ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 272–ASSEMBLYMEN DIAZ, HORNE, KIRKPATRICK; ELLIOTT ANDERSON, BENITEZ-THOMPSON, BUSTAMANTE ADAMS, CARRILLO, DONDERO LOOP, FLORES, FRIERSON, MUNFORD, NEAL, PIERCE AND SWANK

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## Referred to Committee on Education

SUMMARY—Revises provisions governing education. (BDR 34-791)

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

> CONTAINS UNFUNDED MANDATE (§ 5) (NOT REQUESTED BY AFFECTED LOCAL GOVERNMENT)

EXPLANATION - Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets [omitted material] is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to education; creating the English Mastery Council; prescribing the membership and duties of the Council; requiring the board of trustees of each school district to develop a policy for the instruction to teach English to pupils who are limited English proficient; prescribing certain requirements for those policies; requiring the Commission on Professional Standards in adopt regulations prescribing Education to an endorsement to teach English as a second language; authorizing the Board of Regents of the University of Nevada to consider the recommendations of the Council for a course of study to obtain such an endorsement; making an appropriation; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

## Legislative Counsel's Digest:

1 Under existing law, the State Board of Education, the boards of trustees of 2 school districts and the sponsors of charter schools are required to prepare annual 3 reports of accountability that include various information on public schools and the 4 pupils enrolled in public schools. (NRS 385.3469, 385.347) Sections 1 and 1.3 of 5 this bill require those reports to include information on the progression of the 6 achievement and proficiency of pupils who are limited English proficient.





7 Section 3 of this bill creates and sets forth the membership of the English 8 Mastery Council. Section 4 of this bill sets forth the duties of the Council which 9 include: (1) making recommendations to the State Board for the adoption of 10 regulations concerning the criteria for the development of policies required of 11 school districts for the instruction to teach English to pupils who are limited 12 English proficient; (2) reviewing the policies annually and making 13 recommendations to the school districts for improvement; (3) making 14 recommendations to the Superintendent of Public Instruction and the Commission 15 on Professional Standards in Education for the adoption of regulations for an 16 endorsement to teach English as a second language; (4) developing standards for 17 curriculum for pupils who are limited English proficient for review by the State 18 Board; and (5) reviewing any courses of study offered by the Nevada System of 19 Higher Education to teach English as a second language and making recommendations to the Board of Regents of the University of Nevada for improvement. Section 16 of this bill sunsets the Council on June 30, 2019.

20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 Existing law requires the State Board of Education to establish a program to teach the English language to pupils who are limited English proficient. (NRS 388.405) Section 7 of this bill eliminates that requirement and instead requires the State Board to prescribe criteria for a policy for the instruction to teach English to pupils who are limited English proficient for development by the board of trustees of each school district. Section 5 of this bill requires the board of trustees of each school district to develop such policies and sets forth certain requirements for the policies.

Existing law requires the Commission on Professional Standards in Education adopt regulations prescribing the qualifications for the licensure and to endorsement of teachers and other licensed educational personnel. (NRS 391.019) Sections 12.5 and 14.7 of this bill require the Commission, on or before January 1, 2015, and based upon the recommendations of the English Mastery Council, to prescribe by regulation the requirements for obtaining an endorsement to teach English as a second language.

Section 13 of this bill provides that if the Nevada System of Higher Education 38 39 offers a course of study for obtaining an endorsement to teach English as a second language, the Board of Regents of the University of Nevada may consider the 40 recommendations submitted by the English Mastery Council in establishing the 41 curriculum and standards for the course of study.

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

1 Section 1. NRS 385.3469 is hereby amended to read as 2 follows:

3 385.3469 1. The State Board shall prepare an annual report of accountability that includes, without limitation: 4

5 (a) Information on the achievement of all pupils based upon the results of the examinations administered pursuant to NRS 389.015 6 and 389.550, reported for each school district, including, without 7 8 limitation, each charter school in the district, and for this State as a 9 whole.

(b) Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, pupil 10 achievement, reported separately by gender and reported separately 11 for the following groups of pupils: 12





- 1 (1) Pupils who are economically disadvantaged, as defined 2 by the State Board;
- 3 (2) Pupils from major racial and ethnic groups, as defined by 4 the State Board;
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(3) Pupils with disabilities;(4) Pupils who are limited English proficient; and

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(5) Pupils who are migratory children, as defined by the State Board

9 (c) A comparison of the achievement of pupils in each group 10 identified in paragraph (b) of subsection 1 of NRS 385.361 with the 11 annual measurable objectives of the State Board.

12 (d) The percentage of all pupils who were not tested, reported 13 for each school district, including, without limitation, each charter 14 school in the district, and for this State as a whole.

15 (e) Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, the percentage 16 of pupils who were not tested, reported separately by gender and 17 reported separately for the groups identified in paragraph (b).

18 (f) The most recent 3-year trend in the achievement of pupils in 19 each subject area tested and each grade level tested pursuant to NRS 20 389.015 and 389.550, reported for each school district, including, 21 without limitation, each charter school in the district, and for this 22 State as a whole, which may include information regarding the trend 23 in the achievement of pupils for more than 3 years, if such 24 information is available.

(g) Information on whether each school district has made adequate yearly progress, including, without limitation, the name of each school district, if any, designated as demonstrating need for improvement pursuant to NRS 385.377 and the number of consecutive years that the school district has carried that designation.

(h) Information on whether each public school, including,
without limitation, each charter school, has made:

(1) Adequate yearly progress, including, without limitation,
the name of each public school, if any, designated as demonstrating
need for improvement pursuant to NRS 385.3623 and the number of
consecutive years that the school has carried that designation.

37 (2) Progress based upon the model adopted by the
38 Department pursuant to NRS 385.3595, if applicable for the grade
39 level of pupils enrolled at the school.

(i) Information on the results of pupils who participated in the
 examinations of the National Assessment of Educational Progress
 required pursuant to NRS 389.012.

43 (j) The ratio of pupils to teachers in kindergarten and at each 44 grade level for all elementary schools, reported for each school 45 district, including, without limitation, each charter school in the



1 district, and for this State as a whole, and the average class size for 2 each core academic subject, as set forth in NRS 389.018, for each 3 secondary school, reported for each school district and for this State 4 as a whole.

5 (k) The total number of persons employed by each school district in this State, including without limitation, each charter 6 7 school in the district. Each such person must be reported as either an 8 administrator, a teacher or other staff and must not be reported in 9 more than one category. In addition to the total number of persons 10 employed by each school district in each category, the report must 11 include the number of employees in each of the three categories 12 expressed as a percentage of the total number of persons employed 13 by the school district. As used in this paragraph:

14 (1) "Administrator" means a person who spends at least 50 15 percent of his or her work year supervising other staff or licensed 16 personnel, or both, and who is not classified by the board of trustees 17 of a school district as a professional-technical employee.

(2) "Other staff" means all persons who are not reported as 18 19 administrators or teachers, including, without limitation:

(I) School counselors, school nurses and other employees 20 21 who spend at least 50 percent of their work year providing 22 emotional support, noninstructional guidance or medical support to 23 pupils;

24 (II) Noninstructional support staff, including, without 25 limitation, janitors, school police officers and maintenance staff; and

26 (III) Persons classified by the board of trustees of a school 27 district as professional-technical employees, including, without limitation, technical employees and employees on the professional-28 29 technical pay scale.

30 (3) "Teacher" means a person licensed pursuant to chapter 391 of NRS who is classified by the board of trustees of a school 31 32 district:

(I) As a teacher and who spends at least 50 percent of his 33 34 or her work year providing instruction or discipline to pupils; or

35 (II) As instructional support staff, who does not hold a 36 supervisory position and who spends not more than 50 percent of 37 his or her work year providing instruction to pupils. Such 38 instructional support staff includes, without limitation, librarians 39 and persons who provide instructional support.

