5 3. Consider whether a person employed by a board of trustees  
6 of school district should be represented by a third-party if such an  
7 employee is accused of bullying, cyber-bullying or sexual  
8 harassment;

9 4. Identify methods for responding to retaliation against a  
10 victim of bullying, cyber-bullying and sexual harassment; and

11 5. Make recommendations concerning any matter relating to  
12 the study including, without limitation, recommendations  
13 concerning proposed legislation.

14 **Sec. 3.** The Legislative Counsel Bureau shall provide  
15 administrative and technical assistance to the committee appointed  
16 pursuant to section 1 of this act as requested by the Chair of the  
17 committee.

18 **Sec. 4.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2019.

