
ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 19—COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

(ON BEHALF OF THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION)

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Referred to Committee on Education

SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to educational subjects and standards. (BDR 34-325)

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

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

AN ACT relating to education; revising the academic subjects that constitute social studies; exempting standards of content and performance for courses of study in public schools from certain requirements governing the adoption of regulations; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

1 Existing law: (1) designates certain academic subjects, including social studies,
2 as core academic subjects that must be taught in all public schools; and (2) requires
3 the Council to Establish Academic Standards for Public Schools to adopt standards
4 of content and performance for certain courses of study, including courses in the
5 core academic subjects. Additionally, existing law provides that social studies
6 includes only the subjects of history, geography, economics and government. (NRS
7 389.018, 389.520) **Sections 1-3** of this bill remove government from the list of
8 subjects included within social studies and add civics, financial literacy and
9 multicultural education to that list.

10 Existing law requires rules of general applicability to be adopted as regulations
11 and prescribes a process for the adoption of regulations. (NRS 233B.038,
12 233B.040-233B.115) **Section 4** of this bill exempts standards of content and
13 performance for courses of study in public schools from the process otherwise
14 required for the adoption of regulations, and **section 5** of this bill provides for the
15 removal of existing standards from the Nevada Administrative Code.



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

1 **Section 1.** NRS 388D.050 is hereby amended to read as
2 follows:

3 388D.050 1. The parent of a child who is being
4 homeschooled shall prepare an educational plan of instruction for
5 the child in the subject areas of English language arts, mathematics,
6 science and social studies, including history, geography, economics
7 , *civics, financial literacy* and ~~[government,]~~ *multicultural*
8 *education*, as appropriate for the age and level of skill of the child
9 as determined by the parent.

10 2. The educational plan must be included in the notice of intent
11 to homeschool filed pursuant to NRS 388D.020. If the educational
12 plan contains the requirements of NRS 388D.020, the educational
13 plan must not be used in any manner as a basis for denial of a notice
14 of intent to homeschool that is otherwise complete. The parent must
15 be prepared to present the educational plan of instruction and proof
16 of the identity of the child to a court of law if required by the court.

17 3. This section does not require a parent to ensure that each
18 subject area is taught each year that the child is homeschooled.

19 **Sec. 2.** NRS 389.018 is hereby amended to read as follows:

20 389.018 1. The following subjects are designated as the core
21 academic subjects that must be taught, as applicable for grade
22 levels, in all public schools, the Caliente Youth Center, the Nevada
23 Youth Training Center and any other state facility for the detention
24 of children that is operated pursuant to title 5 of NRS:

- 25 (a) English language arts;
- 26 (b) Mathematics;
- 27 (c) Science; and
- 28 (d) Social studies, which includes only the subjects of history,
29 geography, economics , *civics, financial literacy* and ~~[government,]~~
30 *multicultural education*.

31 2. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, a pupil
32 enrolled in a public high school must enroll in a minimum of:

- 33 (a) Four units of credit in English language arts;
- 34 (b) Four units of credit in mathematics, including, without
35 limitation, Algebra I and geometry, or an equivalent course of study
36 that integrates Algebra I and geometry;
- 37 (c) Three units of credit in science, including two laboratory
38 courses; and
- 39 (d) Three units of credit in social studies, including, without
40 limitation:
 - 41 (1) American government;
 - 42 (2) American history; and



1 (3) World history or geography.

2 ➔ A pupil is not required to enroll in the courses of study and
3 credits required by this subsection if the pupil, the parent or legal
4 guardian of the pupil and an administrator or a counselor at the
5 school in which the pupil is enrolled mutually agree to a modified
6 course of study for the pupil and that modified course of study
7 satisfies at least the requirements for a standard high school
8 diploma, an adjusted diploma or an alternative diploma, as
9 applicable.

10 3. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, in addition
11 to the core academic subjects, the following subjects must be taught
12 as applicable for grade levels and to the extent practicable in all
13 public schools, the Caliente Youth Center, the Nevada Youth
14 Training Center and any other state facility for the detention of
15 children that is operated pursuant to title 5 of NRS:

- 16 (a) The arts;
- 17 (b) Computer education and technology;
- 18 (c) Health; and
- 19 (d) Physical education.

20 ➔ If the State Board requires the completion of course work in a
21 subject area set forth in this subsection for graduation from high
22 school or promotion to the next grade, a public school shall offer the
23 required course work. Except as otherwise provided for a course of
24 study in health prescribed by subsection 1 of NRS 389.021 and the
25 instruction prescribed by subsection 1 of NRS 389.064, unless a
26 subject is required for graduation from high school or promotion to
27 the next grade, a charter school is not required to comply with this
28 subsection.