40 (1) For each school district, including, without limitation, each 41 charter school in the district, and for this State as a whole, information on the professional qualifications of teachers employed 42 43 by the school districts and charter schools, including, without 44 limitation: 45

(1) The percentage of teachers who are:





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(I) Providing instruction pursuant to NRS 391.125;

2 (II) Providing instruction pursuant to a waiver of the 3 requirements for licensure for the grade level or subject area in 4 which the teachers are employed; or

5 (III) Otherwise providing instruction without an 6 endorsement for the subject area in which the teachers are 7 employed;

8 (2) The percentage of classes in the core academic subjects, 9 as set forth in NRS 389.018, in this State that are not taught by 10 highly qualified teachers;

11 (3) The percentage of classes in the core academic subjects, 12 as set forth in NRS 389.018, in this State that are not taught by 13 highly qualified teachers, in the aggregate and disaggregated by 14 high-poverty compared to low-poverty schools, which for the 15 purposes of this subparagraph means schools in the top quartile of 16 poverty and the bottom quartile of poverty in this State;

17 (4) For each middle school, junior high school and high 18 school:

19 (I) The number of persons employed as substitute 20 teachers for 20 consecutive days or more in the same classroom or 21 assignment, designated as long-term substitute teachers, including 22 the total number of days long-term substitute teachers were 23 employed at each school, identified by grade level and subject area; 24 and

(II) The number of persons employed as substitute
teachers for less than 20 consecutive days, designated as short-term
substitute teachers, including the total number of days short-term
substitute teachers were employed at each school, identified by
grade level and subject area; and

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(5) For each elementary school:

31 (I) The number of persons employed as substitute 32 teachers for 20 consecutive days or more in the same classroom or 33 assignment, designated as long-term substitute teachers, including 34 the total number of days long-term substitute teachers were 35 employed at each school, identified by grade level; and

(II) The number of persons employed as substitute
teachers for less than 20 consecutive days, designated as short-term
substitute teachers, including the total number of days short-term
substitute teachers were employed at each school, identified by
grade level.

41 (m) The total expenditure per pupil for each school district in 42 this State, including, without limitation, each charter school in the 43 district. If this State has a financial analysis program that is designed 44 to track educational expenditures and revenues to individual 45 schools, the State Board shall use that statewide program in





complying with this paragraph. If a statewide program is not
 available, the State Board shall use the Department's own financial
 analysis program in complying with this paragraph.

(n) The total statewide expenditure per pupil. If this State has a
financial analysis program that is designed to track educational
expenditures and revenues to individual schools, the State Board
shall use that statewide program in complying with this paragraph.
If a statewide program is not available, the State Board shall use the
Department's own financial analysis program in complying with
this paragraph.

(o) For all elementary schools, junior high schools and middle
schools, the rate of attendance, reported for each school district,
including, without limitation, each charter school in the district, and
for this State as a whole.

(p) The annual rate of pupils who drop out of school in grade 8
and a separate reporting of the annual rate of pupils who drop out of
school in grades 9 to 12, inclusive, reported for each school district,
including, without limitation, each charter school in the district, and
for this State as a whole. The reporting for pupils in grades 9 to 12,
inclusive, excludes pupils who:

(1) Provide proof to the school district of successfulcompletion of the examinations of general educational development.

23 (2) Are enrolled in courses that are approved by the 24 Department as meeting the requirements for an adult standard 25 diploma.

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(3) Withdraw from school to attend another school.

(q) The attendance of teachers who provide instruction, reported
for each school district, including, without limitation, each charter
school in the district, and for this State as a whole.

(r) Incidents involving weapons or violence, reported for each
 school district, including, without limitation, each charter school in
 the district, and for this State as a whole.

(s) Incidents involving the use or possession of alcoholic
beverages or controlled substances, reported for each school district,
including, without limitation, each charter school in the district, and
for this State as a whole.

(t) The suspension and expulsion of pupils required or
authorized pursuant to NRS 392.466 and 392.467, reported for each
school district, including, without limitation, each charter school in
the district, and for this State as a whole.

41 (u) The number of pupils who are deemed habitual disciplinary 42 problems pursuant to NRS 392.4655, reported for each school 43 district, including, without limitation, each charter school in the 44 district, and for this State as a whole.





1 (v) The number of pupils in each grade who are retained in the 2 same grade pursuant to NRS 392.033 or 392.125, reported for each 3 school district, including, without limitation, each charter school in 4 the district, and for this State as a whole.

5 (w) The transiency rate of pupils, reported for each school 6 district, including, without limitation, each charter school in the 7 district, and for this State as a whole. For the purposes of this 8 paragraph, a pupil is not a transient if the pupil is transferred to a 9 different school within the school district as a result of a change in 10 the zone of attendance by the board of trustees of the school district 11 pursuant to NRS 388.040.

12 (x) Each source of funding for this State to be used for the 13 system of public education.

14 (y) A compilation of the programs of remedial study purchased 15 in whole or in part with money received from this State that are used 16 in each school district, including, without limitation, each charter 17 school in the district. The compilation must include:

(1) The amount and sources of money received for programsof remedial study.

20 (2) An identification of each program of remedial study, 21 listed by subject area.

(z) The percentage of pupils who graduated from a high school
or charter school in the immediately preceding year and enrolled in
remedial courses in reading, writing or mathematics at a university,
state college or community college within the Nevada System of
Higher Education, reported for each school district, including,
without limitation, each charter school in the district, and for this
State as a whole.

(aa) The technological facilities and equipment available for
educational purposes, reported for each school district, including,
without limitation, each charter school in the district, and for this
State as a whole.

(bb) For each school district, including, without limitation, each
 charter school in the district, and for this State as a whole, the
 number and percentage of pupils who received:

(1) A standard high school diploma, reported separately for
 pupils who received the diploma pursuant to:

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(I) Paragraph (a) of subsection 1 of NRS 389.805; and (II) Paragraph (b) of subsection 1 of NRS 389.805.

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- (2) An adult diploma.(3) An adjusted diploma.
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- (4) A certificate of attendance.

43 (cc) For each school district, including, without limitation, each 44 charter school in the district, and for this State as a whole, the





number and percentage of pupils who failed to pass the high school
 proficiency examination.

(dd) The number of habitual truants who are reported to a school 3 4 police officer or local law enforcement agency pursuant to paragraph (a) of subsection 2 of NRS 392.144 and the number of 5 6 habitual truants who are referred to an advisory board to review 7 school attendance pursuant to paragraph (b) of subsection 2 of NRS 8 392.144, reported for each school district, including, without 9 limitation, each charter school in the district, and for this State as a 10 whole.

11 (ee) Information on the paraprofessionals employed at public 12 schools in this State, including, without limitation, the charter 13 schools in this State. The information must include:

14 (1) The number of paraprofessionals employed, reported for 15 each school district, including, without limitation, each charter 16 school in the district, and for this State as a whole; and

17 (2) For each school district, including, without limitation, 18 each charter school in the district, and for this State as a whole, the 19 number and percentage of all paraprofessionals who do not satisfy the qualifications set forth in 20 U.S.C. § 6319(c). The reporting 20 21 requirements of this subparagraph apply to paraprofessionals who are employed in programs supported with Title I money and to 22 23 paraprofessionals who are not employed in programs supported with 24 Title I money.

(ff) An identification of appropriations made by the Legislature
to improve the academic achievement of pupils and programs
approved by the Legislature to improve the academic achievement
of pupils.

