

SENATE BILL NO. 291—SENATORS CANNIZZARO, DONDERO LOOP, LANGE, FLORES, NEAL; DALY, DONATE, D. HARRIS, NGUYEN, OHRENSCHALL, PAZINA, SCHEIBLE AND SPEARMAN

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Referred to Committee on Education

SUMMARY—Makes various changes relating to education. (BDR 34-503)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: May have Fiscal Impact.  
Effect on the State: Contains Appropriation not included in Executive Budget.

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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 requirements for certain student teachers to be employed as a substitute teacher for a school district; making an appropriation to the Department of Education for the Nevada Institute on Teaching and Educator Preparation; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**Legislative Counsel’s Digest:**

1 Existing law authorizes a school district to enter into an agreement with the  
2 Nevada System of Higher Education or certain accredited postsecondary  
3 educational institutions to provide for the assignment of students for training  
4 purposes as a student teacher. These student teachers are authorized, under the  
5 direction and supervision of a licensed teacher, to instruct and supervise pupils in  
6 the school, on school grounds and on authorized field trips. (NRS 391.095)  
7 Existing law also provides that, before assigning a long-term substitute who is  
8 not a licensed teacher to fill a teaching position, the board of trustees of a school  
9 district that has entered into an agreement concerning student teachers is required to  
10 select a student teacher who has: (1) completed at least 4 weeks of student teaching;  
11 and (2) applied to the board of trustees for employment as a substitute teacher by  
12 submitting an application that includes the written approval of the teacher who  
13 supervises the student teacher through his or her educational institution and the  
14 teacher who supervises the student teacher in the classroom. If a student teacher is  
15 employed as a substitute teacher by the school district, the student teacher: (1) is  
16 entitled to the rate of pay otherwise payable to a substitute teacher employed by the  
17 school district for each day the student works as a substitute teacher; (2) must be  
18 assigned to teach in the subject area and grade level, as applicable, in which the



19 student teacher is completing his or her student teaching; and (3) must be  
20 supervised by a licensed teacher who must be available to assist and observe the  
21 student teacher on a periodic basis and oversee the management of the classroom  
22 and instructional duties.

23 **Section 1** of this bill removes the requirement that, to qualify for employment  
24 as a substitute teacher, a student teacher must have completed at least 4 weeks of  
25 student teaching in a school district.

26 Existing law authorizes a college or university within the Nevada System of  
27 Higher Education to apply to the State Board of Education for a grant of money to  
28 establish the Nevada Institute on Teaching and Educator Preparation and  
29 establishes certain requirements for the Institute. Existing law requires the Nevada  
30 Institute on Teaching and Educator Preparation, which has been established at the  
31 University of Nevada, Las Vegas, to: (1) establish a highly selective program for  
32 the education and training of teachers; (2) conduct research concerning approaches  
33 and methods used to educate and train teachers and to teach pupils; and (3)  
34 evaluate, develop and disseminate approaches to teaching. (NRS 396.5185) **Section**  
35 **2** of this bill makes an appropriation to the Department of Education for the Nevada  
36 Institute on Teaching and Educator Preparation.

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

1 **Section 1.** NRS 391.096 is hereby amended to read as follows:  
2 391.096 1. A board of trustees of a school district that has  
3 entered into an agreement pursuant to NRS 391.095 shall, before  
4 assigning a long-term substitute who is not a licensed teacher, assign  
5 a student teacher who ~~satisfies the requirements of subsection 2~~ *is*  
6 *employed by the school district* as a substitute teacher ~~[-]~~ *pursuant*  
7 *to this section.*

8 2. A student teacher ~~who has completed not less than 4 weeks~~  
9 ~~of student teaching in a school district pursuant to NRS 391.095~~  
10 may apply to the board of trustees of ~~that~~ *a* school district for  
11 employment as a substitute teacher. The application must include  
12 the written approval of:

13 (a) The teacher who supervises the student teacher through the  
14 Nevada System of Higher Education or accredited postsecondary  
15 educational institution, as applicable; and

16 (b) The teacher who is responsible for supervising the student  
17 teacher in the classroom.