29 4. Instruction in health and physical education provided
30 pursuant to subsection 3 must include, without limitation,
31 instruction concerning the importance of annual physical
32 examinations by a provider of health care and the appropriate
33 response to unusual aches and pains.

34 **Sec. 3.** NRS 389.520 is hereby amended to read as follows:

35 389.520 1. The Council shall:

36 (a) Establish standards of content and performance, including,
37 without limitation, a prescription of the resulting level of
38 achievement, for the grade levels set forth in subsection 5, based
39 upon the content of each course, that is expected of pupils for the
40 following courses of study:

- 41 (1) English language arts;
- 42 (2) Mathematics;
- 43 (3) Science;



1 (4) Social studies, which includes only the subjects of
2 history, geography, economics , *civics, financial literacy* and
3 ~~[government;]~~ *multicultural education;*

4 (5) The arts;

5 (6) Computer education and technology, which includes
6 computer science and computational thinking;

7 (7) Health;

8 (8) Physical education; and

9 (9) A foreign or world language.

10 (b) Establish a schedule for the periodic review and, if
11 necessary, revision of the standards of content and performance. The
12 review must include, without limitation, the review required
13 pursuant to NRS 390.115 of the results of pupils on the
14 examinations administered pursuant to NRS 390.105.

15 (c) Assign priorities to the standards of content and performance
16 relative to importance and degree of emphasis and revise the
17 standards, if necessary, based upon the priorities.

18 2. The standards for computer education and technology must
19 include a policy for the ethical, safe and secure use of computers
20 and other electronic devices. The policy must include, without
21 limitation:

22 (a) The ethical use of computers and other electronic devices,
23 including, without limitation:

24 (1) Rules of conduct for the acceptable use of the Internet
25 and other electronic devices; and

26 (2) Methods to ensure the prevention of:

27 (I) Cyber-bullying;

28 (II) Plagiarism; and

29 (III) The theft of information or data in an electronic
30 form;

31 (b) The safe use of computers and other electronic devices,
32 including, without limitation, methods to:

33 (1) Avoid cyber-bullying and other unwanted electronic
34 communication, including, without limitation, communication with
35 on-line predators;

36 (2) Recognize when an on-line electronic communication is
37 dangerous or potentially dangerous; and

38 (3) Report a dangerous or potentially dangerous on-line
39 electronic communication to the appropriate school personnel;

40 (c) The secure use of computers and other electronic devices,
41 including, without limitation:

42 (1) Methods to maintain the security of personal identifying
43 information and financial information, including, without limitation,
44 identifying unsolicited electronic communication which is sent for



1 the purpose of obtaining such personal and financial information for
2 an unlawful purpose;

3 (2) The necessity for secure passwords or other unique
4 identifiers;

5 (3) The effects of a computer contaminant;

6 (4) Methods to identify unsolicited commercial material; and

7 (5) The dangers associated with social networking Internet
8 sites; and

9 (d) A designation of the level of detail of instruction as
10 appropriate for the grade level of pupils who receive the instruction.

11 3. The standards for social studies must include multicultural
12 education, including, without limitation, information relating to
13 contributions made by men and women from various racial and
14 ethnic backgrounds. The Council shall consult with members of the
15 community who represent the racial and ethnic diversity of this
16 State in developing such standards.

17 4. The standards for health must include mental health and the
18 relationship between mental health and physical health.

19 5. The Council shall establish standards of content and
20 performance for each grade level in kindergarten and grades 1 to 8,
21 inclusive, for English language arts and mathematics. The Council
22 shall establish standards of content and performance for the grade
23 levels selected by the Council for the other courses of study
24 prescribed in subsection 1.

25 6. The Council shall forward to the State Board the standards
26 of content and performance established by the Council for each
27 course of study. The State Board shall:

28 (a) Adopt the standards for each course of study, as submitted
29 by the Council; or

30 (b) If the State Board objects to the standards for a course of
31 study or a particular grade level for a course of study, return those
32 standards to the Council with a written explanation setting forth the
33 reason for the objection.

34 7. If the State Board returns to the Council the standards of
35 content and performance for a course of study or a grade level, the
36 Council shall:

37 (a) Consider the objection provided by the State Board and
38 determine whether to revise the standards based upon the objection;
39 and

40 (b) Return the standards or the revised standards, as applicable,
41 to the State Board.

42 ➔ The State Board shall adopt the standards of content and
43 performance or the revised standards, as applicable.

44 8. The Council shall work in cooperation with the State Board
45 to prescribe the examinations required by NRS 390.105.



1 9. As used in this section:

2 (a) "Computer contaminant" has the meaning ascribed to it in
3 NRS 205.4737.

4 (b) "Cyber-bullying" has the meaning ascribed to it in
5 NRS 388.123.

6 (c) "Electronic communication" has the meaning ascribed to it
7 in NRS 388.124.