(gg) A compilation of the special programs available for pupils
at individual schools, listed by school and by school district,
including, without limitation, each charter school in the district.

(hh) For each school district, including, without limitation, each
 charter school in the district and for this State as a whole,
 information on pupils enrolled in career and technical education,
 including, without limitation:

(1) The number of pupils enrolled in a course of career and
 technical education;

38 (2) The number of pupils who completed a course of career39 and technical education;

40 (3) The average daily attendance of pupils who are enrolled 41 in a program of career and technical education;

42 (4) The annual rate of pupils who dropped out of school and
43 were enrolled in a program of career and technical education before
44 dropping out;





1 (5) The number and percentage of pupils who completed a 2 program of career and technical education and who received a 3 standard high school diploma, an adjusted diploma or a certificate of 4 attendance; and

5 (6) The number and percentage of pupils who completed a 6 program of career and technical education and who did not receive a 7 high school diploma because the pupils failed to pass the high 8 school proficiency examination.

9 (ii) The number of incidents resulting in suspension or expulsion 10 for bullying, cyber-bullying, harassment or intimidation, reported 11 for each school district, including, without limitation, each charter 12 school in the district, and for the State as a whole.

13 (jj) For each school district and for this State as a whole, 14 information regarding the progression of pupils who are limited 15 English proficient in attaining proficiency in the English 16 language, including, without limitation:

17 (1) The number of pupils who were identified as limited 18 English proficient at the beginning of the school year, were 19 continually enrolled throughout the school year and were 20 identified as proficient in English by the completion of the school 21 year;

22 (2) The achievement and proficiency of pupils who are 23 limited English proficient in comparison to the pupils who are 24 proficient in English;

25 (3) A comparison of pupils who are limited English 26 proficient and pupils who are proficient in the English language 27 in the following areas:

- 28 (I) Retention rates;
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  - (III) Dropout rates;
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- (IV) Grade point averages; and

(II) Graduation rates;

(V) Scores on the examinations administered pursuant
 to NRS 389.015 and 389.550; and

(4) Results of the assessments and reassessments of pupils
who are limited English proficient, reported separately by the
primary language of the pupils, pursuant to the policies developed
by the boards of trustees of school districts pursuant to section 5 of
this act.

2. A separate reporting for a group of pupils must not be made pursuant to this section if the number of pupils in that group is insufficient to yield statistically reliable information or the results would reveal personally identifiable information about an individual pupil. The State Board shall prescribe a mechanism for determining the minimum number of pupils that must be in a group for that group to yield statistically reliable information.





1 3. The annual report of accountability must: (a) Comply with 20 U.S.C. § 6311(h)(1) and the regulations 2 3 adopted pursuant thereto; (b) Be prepared in a concise manner; and 4 (c) Be presented in an understandable and uniform format and, 5 6 to the extent practicable, provided in a language that parents can 7 understand. 8 4. On or before October 15 of each year, the State Board shall: (a) Provide for public dissemination of the annual report of 9 accountability by posting a copy of the report on the Internet 10 website maintained by the Department; and 11 12 (b) Provide written notice that the report is available on the 13 Internet website maintained by the Department. The written notice 14 must be provided to the: 15 (1) Governor; 16 (2) Committee: 17 (3) Bureau; (4) Board of Regents of the University of Nevada; 18 19 (5) Board of trustees of each school district; and 20 (6) Governing body of each charter school. Upon the request of the Governor, an entity described in 21 5. 22 paragraph (b) of subsection 4 or a member of the general public, the State Board shall provide a portion or portions of the annual report 23 of accountability. 24 25 As used in this section: 6. (a) "Bullying" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 388.122. 26 27 (b) "Cyber-bullying" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 388.123. 28 29 (c) "Harassment" has the meaning ascribed to it in 30 NRS 388.125. (d) "Highly qualified" has the meaning ascribed to it in 20 31 U.S.Ć. § 7801(23). 32 (e) "Intimidation" has 33 the meaning ascribed to it in 34 NRS 388.129. (f) "Paraprofessional" has the meaning ascribed to it in 35 NRS 391.008. 36 37 **Sec. 1.3.** NRS 385.347 is hereby amended to read as follows: 38 385.347 1. The board of trustees of each school district in 39 this State, in cooperation with associations recognized by the State Board as representing licensed educational personnel in the district, 40 shall adopt a program providing for the accountability of the school 41 42 district to the residents of the district and to the State Board for the quality of the schools and the educational achievement of the pupils 43 44 in the district, including, without limitation, pupils enrolled in charter schools sponsored by the school district. The board of 45 \* A B 2 7 2 R 1 \*

trustees of each school district shall report the information required
 by subsection 2 for each charter school sponsored by the school
 district. The information for charter schools must be reported
 separately.

5 2. The board of trustees of each school district shall, on or 6 before September 30 of each year, prepare an annual report of 7 accountability concerning:

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(a) The educational goals and objectives of the school district.

9 (b) Pupil achievement for each school in the district and the 10 district as a whole, including, without limitation, each charter school sponsored by the district. The board of trustees of the district shall 11 12 base its report on the results of the examinations administered 13 pursuant to NRS 389.015 and 389.550 and shall compare the results 14 of those examinations for the current school year with those of 15 previous school years. The report must include, for each school in 16 the district, including, without limitation, each charter school sponsored by the district, and each grade in which the examinations 17 18 were administered:

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(1) The number of pupils who took the examinations.

20 (2) A record of attendance for the period in which the 21 examinations were administered, including an explanation of any 22 difference in the number of pupils who took the examinations and 23 the number of pupils who are enrolled in the school.

24 (3) Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph, pupil
25 achievement, reported separately by gender and reported separately
26 for the following groups of pupils:

(I) Pupils who are economically disadvantaged, as
 defined by the State Board;

(II) Pupils from major racial and ethnic groups, as defined
 by the State Board;

31 32 (III) Pupils with disabilities;

(IV) Pupils who are limited English proficient; and

(V) Pupils who are migratory children, as defined by theState Board.

(4) A comparison of the achievement of pupils in each group
 identified in paragraph (b) of subsection 1 of NRS 385.361 with the
 annual measurable objectives of the State Board.

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(5) The percentage of pupils who were not tested.

39 (6) Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph, the 40 percentage of pupils who were not tested, reported separately by 41 gender and reported separately for the groups identified in 42 subparagraph (3).

43 (7) The most recent 3-year trend in pupil achievement in 44 each subject area tested and each grade level tested pursuant to NRS 45 389.015 and 389.550, which may include information regarding the





trend in the achievement of pupils for more than 3 years, if such
 information is available.

3 (8) Information that compares the results of pupils in the 4 school district, including, without limitation, pupils enrolled in 5 charter schools sponsored by the district, with the results of pupils 6 throughout this State. The information required by this subparagraph 7 must be provided in consultation with the Department to ensure the 8 accuracy of the comparison.

9 (9) For each school in the district, including, without 10 limitation, each charter school sponsored by the district, information 11 that compares the results of pupils in the school with the results of 12 pupils throughout the school district and throughout this State. The 13 information required by this subparagraph must be provided in 14 consultation with the Department to ensure the accuracy of the 15 comparison.

16 (10) Information on whether each school in the district, 17 including, without limitation, each charter school sponsored by the 18 district, has made progress based upon the model adopted by the 19 Department pursuant to NRS 385.3595.

20  $\rightarrow$  A separate reporting for a group of pupils must not be made 21 pursuant to this paragraph if the number of pupils in that group is 22 insufficient to yield statistically reliable information or the results 23 would reveal personally identifiable information about an individual 24 pupil. The State Board shall prescribe the mechanism for 25 determining the minimum number of pupils that must be in a group 26 for that group to yield statistically reliable information.

