

Senate Bill No. 291—Senators Cannizzaro, Dondero Loop, Lange, Flores, Neal; Daly, Donate, D. Harris, Nguyen, Ohrenschall, Pazina, Scheible and Spearman

CHAPTER.....

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:**

Existing law authorizes a school district to enter into an agreement with the Nevada System of Higher Education or certain accredited postsecondary educational institutions to provide for the assignment of students for training purposes as a student teacher. These student teachers are authorized, under the direction and supervision of a licensed teacher, to instruct and supervise pupils in the school, on school grounds and on authorized field trips. (NRS 391.095)

Existing law also provides that, before assigning a long-term substitute who is not a licensed teacher to fill a teaching position, the board of trustees of a school district that has entered into an agreement concerning student teachers is required to select a student teacher who has: (1) completed at least 4 weeks of student teaching; and (2) applied to the board of trustees for employment as a substitute teacher by submitting an application that includes the written approval of the teacher who supervises the student teacher through his or her educational institution and the teacher who supervises the student teacher in the classroom. If a student teacher is employed as a substitute teacher by the school district, the student teacher: (1) is entitled to the rate of pay otherwise payable to a substitute teacher employed by the school district for each day the student works as a substitute teacher; (2) must be assigned to teach in the subject area and grade level, as applicable, in which the student teacher is completing his or her student teaching; and (3) must be supervised by a licensed teacher who must be available to assist and observe the student teacher on a periodic basis and oversee the management of the classroom and instructional duties.

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

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



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

**Section 1.** NRS 391.096 is hereby amended to read as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

4. A student teacher who is employed as a substitute teacher pursuant to this section is entitled to the rate of pay otherwise payable to substitute teachers employed by the school district for each day the student teacher works as a substitute teacher. Nothing in this section entitles a student teacher who is not employed as a substitute teacher to be paid for time spent completing his or her student teaching, including, without limitation, time spent completing course work and assignments required for completion of



a program of study offered by the Nevada System of Higher Education or an accredited postsecondary educational institution.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(a) Prepare and transmit a report to the Interim Finance Committee on or before December 20, 2024, that describes each expenditure made from the money appropriated by subsection 1 from the date on which the money was received by the Institute through December 1, 2024; and

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

4. 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.

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

