

Senate Bill No. 231—Senators Cannizzaro, Dondero Loop, Lange, D. Harris, Daly; Donate, Flores, Neal, Nguyen, Ohrenschall, Pazina, Scheible and Spearman

Joint Sponsors: Assemblymen Yeager, Jauregui, Monroe-Moreno, Marzola, C.H. Miller; Anderson, Backus, Bilbray-Axelrod, Cohen, Considine, D’Silva, Duran, González, Gorelow, Mosca, Newby, Nguyen, Orentlicher, Peters, Taylor, Thomas, Torres and Watts

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AN ACT making an appropriation to the Interim Finance Committee for allocation to school districts that budget salary increases for certain employees; making an appropriation to the Department of Education for certain personnel costs; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

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

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

Section 1. 1. There is hereby appropriated from the State General Fund to the Interim Finance Committee the sum of \$250,000,000 for allocation to school districts for the support of public schools.

2. Money appropriated by subsection 1 may only be allocated to a school district upon the determination of the Interim Finance Committee that:

(a) Sufficient documentation has been submitted to demonstrate that:

(1) The school district has budgeted for Fiscal Years 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 an increase to the salary of teachers and education support professionals employed by the school district from sources other than the appropriation made by subsection 1, which is in addition to any increase in salary for teachers or education support professionals which was planned or bargained for before the effective date of this act; and

(2) The increase in salary budgeted pursuant to subparagraph (1) does not replace or supplant any other form of compensation which was provided to teachers or education support professionals of the school district before Fiscal Year 2023-2024 or which was bargained for or planned for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 or any succeeding fiscal year before the effective date of this act.



(b) The school district has submitted to the Committee a statement of the amount and percentage of the budgeted increase in salary for teachers and education support professionals described in subparagraph (1) of paragraph (a) and the total cost to the school district to provide the budgeted increase in salary.

(c) The superintendent of the school district has submitted to the Committee a signed statement certifying that, to the best of his or her knowledge or belief, the information submitted pursuant to paragraph (b) is accurate and that the school district will provide the budgeted salary increases set forth therein.

3. The money allocated to a school district pursuant to subsection 2 must not exceed the lesser of:

(a) The total amount of the budgeted increase to salaries for teachers and education support professionals of the school district for Fiscal Years 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 from sources other than the appropriation made by subsection 1, not including any increase in salary which was planned or bargained for before the effective date of this act; or

(b) An amount which is equal to \$250,000,000 multiplied by a percentage which is the number of teachers and education support professionals employed by the school district on July 1, 2023, expressed as a percentage of the total number of teachers and education support professionals employed in all of the school districts in this State on July 1, 2023.

4. On or before August 1, 2023, each school district in this State shall report to the Department of Education the number of teachers and education support professionals employed by the school district on July 1, 2023. The Department of Education shall compile this information and submit it to the Interim Finance Committee not later than August 15, 2023.

5. The money appropriated by subsection 1 must be used to supplement and not supplant or cause to be reduced any other source of funding for the support of public schools or for the salary and compensation of teachers or education support professionals employed by any public school.

6. On or before August 1, 2024, and August 1, 2025, each school district in this State that is allocated money pursuant to subsection 2 during Fiscal Year 2023-2024 and Fiscal Year 2024-2025, respectively, shall submit a report to the Interim Finance Committee which includes, without limitation:

(a) Detailed information on how all money allocated pursuant to subsection 2 was spent by the school district;



(b) The actual increase to the salary of teachers and education support professionals employed by the school district during the immediately preceding fiscal year and the amount of such an increase for which money allocated pursuant to subsection 2 was spent; and

(c) Any other information relating to the use by the school district of the money allocated pursuant to subsection 2, or the operations of the school district to provide appropriate context for such use, which is requested by the Interim Finance Committee.

7. Any remaining balance of the appropriation made by subsection 1 must not be committed for expenditure after June 30, 2025, by the entity to which the appropriation is made or any entity to which money from the appropriation is granted or otherwise transferred in any manner, and any portion of the appropriated money remaining must not be spent for any purpose after September 19, 2025, by either the entity to which the money was appropriated or the entity to which the money was subsequently granted or transferred, and must be reverted to the State General Fund on or before September 19, 2025.

8. As used in this section:

(a) “Administrator” has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 385A.430.

(b) “Education support professional” means a person, other than a teacher or administrator, who is employed to work at a public school, including, without limitation:

- (1) Paraprofessionals;
- (2) School police officers, school resource officers and other providers of security services at a school;
- (3) School nurses;
- (4) School counselors;
- (5) School psychologists;
- (6) School social workers;
- (7) Drivers of school buses;
- (8) Secretaries;
- (9) Members of the custodial or maintenance staff; and
- (10) Workers in food services.

(c) “Teacher” has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 385A.430.

Sec. 1.5. 1. There is hereby appropriated from the State General Fund to the Department of Education the sum of \$41,694 for personnel costs to carry out the provisions of section 1 of this act.

2. Any remaining balance of the appropriation made by subsection 1 must not be committed for expenditure after June 30,



2024, by the entity to which the appropriation is made or any entity to which money from the appropriation is granted or otherwise transferred in any manner, and any portion of the appropriated money remaining must not be spent for any purpose after September 20, 2024, by either the entity to which the money was appropriated or the entity to which the money was subsequently granted or transferred, and must be reverted to the State General Fund on or before September 20, 2024.

Sec. 2. 1. This section and section 1 of this act become effective upon passage and approval.

2. Section 1.5 of this act becomes effective on July 1, 2023.