(c) The ratio of pupils to teachers in kindergarten and at each grade level for each elementary school in the district and the district as a whole, including, without limitation, each charter school sponsored by the district, and the average class size for each core academic subject, as set forth in NRS 389.018, for each secondary school in the district and the district as a whole, including, without limitation, each charter school sponsored by the district.

34 (d) The total number of persons employed for each elementary 35 school, middle school or junior high school, and high school in the district, including, without limitation, each charter school sponsored 36 37 by the district. Each such person must be reported as either an 38 administrator, a teacher or other staff and must not be reported in 39 more than one category. In addition to the total number of persons 40 employed by each school in each category, the report must include 41 the number of employees in each of the three categories for each 42 school expressed as a percentage of the total number of persons 43 employed by the school. As used in this paragraph:

44 (1) "Administrator" means a person who spends at least 50 45 percent of his or her work year supervising other staff or licensed



personnel, or both, and who is not classified by the board of trustees
 of the school district as a professional-technical employee.

3 (2) "Other staff" means all persons who are not reported as 4 administrators or teachers, including, without limitation:

5 (I) School counselors, school nurses and other employees 6 who spend at least 50 percent of their work year providing 7 emotional support, noninstructional guidance or medical support to 8 pupils;

9 (II) Noninstructional support staff, including, without 10 limitation, janitors, school police officers and maintenance staff; and

11 (III) Persons classified by the board of trustees of the 12 school district as professional-technical employees, including, 13 without limitation, technical employees and employees on the 14 professional-technical pay scale.

15 (3) "Teacher" means a person licensed pursuant to chapter 16 391 of NRS who is classified by the board of trustees of the school 17 district:

(I) As a teacher and who spends at least 50 percent of hisor her work year providing instruction or discipline to pupils; or

20 (II) As instructional support staff, who does not hold a 21 supervisory position and who spends not more than 50 percent of 22 his or her work year providing instruction to pupils. Such 23 instructional support staff includes, without limitation, librarians 24 and persons who provide instructional support.

25 (e) The total number of persons employed by the school district, including without limitation, each charter school sponsored by the 26 27 district. Each such person must be reported as either an 28 administrator, a teacher or other staff and must not be reported in 29 more than one category. In addition to the total number of persons 30 employed by the school district in each category, the report must 31 include the number of employees in each of the three categories 32 expressed as a percentage of the total number of persons employed 33 by the school district. As used in this paragraph, "administrator," "other staff" and "teacher" have the meanings ascribed to them in 34 35 paragraph (d).

(f) Information on the professional qualifications of teachers
employed by each school in the district and the district as a whole,
including, without limitation, each charter school sponsored by the
district. The information must include, without limitation:

40 41 (1) The percentage of teachers who are:

(I) Providing instruction pursuant to NRS 391.125;

42 (II) Providing instruction pursuant to a waiver of the 43 requirements for licensure for the grade level or subject area in 44 which the teachers are employed; or





1 (III) Otherwise providing instruction without an 2 endorsement for the subject area in which the teachers are 3 employed;

4 (2) The percentage of classes in the core academic subjects, 5 as set forth in NRS 389.018, that are not taught by highly qualified 6 teachers:

(3) The percentage of classes in the core academic subjects, 7 8 as set forth in NRS 389.018, that are not taught by highly qualified 9 teachers, in the aggregate and disaggregated by high-poverty compared to low-poverty schools, which for the purposes of this 10 subparagraph means schools in the top quartile of poverty and the 11 12 bottom quartile of poverty in this State;

13 (4) For each middle school, junior high school and high 14 school:

15 (I) The number of persons employed as substitute 16 teachers for 20 consecutive days or more in the same classroom or 17 assignment, designated as long-term substitute teachers, including 18 the total number of days long-term substitute teachers were 19 employed at each school, identified by grade level and subject area; 20 and

21 (II) The number of persons employed as substitute 22 teachers for less than 20 consecutive days, designated as short-term 23 substitute teachers, including the total number of days short-term 24 substitute teachers were employed at each school, identified by 25 grade level and subject area; and

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(5) For each elementary school:

27 (I) The number of persons employed as substitute teachers for 20 consecutive days or more in the same classroom or 28 29 assignment, designated as long-term substitute teachers, including 30 the total number of days long-term substitute teachers were 31 employed at each school, identified by grade level; and

(II) The number of persons employed as substitute 32 33 teachers for less than 20 consecutive days, designated as short-term substitute teachers, including the total number of days short-term 34 35 substitute teachers were employed at each school, identified by grade level. 36

37 (g) The total expenditure per pupil for each school in the district and the district as a whole, including, without limitation, each 38 charter school sponsored by the district. If this State has a financial 39 40 analysis program that is designed to track educational expenditures 41 and revenues to individual schools, each school district shall use that 42 statewide program in complying with this paragraph. If a statewide program is not available, each school district shall use its own 43 44 financial analysis program in complying with this paragraph. 45

(h) The curriculum used by the school district, including:





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1 (1) Any special programs for pupils at an individual school; 2 and

3 (2) The curriculum used by each charter school sponsored by 4 the district.

5 (i) Records of the attendance and truancy of pupils in all grades, 6 including, without limitation:

7 (1) The average daily attendance of pupils, for each school in
8 the district and the district as a whole, including, without limitation,
9 each charter school sponsored by the district.

10 (2) For each elementary school, middle school and junior high school in the district, including, without limitation, each charter 11 school sponsored by the district that provides instruction to pupils 12 13 enrolled in a grade level other than high school, information that 14 compares the attendance of the pupils enrolled in the school with the 15 attendance of pupils throughout the district and throughout this 16 State. The information required by this subparagraph must be 17 provided in consultation with the Department to ensure the accuracy 18 of the comparison.

(j) The annual rate of pupils who drop out of school in grade 8
and a separate reporting of the annual rate of pupils who drop out of
school in grades 9 to 12, inclusive, for each such grade, for each
school in the district and for the district as a whole. The reporting
for pupils in grades 9 to 12, inclusive, excludes pupils who:

24 (1) Provide proof to the school district of successful 25 completion of the examinations of general educational development.

26 (2) Are enrolled in courses that are approved by the 27 Department as meeting the requirements for an adult standard 28 diploma.

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(3) Withdraw from school to attend another school.

(k) Records of attendance of teachers who provide instruction,
for each school in the district and the district as a whole, including,
without limitation, each charter school sponsored by the district.

(1) Efforts made by the school district and by each school in the
 district, including, without limitation, each charter school sponsored
 by the district, to increase:

(1) Communication with the parents of pupils enrolled in the
 district;

(2) The participation of parents in the educational process
and activities relating to the school district and each school,
including, without limitation, the existence of parent organizations
and school advisory committees; and

42 (3) The involvement of parents and the engagement of 43 families of pupils enrolled in the district in the education of their 44 children.





1 (m) Records of incidents involving weapons or violence for 2 each school in the district, including, without limitation, each 3 charter school sponsored by the district.

4 (n) Records of incidents involving the use or possession of 5 alcoholic beverages or controlled substances for each school in the 6 district, including, without limitation, each charter school sponsored 7 by the district.

8 (o) Records of the suspension and expulsion of pupils required 9 or authorized pursuant to NRS 392.466 and 392.467.

10 (p) The number of pupils who are deemed habitual disciplinary 11 problems pursuant to NRS 392.4655, for each school in the district 12 and the district as a whole, including, without limitation, each 13 charter school sponsored by the district.

(q) The number of pupils in each grade who are retained in the
same grade pursuant to NRS 392.033 or 392.125, for each school in
the district and the district as a whole, including, without limitation,
each charter school sponsored by the district.

