

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 56—COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

(ON BEHALF OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR)

PREFILED NOVEMBER 18, 2020

Referred to Committee on Education

SUMMARY—Requires instruction on the Holocaust and genocide for pupils enrolled in high school. (BDR 34-426)

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

CONTAINS UNFUNDED MANDATE (§ 2) (NOT REQUESTED BY AFFECTED LOCAL GOVERNMENT)

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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; establishing the Account for Instruction on the Holocaust and Genocide in the State General Fund; requiring the board of trustees of a school district, the governing body of a charter school and the governing body of a university school for profoundly gifted pupils to ensure instruction on the Holocaust and genocide is provided to pupils enrolled in high school; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**Legislative Counsel’s Digest:**

1 Existing law requires the Council to Establish Academic Standards for Public  
2 Schools in the Department of Education to establish standards of content and  
3 performance for various subjects. (NRS 389.520) **Section 2** of this bill requires the  
4 board of trustees of a school district, the governing body of a charter school that  
5 operates as a high school and the governing body of a university school for  
6 profoundly gifted pupils to ensure that instruction on the Holocaust and genocide is  
7 provided to pupils enrolled in high school. **Section 2** requires such instruction to  
8 include, without limitation, the: (1) history of genocides; (2) history of the atrocities  
9 committed during the Holocaust; (3) study of the social and political forces leading  
10 up to the Holocaust and other genocides; and (4) study of contemporary social,  
11 political, governmental and international organizations committed to preventing  
12 genocide. **Section 2** also requires that standards of content and performance for  
13 instruction on the Holocaust and genocide be included in the standards of content  
14 and performance established by the Council to Establish Academic Standards for  
15 Public Schools. **Section 2** further requires the board of trustees of each school



16 district and the governing body of each charter school and university school for  
17 profoundly gifted pupils to encourage: (1) persons to donate money to the Account  
18 for Instruction on the Holocaust and Genocide; (2) persons to volunteer time,  
19 expertise and resources to assist with the provision of instruction on the Holocaust  
20 and genocide; and (3) partnerships between a school district or charter school and  
21 relevant persons, nonprofit organizations or entities to assist with the provision of  
22 instruction on the Holocaust and genocide.

23 **Section 1** of this bill establishes the Account for Instruction on the Holocaust  
24 and Genocide in the State General Fund and requires that the money in the Account  
25 be expended only for the purpose of providing instruction on the Holocaust and  
26 genocide.

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

1 **Section 1.** Chapter 388 of NRS is hereby amended by adding  
2 thereto a new section to read as follows:

3 *1. The Account for Instruction on the Holocaust and*  
4 *Genocide is hereby created in the State General Fund, to be*  
5 *administered by the Superintendent of Public Instruction. The*  
6 *Superintendent of Public Instruction may accept gifts and grants*  
7 *of money from any source for deposit in the Account. Any money*  
8 *from gifts and grants may be expended in accordance with the*  
9 *terms and conditions of the gift or grant, or in accordance with*  
10 *subsection 2. The interest and income earned on the sum of the*  
11 *money in the Account and any unexpended appropriations made*  
12 *to the Account from the State General Fund must be credited to*  
13 *the Account. Any money remaining in the Account at the end of*  
14 *the fiscal year does not revert to the State General Fund, and the*  
15 *balance in the Account must be carried forward to the next fiscal*  
16 *year.*

17 *2. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 1, the money in*  
18 *the Account must be used only for providing instruction on the*  
19 *Holocaust and genocide as required by section 2 of this act. The*  
20 *State Board shall adopt regulations governing the distribution of*  
21 *money in the Account for this purpose.*

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

24 *1. The board of trustees of each school district, the governing*  
25 *body of each charter school that operates as a high school and the*  
26 *governing body of each university school for profoundly gifted*  
27 *pupils shall ensure that instruction on the Holocaust and genocide*  
28 *is provided to pupils enrolled in high school in each public high*  
29 *school within the school district or in the charter school or*  
30 *university school for profoundly gifted pupils, as applicable. The*  
31 *instruction must include, without limitation, the:*



1 (a) *History of genocides, including, without limitation, the*  
2 *Holocaust and the Armenian genocide;*

3 (b) *History of the atrocities committed during the Holocaust,*  
4 *including, without limitation, the systematic, state-sponsored,*  
5 *bureaucratic persecution of millions of people based on religion,*  
6 *disability or identity;*

7 (c) *Study of the social and political forces leading up to the*  
8 *Holocaust, the Armenian genocide or other genocides, including,*  
9 *without limitation, national, ethnic, racial or religious forces; and*

10 (d) *Study of contemporary social, political, governmental and*  
11 *international organizations committed to preventing genocide.*

12 2. *The standards of content and performance for the*  
13 *instruction on the Holocaust and genocide required by subsection*  
14 *1 must be included in the standards of content and performance*  
15 *established by the Council to Establish Academic Standards for*  
16 *Public Schools pursuant to NRS 389.520. The instruction required*  
17 *by subsection 1 must be:*

18 (a) *Age-appropriate; and*

19 (b) *Included within a course of study for which the Council*  
20 *has established the relevant standards of content and*  
21 *performance, including, without limitation, a course of study in*  
22 *social studies.*

23 3. *The board of trustees of each school district, the governing*  
24 *body of each charter school that operates as a high school and the*  
25 *governing body of each university school for profoundly gifted*  
26 *pupils shall:*

27 (a) *Make information about the Account for Instruction on the*  
28 *Holocaust and Genocide created pursuant to section 1 of this act*  
29 *broadly available to the public, including, without limitation, the*  
30 *purposes for which money in the Account must be used and the*  
31 *authority of the Superintendent of Public Instruction to accept*  
32 *gifts and grants for deposit in the Account;*

33 (b) *Encourage persons to volunteer time, expertise and*  
34 *resources to assist a school district, governing body of a charter*  
35 *school or university school for profoundly gifted pupils, public*  
36 *school or teacher in the provision of instruction on the Holocaust*  
37 *and genocide; and*

38 (c) *Encourage partnerships between a school district, charter*  
39 *school or university school for profoundly gifted pupils and*  
40 *relevant persons, including, without limitation, nonprofit*  
41 *organizations, or entities that could provide instruction on the*  
42 *Holocaust and genocide.*

43 **Sec. 3.** *The provisions of NRS 354.599 do not apply to any*  
44 *additional expenses of a local government that are related to the*  
45 *provisions of this act.*



1     **Sec. 4.** 1. This section and section 1 of this act become  
2 effective upon passage and approval.  
3     2. Sections 2 and 3 of this act become effective on July 1,  
4 2022.

