
SENATE BILL NO. 56—COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

(ON BEHALF OF THE WASHOE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT)

PREFILED NOVEMBER 16, 2022

Referred to Committee on Education

SUMMARY—Creates a commission to study and make recommendations concerning education statutes and regulations. (BDR S-407)

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

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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; creating the Commission on School Modernization to study and make recommendations concerning education statutes and regulations; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

1 This bill: (1) creates the Commission on School Modernization; (2) establishes
2 the membership of the Commission; (3) requires the Commission to conduct a
3 study and make recommendations regarding revisions to the Nevada Revised
4 Statutes and Nevada Administrative Code to improve the efficiency and quality of
5 education in this State; (4) authorizes the Commission to employ or contract for the
6 services of professional, technical, clerical, operational and other personnel and
7 consultants as required to carry out its duties; (5) authorizes the Commission to
8 establish working groups to address specific issues or otherwise assist in its work;
9 and (6) authorizes the Commission to request the drafting of not more than one
10 legislative measure for prefiling on or before the first day of the regular legislative
11 session in 2025. Finally, this bill expires by limitation the Commission on School
12 Modernization on June 30, 2025.

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

1 **Section 1.** 1. The Commission on School Modernization is
2 hereby created.



1 2. The Commission consists of the superintendent of schools of
2 each school district or the superintendent's designee.

3 3. The Commission shall, at its first meeting, elect a Chair and
4 Vice Chair from among its members.

5 4. A vacancy occurring in the membership of the Commission
6 must be filled in the same manner as the original appointment.

7 5. A majority of the members of the Commission constitutes a
8 quorum for the transaction of business, and a majority of those
9 members present at any meeting is sufficient for any official action
10 taken by the Commission.

11 6. The Commission shall hold its first meeting on or before
12 September 1, 2023, and hold such additional number of meetings as
13 may be necessary to accomplish the tasks assigned to it.

14 7. A member of the Commission who is an officer or employee
15 of this State or a political subdivision thereof must be relieved from
16 his or her duties without loss of his or her regular compensation so
17 that the member may prepare for and attend meetings of the
18 Commission and perform any work necessary to carry out the duties
19 of the Commission in the most timely manner practicable. A state
20 agency or political subdivision of this State shall not require an
21 officer or employee who is a member of Commission to:

22 (a) Make up the time the member is absent from work to carry
23 out his or her duties as a member of the Commission; or

24 (b) Take annual leave or compensatory time for the absence.

25 8. The members of the Commission serve without
26 compensation or per diem allowance. A member may receive
27 reimbursement for travel expenses if sufficient money is collected
28 pursuant to subsection 9 for the Commission to carry out its duties
29 pursuant to this section.

30 9. The Commission may apply for any available grants and
31 accept any gifts, grants or donations to assist the Commission in
32 carrying out its duties pursuant to this section.

33 10. The Commission shall, during the 2023-2024 interim,
34 conduct a study and make recommendations regarding revisions to
35 the Nevada Revised Statutes and Nevada Administrative Code to
36 improve the efficiency and quality of education in this State,
37 including, without limitation, the study of and recommendations on
38 the following topics:

39 (a) Competency-based education;

40 (b) Work-based learning;

41 (c) Career and technical education;

42 (d) Dual enrollment;

43 (e) Science, technology, engineering and mathematics
44 education, science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics
45 education and robotics;



- 1 (f) Teacher and support staff pipeline;
- 2 (g) Mental and behavioral health;
- 3 (h) Pupil discipline;
- 4 (i) Accountability;
- 5 (j) Preparation of pupils for higher education and vocational
- 6 training; and
- 7 (k) Easing the transition of pupils to higher education and
- 8 vocational training.

9 11. The Commission may employ or contract for the services
10 of such professional, technical, clerical, operational and other
11 personnel and consultants as the Commission requires to carry out
12 its duties.

13 12. The Commission may establish such working groups from
14 within or outside its membership, including, without limitation,
15 local experts who may be most impacted by the work of the
16 Commission, to address specific issues or otherwise to assist in its
17 work.

18 13. The Commission may request the drafting of not more than
19 one legislative measure which relates to matters within the scope of
20 the Commission. The request must be submitted to the Legislative
21 Counsel on or before December 10, 2024, and must be on a form
22 prescribed by the Legislative Counsel. A legislative measure
23 requested pursuant to this subsection must be prefiled on or before
24 the first day of the regular session of the Legislature in 2025. A
25 legislative measure that is not prefiled on or before that day shall be
26 deemed withdrawn.

27 **Sec. 2.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2023, and expires
28 by limitation on June 30, 2025.