(r) The transiency rate of pupils for each school in the district and the district as a whole, including, without limitation, each charter school sponsored by the district. For the purposes of this paragraph, a pupil is not transient if the pupil is transferred to a different school within the school district as a result of a change in the zone of attendance by the board of trustees of the school district pursuant to NRS 388.040.

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(s) Each source of funding for the school district.

(t) A compilation of the programs of remedial study that are
purchased in whole or in part with money received from this State,
for each school in the district and the district as a whole, including,
without limitation, each charter school sponsored by the district. The
compilation must include:

(1) The amount and sources of money received for programs
of remedial study for each school in the district and the district as a
whole, including, without limitation, each charter school sponsored
by the district.

35 (2) An identification of each program of remedial study,
36 listed by subject area.

(u) For each high school in the district, including, without limitation, each charter school sponsored by the district, the percentage of pupils who graduated from that high school or charter school in the immediately preceding year and enrolled in remedial courses in reading, writing or mathematics at a university, state college or community college within the Nevada System of Higher Education.

44 (v) The technological facilities and equipment available at each 45 school, including, without limitation, each charter school sponsored



by the district, and the district's plan to incorporate educational
 technology at each school.

3 (w) For each school in the district and the district as a whole, 4 including, without limitation, each charter school sponsored by the 5 district, the number and percentage of pupils who received:

6 (1) A standard high school diploma, reported separately for 7 pupils who received the diploma pursuant to:

8 9 (I) Paragraph (a) of subsection 1 of NRS 389.805; and

(II) Paragraph (b) of subsection 1 of NRS 389.805.

10 11 (2) An adult diploma.(3) An adjusted diploma.

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(4) A certificate of attendance.

13 (x) For each school in the district and the district as a whole, 14 including, without limitation, each charter school sponsored by the 15 district, the number and percentage of pupils who failed to pass the 16 high school proficiency examination.

(y) The number of habitual truants who are reported to a school police officer or law enforcement agency pursuant to paragraph (a) of subsection 2 of NRS 392.144 and the number of habitual truants who are referred to an advisory board to review school attendance pursuant to paragraph (b) of subsection 2 of NRS 392.144, for each school in the district and for the district as a whole.

(z) The amount and sources of money received for the training
and professional development of teachers and other educational
personnel for each school in the district and for the district as a
whole, including, without limitation, each charter school sponsored
by the district.

(aa) Whether the school district has made adequate yearly
progress. If the school district has been designated as demonstrating
need for improvement pursuant to NRS 385.377, the report must
include a statement indicating the number of consecutive years the
school district has carried that designation.

(bb) Information on whether each public school in the district,
 including, without limitation, each charter school sponsored by the
 district, has made adequate yearly progress, including, without
 limitation:

(1) The number and percentage of schools in the district, if
any, that have been designated as needing improvement pursuant to
NRS 385.3623; and

40 (2) The name of each school, if any, in the district that has 41 been designated as needing improvement pursuant to NRS 385.3623 42 and the number of consecutive years that the school has carried that 43 designation.

44 (cc) Information on the paraprofessionals employed by each 45 public school in the district, including, without limitation, each





charter school sponsored by the district. The information must
 include:

3 (1) The number of paraprofessionals employed at the school; 4 and

5 (2) The number and percentage of all paraprofessionals who 6 do not satisfy the qualifications set forth in 20 U.S.C. § 6319(c). The 7 reporting requirements of this subparagraph apply to paraprofessionals who are employed in positions supported with 8 9 Title I money and to paraprofessionals who are not employed in 10 positions supported with Title I money.

11 (dd) For each high school in the district, including, without 12 limitation, each charter school sponsored by the district that operates 13 as a high school, information that provides a comparison of the rate 14 of graduation of pupils enrolled in the high school with the rate of 15 graduation of pupils throughout the district and throughout this 16 State. The information required by this paragraph must be provided 17 in consultation with the Department to ensure the accuracy of the 18 comparison.

19 (ee) An identification of the appropriations made by the 20 Legislature that are available to the school district or the schools 21 within the district and programs approved by the Legislature to 22 improve the academic achievement of pupils.

(ff) For each school in the district and the district as a whole,
 including, without limitation, each charter school sponsored by the
 district, information on pupils enrolled in career and technical
 education, including, without limitation:

(1) The number of pupils enrolled in a course of career andtechnical education;

(2) The number of pupils who completed a course of careerand technical education;

(3) The average daily attendance of pupils who are enrolled
 in a program of career and technical education;

(4) The annual rate of pupils who dropped out of school and
 were enrolled in a program of career and technical education before
 dropping out;

36 (5) The number and percentage of pupils who completed a
37 program of career and technical education and who received a
38 standard high school diploma, an adjusted diploma or a certificate of
39 attendance; and

40 (6) The number and percentage of pupils who completed a 41 program of career and technical education and who did not receive a 42 high school diploma because the pupils failed to pass the high 43 school proficiency examination.

44 (gg) The number of incidents resulting in suspension or 45 expulsion for bullying, cyber-bullying, harassment or intimidation,



for each school in the district and the district as a whole, including,
 without limitation, each charter school sponsored by the district.

3 (hh) For each school in the district and the district as a whole, 4 including, without limitation, each charter school sponsored by 5 the district, information regarding the progression of pupils who 6 are limited English proficient in attaining proficiency in the 7 English language, including, without limitation:

8 (1) The number of pupils who were identified as limited 9 English proficient at the beginning of the school year, were 10 continually enrolled throughout the school year and were 11 identified as proficient in English by the completion of the school 12 year;

13 (2) The achievement and proficiency of pupils who are 14 limited English proficient in comparison to the pupils who are 15 proficient in English;

16 (3) A comparison of pupils who are limited English 17 proficient and pupils who are proficient in the English language 18 in the following areas:

19 (I) Retention rates;

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(II) Graduation rates;

21 22 (III) Dropout rates;

(IV) Grade point averages; and

(V) Scores on the examinations administered pursuant
 to NRS 389.015 and 389.550; and

(4) Results of the assessments and reassessments of pupils
who are limited English proficient, reported separately by the
primary language of the pupils, pursuant to the policy developed
by the board of trustees of the school district pursuant to section 5
of this act.

30 *(ii)* Such other information as is directed by the Superintendent 31 of Public Instruction.

32 3. The State Public Charter School Authority and each college or university within the Nevada System of Higher Education that 33 sponsors a charter school shall, on or before September 30 of each 34 35 year, prepare an annual report of accountability of the charter schools sponsored by the State Public Charter School Authority or 36 37 institution, as applicable, concerning the accountability information prescribed by the Department pursuant to this section. The 38 39 Department, in consultation with the State Public Charter School Authority and each college or university within the Nevada System 40 41 of Higher Education that sponsors a charter school, shall prescribe by regulation the information that must be prepared by the State 42 Public Charter School Authority and institution, as applicable, 43 44 which must include, without limitation, the information contained in 45 paragraphs (a) to {(hh),} (ii), inclusive, of subsection 2, as applicable





to charter schools. The Department shall provide for public
dissemination of the annual report of accountability prepared
pursuant to this section in the manner set forth in 20 U.S.C. §
6311(h)(2)(E) by posting a copy of the report on the Internet website
maintained by the Department.

6 The records of attendance maintained by a school for 4. 7 purposes of paragraph (k) of subsection 2 or maintained by a charter 8 school for purposes of the reporting required pursuant to subsection 9 3 must include the number of teachers who are in attendance at 10 school and the number of teachers who are absent from school. A 11 teacher shall be deemed in attendance if the teacher is excused from 12 being present in the classroom by the school in which the teacher is 13 employed for one of the following reasons:

14 (a) Acquisition of knowledge or skills relating to the 15 professional development of the teacher; or

16 (b) Assignment of the teacher to perform duties for cocurricular 17 or extracurricular activities of pupils.