8 **Sec. 4.** NRS 233B.039 is hereby amended to read as follows:

9 233B.039 1. The following agencies are entirely exempted
10 from the requirements of this chapter:

11 (a) The Governor.

12 (b) Except as otherwise provided in NRS 209.221, the
13 Department of Corrections.

14 (c) The Nevada System of Higher Education.

15 (d) The Office of the Military.

16 (e) The Nevada Gaming Control Board.

17 (f) Except as otherwise provided in NRS 368A.140 and 463.765,
18 the Nevada Gaming Commission.

19 (g) Except as otherwise provided in NRS 425.620, the Division
20 of Welfare and Supportive Services of the Department of Health and
21 Human Services.

22 (h) Except as otherwise provided in NRS 422.390, the Division
23 of Health Care Financing and Policy of the Department of Health
24 and Human Services.

25 (i) Except as otherwise provided in NRS 533.365, the Office of
26 the State Engineer.

27 (j) The Division of Industrial Relations of the Department of
28 Business and Industry acting to enforce the provisions of
29 NRS 618.375.

30 (k) The Administrator of the Division of Industrial Relations of
31 the Department of Business and Industry in establishing and
32 adjusting the schedule of fees and charges for accident benefits
33 pursuant to subsection 2 of NRS 616C.260.

34 (l) The Board to Review Claims in adopting resolutions to carry
35 out its duties pursuant to NRS 445C.310.

36 (m) The Silver State Health Insurance Exchange.

37 (n) The Cannabis Compliance Board.

38 2. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 5 and NRS
39 391.323, the Department of Education, the Board of the Public
40 Employees' Benefits Program and the Commission on Professional
41 Standards in Education are subject to the provisions of this chapter
42 for the purpose of adopting regulations but not with respect to any
43 contested case.

44 3. The special provisions of:



1 (a) Chapter 612 of NRS for the adoption of an emergency
2 regulation or the distribution of regulations by and the judicial
3 review of decisions of the Employment Security Division of the
4 Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation;

5 (b) Chapters 616A to 617, inclusive, of NRS for the
6 determination of contested claims;

7 (c) Chapter 91 of NRS for the judicial review of decisions of the
8 Administrator of the Securities Division of the Office of the
9 Secretary of State; and

10 (d) NRS 90.800 for the use of summary orders in contested
11 cases,

12 ➤ prevail over the general provisions of this chapter.

13 4. The provisions of NRS 233B.122, 233B.124, 233B.125 and
14 233B.126 do not apply to the Department of Health and Human
15 Services in the adjudication of contested cases involving the
16 issuance of letters of approval for health facilities and agencies.

17 5. The provisions of this chapter do not apply to:

18 (a) Any order for immediate action, including, but not limited
19 to, quarantine and the treatment or cleansing of infected or infested
20 animals, objects or premises, made under the authority of the State
21 Board of Agriculture, the State Board of Health, or any other agency
22 of this State in the discharge of a responsibility for the preservation
23 of human or animal health or for insect or pest control;

24 (b) An extraordinary regulation of the State Board of Pharmacy
25 adopted pursuant to NRS 453.2184;

26 (c) A regulation adopted by the State Board of Education
27 pursuant to NRS 388.255 or 394.1694;

28 (d) The judicial review of decisions of the Public Utilities
29 Commission of Nevada;

30 (e) The adoption, amendment or repeal of policies by the
31 Rehabilitation Division of the Department of Employment, Training
32 and Rehabilitation pursuant to NRS 426.561 or 615.178;

33 (f) The adoption or amendment of a rule or regulation to be
34 included in the State Plan for Services for Victims of Crime by the
35 Department of Health and Human Services pursuant to
36 NRS 217.130;

37 (g) The adoption, amendment or repeal of rules governing the
38 conduct of contests and exhibitions of unarmed combat by the
39 Nevada Athletic Commission pursuant to NRS 467.075; ~~for~~

40 (h) The adoption, amendment or repeal of regulations by the
41 Director of the Department of Health and Human Services pursuant
42 to NRS 447.335 to 447.350, inclusive ~~for~~; *or*

43 *(i) The adoption, amendment or repeal of standards of content*
44 *and performance for courses of study in public schools by the*



1 *Council to Establish Academic Standards for Public Schools and*
2 *the State Board of Education pursuant to NRS 389.520.*

3 6. The State Board of Parole Commissioners is subject to the
4 provisions of this chapter for the purpose of adopting regulations but
5 not with respect to any contested case.

6 **Sec. 5.** As soon as practicable after the effective date of this
7 act, the Legislative Counsel shall remove from the Nevada
8 Administrative Code all regulations establishing standards of
9 content and performance for courses of study in public schools.

10 **Sec. 6.** This act becomes effective upon passage and approval.

