

Amendment No. 753

Assembly Amendment to Senate Bill No. 249	(BDR 34-81)
<b>Proposed by:</b> Assemblywoman Bilbray-Axelrod	
<b>Amendment Box:</b> Replaces Amendment No. 712.	
<b>Amends:</b> Summary: No Title: Yes Preamble: No Joint Sponsorship: No Digest: Yes	

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EXPLANATION: Matter in (1) *blue bold italics* is new language in the original bill; (2) variations of green bold underlining is language proposed to be added in this amendment; (3) ~~red strikethrough~~ is deleted language in the original bill; (4) ~~purple double strikethrough~~ is language proposed to be deleted in this amendment; (5) orange double underlining is deleted language in the original bill proposed to be retained in this amendment.





SENATE BILL NO. 249--SENATOR DONDERO LOOP

MARCH 15, 2021

Referred to Committee on Education

SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to education. (BDR 34-81)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: May have Fiscal Impact.  
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; requiring the board of trustees of a school district, ~~for~~ the governing body of a charter school, a university, state college or community college to include certain information on an identification card issued to a pupil; requiring a pupil to be excused from attendance at a public school for behavioral health reasons in certain circumstances; providing that a qualified mental health professional or behavioral health professional can provide a certificate to excuse a pupil from attendance at school; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**Legislative Counsel’s Digest:**

Existing law generally requires a child between 7 and 18 years of age to attend public school. (NRS 392.040) Under existing law, a child must be excused from attendance when satisfactory evidence is presented to the board of trustees of the school district in which the child resides that the physical or mental condition of the child prevents or renders inadvisable the child’s attendance at school. Existing law provides that a certificate from a qualified physician must be taken as satisfactory evidence of the inability of the child to attend school. (NRS 392.050) **Section 2** of this bill includes behavioral health among the conditions that may require a child to be excused from attendance. **Section 2** also authorizes a qualified mental health professional or behavioral health professional to provide evidence of the inability of a child to attend school. **Section 2** prohibits an excusal from attendance from negatively affecting the rating of a school pursuant to the statewide system of accountability for public schools.

**Section 1** of this bill requires the board of trustees of a school district or the governing body of a charter school to ensure that information relating to mental health resources appears on the back of any identification card issued to a pupil at a school. **Section 2.5 of this bill establishes similar requirements for a university, state college or community college within the Nevada System of Higher Education.**

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 thereto a new  
2 section to read as follows:

3       *The board of trustees of a school district or the governing body of a charter*  
4 *school shall ensure that information relating to mental health resources,*  
5 *including, without limitation, the telephone number for a local or national*  
6 *suicide prevention hotline, appears on the back of any identification card issued*  
7 *to a pupil at a school within the school district or the charter school.*

8       **Sec. 2.** NRS 392.050 is hereby amended to read as follows:

9       392.050 1. A child must be excused from attendance required by the  
10 provisions of NRS 392.040 when satisfactory written evidence is presented to the  
11 board of trustees of the school district in which the child resides that the child's  
12 physical or mental condition *or behavioral health* is such as to prevent or render  
13 inadvisable the child's attendance at school or his or her application to study.

14       2. A certificate in writing from any qualified physician, *mental health*  
15 *professional or behavioral health professional* acting within his or her authorized  
16 scope of practice, filed with the board of trustees immediately after its receipt,  
17 stating that the child is not able to attend school or that the child's attendance is  
18 inadvisable must be taken as satisfactory evidence by the board of trustees.

19       3. A board of trustees of a school district which has excused from attendance  
20 pursuant to subsection 1 a child who, pursuant to NRS 388.417, qualifies as a pupil  
21 with a disability, shall make available to the child a free appropriate public  
22 education in compliance with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (20  
23 U.S.C. §§ 1400 et seq.), as that act existed on July 1, 1995.

24       4. *If a pupil is excused from attendance pursuant to subsection 1, the*  
25 *excusal must not negatively affect the rating of a public school as determined by*  
26 *the Department pursuant to the statewide system of accountability for public*  
27 *schools.*

28       **Sec. 2.5.** Chapter 396 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a  
29 new section to read as follows:

30       A university, state college or community college within the System shall  
31 ensure that information relating to mental health resources appears on any  
32 identification card newly issued to or reprinted for a student of the university,  
33 state college or community college. The information must include, without  
34 limitation, the telephone number and a text messaging option for the National  
35 Suicide Prevention Lifeline, or its successor organization.

36       **Sec. 3.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2021.