18 5. The annual report of accountability prepared pursuant to 19 subsection 2 or 3, as applicable, must:

20 (a) Comply with 20 U.S.C. § 6311(h)(2) and the regulations 21 adopted pursuant thereto; and

(b) Be presented in an understandable and uniform format and,
to the extent practicable, provided in a language that parents can
understand.

6. The Superintendent of Public Instruction shall:

(a) Prescribe forms for the reports required pursuant to
subsections 2 and 3 and provide the forms to the respective school
districts, the State Public Charter School Authority and each college
or university within the Nevada System of Higher Education that
sponsors a charter school.

(b) Provide statistical information and technical assistance to the
school districts, the State Public Charter School Authority and each
college or university within the Nevada System of Higher Education
that sponsors a charter school to ensure that the reports provide
comparable information with respect to each school in each district,
each charter school and among the districts and charter schools
throughout this State.
(c) Consult with a representative of the:

(c) Consult with a representative of the: (1) Nevada State Education Association:

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(4) Nevada Parent Teacher Association;

(2) Nevada Association of School Boards;

(5) Budget Division of the Department of Administration;

(3) Nevada Association of School Administrators;

(6) Legislative Counsel Bureau; and

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(7) Charter School Association of Nevada,



1  $\hookrightarrow$  concerning the program and consider any advice or 2 recommendations submitted by the representatives with respect to 3 the program.

7. The Superintendent of Public Instruction may consult with representatives of parent groups other than the Nevada Parent Eacher Association concerning the program and consider any advice or recommendations submitted by the representatives with respect to the program.

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- 8. On or before September 30 of each year:

10 (a) The board of trustees of each school district shall submit to 11 each advisory board to review school attendance created in the 12 county pursuant to NRS 392.126 the information required in 13 paragraph (i) of subsection 2.

(b) The State Public Charter School Authority and each college 14 15 or university within the Nevada System of Higher Education that 16 sponsors a charter school shall submit to each advisory board to 17 review school attendance created in a county pursuant to NRS 18 392.126 the information regarding the records of the attendance and 19 truancy of pupils enrolled in the charter school located in that 20 county, if any, in accordance with the regulations prescribed by the 21 Department pursuant to subsection 3.

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9. On or before September 30 of each year:

23 (a) The board of trustees of each school district, the State Public Charter School Authority and each college or university within the 24 25 Nevada System of Higher Education that sponsors a charter school 26 shall provide written notice that the report required pursuant to 27 subsection 2 or 3, as applicable, is available on the Internet website maintained by the school district, State Public Charter School 28 29 Authority or institution, if any, or otherwise provide written notice 30 of the availability of the report. The written notice must be provided 31 to the:

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(1) Governor;
 (2) State Board;

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(3) Department;

- (4) Committee; and
- 36 (5) Bureau.

37 (b) The board of trustees of each school district, the State Public Charter School Authority and each college or university within the 38 Nevada System of Higher Education that sponsors a charter school 39 40 shall provide for public dissemination of the annual report of 41 accountability prepared pursuant to subsection 2 or 3, as applicable, in the manner set forth in 20 U.S.C. § 6311(h)(2)(E) by posting a 42 copy of the report on the Internet website maintained by the school 43 44 district, the State Public Charter School Authority or the institution, 45 if any. If a school district does not maintain a website, the district





1 shall otherwise provide for public dissemination of the annual report by providing a copy of the report to the schools in the school 2 district, including, without limitation, each charter school sponsored 3 by the district, the residents of the district, and the parents and 4 guardians of pupils enrolled in schools in the district, including, 5 6 without limitation, each charter school sponsored by the district. If 7 the State Public Charter School Authority or the institution does not 8 maintain a website, the State Public Charter School Authority or the institution, as applicable, shall otherwise provide for public 9 dissemination of the annual report by providing a copy of the report 10 11 to each charter school it sponsors and the parents and guardians of 12 pupils enrolled in each charter school it sponsors.

13 Upon the request of the Governor, an entity described in 10. 14 paragraph (a) of subsection 9 or a member of the general public, the 15 board of trustees of a school district, the State Public Charter School 16 Authority or a college or university within the Nevada System of 17 Higher Education that sponsors a charter school, as applicable, shall 18 provide a portion or portions of the report required pursuant to 19 subsection 2 or 3, as applicable.

20 11. As used in this section:

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(a) "Bullying" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 388.122.

(b) "Cyber-bullying" has the meaning ascribed to it in 22 23 NRS 388.123.

(c) "Harassment" has the meaning ascribed to 24 it in 25 NRS 388.125.

26 (d) "Highly qualified" has the meaning ascribed to it in 20 27 U.S.C. § 7801(23).

(e) "Intimidation" has 28 the meaning ascribed to it in 29 NRS 388.129.

30 (f) "Paraprofessional" has the meaning ascribed to it in 31 NRS 391.008.

Sec. 1.5. Chapter 388 of NRS is hereby amended by adding 32 33 thereto the provisions set forth as sections 2 to 6, inclusive, of this 34 act. 35

Sec. 2. The Legislature finds and declares that:

36 1. It is the public policy of this State to provide every child enrolled in a public school with high-quality instruction. 37

38 2. Children who are limited English proficient benefit from 39 instruction that is designed to address the academic and linguistic 40 needs of those children.

41 3. It is the intent of the Legislature that children who are 42 limited English proficient be provided with instruction which is designed to address the academic needs of such children so that 43 44 those children attain proficiency in the English language and 45 improve their overall academic achievement and proficiency.





1 Sec. 3. 1. The English Mastery Council is hereby created. 2 The English Mastery Council consists of the following 16 3 members:

4 (a) The Superintendent of Public Instruction, or his or her 5 designee, who serves as an ex officio member of the English 6 Mastery Council.

7 (b) Two members who have knowledge and expertise in 8 language acquisition and who represent the Nevada System of 9 Higher Education, appointed by the Board of Regents of the 10 University of Nevada.

(c) Two members who are teachers at public schools in this 11 12 State, hold a master's degree to teach English as a second 13 language and have knowledge and expertise in providing instruction to pupils who are limited English proficient, appointed 14 15 by the Governor from a list of nominees submitted by the Majority 16 Leader of the Senate and the Nevada State Education Association, or its successor organization. In compiling the list of nominees, 17 18 the Majority Leader of the Senate and the Nevada State Education 19 Association, or its successor organization, shall solicit the advice and recommendation of persons who have knowledge and 20 expertise in providing instruction to pupils who are limited English proficient. The Governor shall ensure that the members 21 22 appointed pursuant to this paragraph represent the geographic 23 and ethnic diversity of this State. 24

(d) Two members who are parents or legal guardians of pupils
who are limited English proficient, appointed by the Governor
from a list of nominees submitted by the Speaker of the Assembly
and the Nevada Parent Teacher Association. The Governor shall
ensure that the members appointed pursuant to this paragraph
represent the geographic and ethnic diversity of this State.

(e) Two members who are school-level administrators, one of
whom is employed by a school district in a county whose
population is 100,000 or more and one of whom is employed by a
school district in a county whose population is less than 100,000,
appointed by the Governor from a list of nominees submitted by
the Nevada Association of School Administrators.

(f) Two members who are school-district-level administrators, one of whom is employed by a school district in a county whose population is 100,000 or more and one of whom is employed by a school district in a county whose population is less than 100,000, appointed by the Governor from a list of nominees submitted by the Nevada Association of School Administrators.