18 3. If a school district employs a student teacher as a substitute  
19 teacher pursuant to this section, the school district shall ensure that  
20 the student teacher is:

21 (a) Assigned to teach in the subject area and grade level, as  
22 applicable, in which the student teacher is completing his or her  
23 student teaching.

24 (b) Supervised by a licensed teacher. A licensed teacher so  
25 assigned must:



1 (1) Be available to assist the student teacher and observe the  
2 student teacher on a periodic basis; and

3 (2) Oversee the management of the classroom, instructional  
4 duties and administrative duties of the student teacher.

5 4. A student teacher who is employed as a substitute teacher  
6 pursuant to this section is entitled to the rate of pay otherwise  
7 payable to substitute teachers employed by the school district for  
8 each day the student teacher works as a substitute teacher. Nothing  
9 in this section entitles a student teacher who is not employed as a  
10 substitute teacher to be paid for time spent completing his or her  
11 student teaching, including, without limitation, time spent  
12 completing course work and assignments required for completion of  
13 a program of study offered by the Nevada System of Higher  
14 Education or an accredited postsecondary educational institution.

15 5. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the board of  
16 trustees of a school district that employs a student teacher as a  
17 substitute teacher pursuant to this section shall, in consultation with  
18 the employee organization representing licensed teachers in the  
19 school district, provide for compensation of the licensed teacher  
20 who supervises the student teacher pursuant to subsection 3 that is in  
21 addition to the regular salary of the licensed teacher. The board of  
22 trustees is not required to provide additional compensation to:

23 (a) A licensed teacher who is employed by the school district for  
24 the primary purpose of supervising student teachers and who is not  
25 otherwise employed for the purpose of providing classroom  
26 instruction to pupils; or

27 (b) A licensed teacher who receives compensation from the  
28 Nevada System of Higher Education or an accredited postsecondary  
29 educational institution for supervising student teachers.

30 6. As used in this section, "student teacher" means a student of  
31 a branch of the Nevada System of Higher Education or an accredited  
32 postsecondary educational institution who is assigned to teach for  
33 training purposes pursuant to NRS 391.095.

34 **Sec. 2.** 1. There is hereby appropriated from the State  
35 General Fund to the Department of Education for the Nevada  
36 Institute on Teaching and Educator Preparation established pursuant  
37 to NRS 396.5185 the sum of \$1,575,000.

38 2. In making an expenditure from the money appropriated by  
39 subsection 1, the Nevada Institute on Teaching and Educator  
40 Preparation may expend not more than \$75,000 for administrative  
41 expenses.

42 3. The Nevada Institute on Teaching and Educator Preparation  
43 shall:

44 (a) Prepare and transmit a report to the Interim Finance  
45 Committee on or before December 20, 2024, that describes each



1 expenditure made from the money appropriated by subsection 1  
2 from the date on which the money was received by the Institute  
3 through December 1, 2024; and

4 (b) Prepare and transmit a final report to the Interim Finance  
5 Committee on or before October 1, 2025, that describes each  
6 expenditure made from the money appropriated by subsection 1  
7 from the date on which the money was received by the Institute  
8 through June 30, 2025.

9 4. Any remaining balance of the appropriation made by  
10 subsection 1 must not be committed for expenditure after June 30,  
11 2025, by the entity to which the appropriation is made or any entity  
12 to which money from the appropriation is granted or otherwise  
13 transferred in any manner, and any portion of the appropriated  
14 money remaining must not be spent for any purpose after  
15 September 19, 2025, by either the entity to which the money was  
16 appropriated or the entity to which the money was subsequently  
17 granted or transferred, and must be reverted to the State General  
18 Fund on or before September 19, 2025.

19 **Sec. 3.** This act becomes effective upon passage and approval.