(g) One member who is a member of a board of trustees of a
school district, appointed by the Governor from a list of nominees
submitted by the Nevada Association of School Boards.





1 (h) Two members who are representatives of the general 2 public, private business and industry in this State or nonprofit 3 organizations and who have been leaders in education reform 4 related to pupils who are limited English proficient, appointed by 5 the Governor.

6 (i) Two members with expertise in the development of public 7 policy relating to the education of pupils who are limited English 8 proficient, appointed by the Superintendent of Public Instruction 9 upon the advice and recommendation of persons who have 10 knowledge and expertise in providing instruction to pupils who are 11 limited English proficient.

12 2. Each appointed member of the English Mastery Council 13 serves a term of 2 years and may be reappointed to additional 14 terms.

15 3. A vacancy on the English Mastery Council must be filled 16 in the same manner as the original appointment.

17 4. The English Mastery Council shall, at its first meeting and 18 annually thereafter, elect a Chair from among its members.

19 5. The English Mastery Council shall meet at least quarterly 20 and may meet at other times upon the call of the Chair.

6. Members of the English Mastery Council serve without compensation, except that for each day or portion of a day during which a member of the Council attends a meeting of the Council or is otherwise engaged in the business of the Council, the member is entitled to receive the per diem allowances and travel expenses provided for state officers and employees generally.

7. A member of the English Mastery Council who is a public
employee must be granted administrative leave from the member's
duties to engage in the business of the Council without loss of his
or her regular compensation. Such leave does not reduce the
amount of the member's other accrued leave.

8. The English Mastery Council may apply for and accept
 gifts, grants, donations and contributions from any source for the
 purpose of carrying out its duties pursuant to section 4 of this act.

35 9. The Department shall provide administrative support to the 36 English Mastery Council.

37 Sec. 4. The English Mastery Council created by section 3 of 38 this act shall:

*1. Make recommendations to the State Board for the adoption of regulations concerning criteria for the policies to teach English to pupils who are limited English proficient that are developed pursuant to section 5 of this act.*

43 2. Review annually each policy to teach English to pupils 44 who are limited English proficient that is developed pursuant to





section 5 of this act and make recommendations for improvement
 to each board of trustees.

3 3. Make recommendations to the Superintendent of Public 4 Instruction and the Commission on Professional Standards in 5 Education for the adoption of regulations pursuant to NRS 6 391.019 concerning the requirements for an endorsement to teach 7 English as a second language, including, without limitation, the 8 teachers who should be required to obtain the endorsement.

9 4. Develop standards and criteria for a curriculum for pupils 10 who are limited English proficient and submit those standards and 11 criteria to the State Board for consideration.

12 5. Review any course of study offered by the Nevada System 13 of Higher Education for training to teach English as a second 14 language to determine if the course of study, including, without 15 limitation, student teaching, is sufficiently rigorous to provide 16 teachers with the tools necessary to improve the English 17 proficiency and academic achievement and proficiency of pupils 18 who are limited English proficient.

19 6. Make recommendations to the Board of Regents of the 20 University of Nevada for the improvement of any course of study 21 described in subsection 5 and submit a copy of those 22 recommendations to the Governor.

Sec. 4.5. 1. On or before February 1 of each year, the 23 English Mastery Council created by section 3 of this act shall 24 prepare an annual report concerning the status of the Council in 25 carrying out its duties prescribed by section 4 of this act, 26 27 limitation. description including. without a of the recommendations made by the Council to the Superintendent of 28 29 Public Instruction, the Commission on Professional Standards in 30 Education, the State Board and the boards of trustees of school 31 districts and the response of each of those entities to the 32 recommendations.

2. The report prepared pursuant to subsection 1 must be
 submitted to the Governor and:

(a) In odd-numbered years, to the Director of the Legislative
 Counsel Bureau for transmittal to the Senate and Assembly
 Standing Committees on Education.

(b) In even-numbered years, to the Legislative Committee on
 Education.

40 Sec. 5. 1. The board of trustees of each school district shall 41 develop a policy for the instruction to teach English to pupils who 42 are limited English proficient. The policy must be designed to 43 provide pupils enrolled in each public school located in the school 44 district who are limited English proficient with instruction that





1 enables those pupils to attain proficiency in the English language 2 and improve their overall academic achievement and proficiency. 3 The policy developed pursuant to subsection 1 must: 2.

(a) Provide for the identification of pupils who are limited 4 English proficient through the use of an appropriate assessment; 5

(b) Provide for the periodic reassessment of each pupil who is 6 7 classified as limited English proficient;

(c) Be designed to eliminate any gaps in achievement between 8 those pupils who are limited English proficient and pupils who are 9 10 proficient in English;

(d) Provide opportunities for the parents or legal guardians of 11 pupils who are limited English proficient to participate in the 12 13 program; and

(e) Provide to each pupil who is limited English proficient and 14 15 whose academic achievement and proficiency is two or more grade levels below the grade level in which he or she is enrolled, an 16 individualized special program of instruction for language 17 acquisition. 18

The board of trustees shall: 3.

(a) Provide teachers employed by the school district who are 20 providing instruction to pupils who are limited English proficient 21 22 with the instructional materials that are designed to improve the language acquisition and academic achievement and proficiency 23 24 of such pupils; and

(b) Provide the parents and legal guardians of pupils who are 25 limited English proficient with information on other programs 26 27 which are designed to improve the language acquisition and academic achievement and proficiency of pupils who are limited 28 English proficient and assist those parents and legal guardians in 29 30 enrolling those pupils in such programs.

- 31 **Sec. 6.** (Deleted by amendment.)
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**Sec.** 7. NRS 388.405 is hereby amended to read as follows:

388.405 The State Board shall:

34 1. [Establish a program to teach the English language to pupils who are limited English proficient. 35

2.] Adopt regulations [to carry out the program. The 36 regulations must prescribe the procedure by which a school district 37 may obtain a waiver from the requirements of the program. 38

**3.** prescribing criteria for a policy for the instruction to teach 39 English to pupils who are limited English proficient which is 40

developed by the board of trustees of each school district pursuant 41 42 to section 5 of this act. The Superintendent of Public Instruction

43 shall monitor each school district's compliance with the criteria

44 prescribed by the State Board pursuant to this subsection.





2. Submit all evaluations required pursuant to 20 U.S.C. §§ 1 2 6801 et seq. and the regulations adopted pursuant thereto regarding the programs for pupils who are limited English proficient carried 3 out pursuant to that provision of federal law to the: 4 5

(a) Governor;

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(b) *Legislative* Committee [;] on *Education*;

- (c) [Bureau;] Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for 7 transmittal to the Senate and Assembly Standing Committees on 8 9 *Education*: and
- 10 (d) Board of trustees of each school district.
- 11 **Sec. 8.** (Deleted by amendment.)
- 12 Sec. 9. (Deleted by amendment.)
- 13 Sec. 10. (Deleted by amendment.)
- Sec. 11. (Deleted by amendment.) 14
- 15 Sec. 12. (Deleted by amendment.)
- 16 Sec. 12.5. NRS 391.019 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 17 391.019 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 391.027, 18 the Commission shall adopt regulations:
- 19 (a) Prescribing the qualifications for licensing teachers and other 20 educational personnel, including, without limitation, the 21 qualifications for a license to teach middle school or junior high 22 school education, and the procedures for the issuance and renewal of 23 those licenses. The regulations:
- 24 (1) Must include, without limitation, the qualifications for 25 licensing teachers and administrators pursuant to an alternative route 26 to licensure which provides that the required education and training may be provided by any qualified provider which has been approved 27 by the Commission, including, without limitation, institutions of 28 29 higher education and other providers that operate independently of 30 an institution of higher education. The regulations adopted pursuant 31 to this subparagraph must:
- 32 (I) Establish the requirements for approval as a qualified 33 provider;
- (II) Require a qualified provider to be selective in its 34 35 acceptance of students;
- 36 (III) Require a qualified provider to provide supervised, school-based experiences and ongoing support for its students, such 37 38 as mentoring and coaching;
- 39 (IV) Significantly limit the amount of course work required or provide for the waiver of required course work for 40 41 students who achieve certain scores on tests;
- (V) Allow for the completion in 2 years or less of the 42 43 education and training required under the alternative route to 44 licensure;





1 (VI) Provide that a person who has completed the 2 education and training required under the alternative route to 3 licensure and who has satisfied all other requirements for licensure 4 may apply for a regular license pursuant to sub-subparagraph (VII) 5 regardless of whether the person has received an offer of 6 employment from a school district, charter school or private school; 7 and

8 (VII) Upon the completion by a person of the education 9 and training required under the alternative route to licensure and the 10 satisfaction of all other requirements for licensure, provide for the 11 issuance of a regular license to the person pursuant to the provisions 12 of this chapter and the regulations adopted pursuant to this chapter.

13 (2) Must not prescribe qualifications which are more 14 stringent than the qualifications set forth in NRS 391.0315 for a 15 licensed teacher who applies for an additional license in accordance 16 with that section.

(b) Identifying fields of specialization in teaching which requirethe specialized training of teachers.

(c) Except as otherwise provided in NRS 391.125, requiring
teachers to obtain from the Department an endorsement in a field of
specialization to be eligible to teach in that field of specialization [.] *including, without limitation, an endorsement to teach English as a second language based upon the recommendations of the English Mastery Council pursuant to section 4 of this act.*

25 (d) Setting forth the educational requirements a teacher must 26 satisfy to qualify for an endorsement in each field of specialization.

(e) Setting forth the qualifications and requirements for
obtaining a license or endorsement to teach American Sign
Language, including, without limitation, being registered with the
Aging and Disability Services Division of the Department of Health
and Human Services pursuant to NRS 656A.100 to engage in the
practice of interpreting in an educational setting.

(f) Requiring teachers and other educational personnel to be
 registered with the Aging and Disability Services Division pursuant
 to NRS 656A.100 to engage in the practice of interpreting in an
 educational setting if they:

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(1) Provide instruction or other educational services; and

38 (2) Concurrently engage in the practice of interpreting, as 39 defined in NRS 656A.060.

(g) Providing for the issuance and renewal of a special
qualifications license to an applicant who holds a bachelor's degree,
a master's degree or a doctoral degree from an accredited degreegranting postsecondary educational institution in a field for which
the applicant will provide instruction in a classroom and who has:





1 (1) At least 2 years of experience teaching at an accredited 2 degree-granting postsecondary educational institution in a field for 3 which the applicant will provide instruction in a classroom and at 4 least 3 years of experience working in that field; or

5 (2) At least 5 years of experience working in a field for 6 which the applicant will provide instruction in a classroom.

7  $\rightarrow$  An applicant for licensure pursuant to this paragraph who holds a 8 bachelor's degree must submit proof of participation in a program of 9 student teaching or mentoring or agree to participate in a program of 10 mentoring or courses of pedagogy for the first 2 years of the 11 applicant's employment as a teacher with a school district or charter 12 school.

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(h) Requiring an applicant for a special qualifications license to:

14 (1) Pass each examination required by NRS 391.021 for the 15 specific subject or subjects in which the applicant will provide 16 instruction; or

17 (2) Hold a valid license issued by a professional licensing 18 board of any state that is directly related to the subject area of the 19 bachelor's degree, master's degree or doctoral degree held by the 20 applicant.

(i) Setting forth the subject areas that may be taught by a person
who holds a special qualifications license, based upon the subject
area of the bachelor's degree, master's degree or doctoral degree
held by that person.

25 (j) Providing for the issuance and renewal of a special 26 qualifications license to an applicant who:

(1) Holds a bachelor's degree or a graduate degree from an
accredited college or university in the field for which the applicant
will be providing instruction;

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(2) Is not licensed to teach public school in another state;

31 (3) Has at least 5 years of experience teaching with 32 satisfactory evaluations at a school that is accredited by a national or 33 regional accrediting agency recognized by the United States 34 Department of Education; and

35 (4) Submits proof of participation in a program of student 36 teaching or mentoring or agrees to participate in a program of mentoring for the first year of the applicant's employment as a 37 38 teacher with a school district or charter school if the applicant holds a graduate degree or, if the applicant holds a bachelor's degree, 39 40 submits proof of participation in a program of student teaching or 41 mentoring or agrees to participate in a program of mentoring or courses of pedagogy for the first 2 years of his or her employment as 42 a teacher with a school district or charter school. 43





An applicant for licensure pursuant to this paragraph is exempt
 from each examination required by NRS 391.021 if the applicant
 successfully passed the examination in another state.

4 (k) Prescribing course work on parental involvement and family 5 engagement. The Commission shall work in cooperation with the 6 Office of Parental Involvement and Family Engagement created by 7 NRS 385.630 in developing the regulations required by this 8 paragraph.

9 2. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 391.027, the 10 Commission may adopt such other regulations as it deems necessary 11 for its own government or to carry out its duties.

12 3. Any regulation which increases the amount of education, 13 training or experience required for licensing:

14 (a) Must, in addition to the requirements for publication in 15 chapter 233B of NRS, be publicized before its adoption in a manner 16 reasonably calculated to inform those persons affected by the 17 change.

(b) Must not become effective until at least 1 year after the dateit is adopted by the Commission.

20 (c) Is not applicable to a license in effect on the date the 21 regulation becomes effective.

4. A person who is licensed pursuant to paragraph (g) or (j) of subsection 1:

(a) Shall comply with all applicable statutes and regulations.

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25 (b) Except as otherwise provided by specific statute, is entitled 26 to all benefits, rights and privileges conferred by statutes and 27 regulations on licensed teachers.

(c) Except as otherwise provided by specific statute, if the person is employed as a teacher by the board of trustees of a school district or the governing body of a charter school, is entitled to all benefits, rights and privileges conferred by statutes and regulations on the licensed employees of a school district or charter school, as applicable.

**Sec. 12.7.** NRS 391.019 is hereby amended to read as follows:

35 391.019 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 391.027,
36 the Commission shall adopt regulations:

(a) Prescribing the qualifications for licensing teachers and other
educational personnel, including, without limitation, the
qualifications for a license to teach middle school or junior high
school education, and the procedures for the issuance and renewal of
those licenses. The regulations:

(1) Must include, without limitation, the qualifications for
licensing teachers and administrators pursuant to an alternative route
to licensure which provides that the required education and training
may be provided by any qualified provider which has been approved



by the Commission, including, without limitation, institutions of
 higher education and other providers that operate independently of
 an institution of higher education. The regulations adopted pursuant
 to this subparagraph must:

5 (Î) Establish the requirements for approval as a qualified 6 provider;

7 (II) Require a qualified provider to be selective in its 8 acceptance of students;

9 (III) Require a qualified provider to provide supervised, 10 school-based experiences and ongoing support for its students, such 11 as mentoring and coaching;

12 (IV) Significantly limit the amount of course work 13 required or provide for the waiver of required course work for 14 students who achieve certain scores on tests;

15 (V) Allow for the completion in 2 years or less of the 16 education and training required under the alternative route to 17 licensure;

18 (VI) Provide that a person who has completed the 19 education and training required under the alternative route to 20 licensure and who has satisfied all other requirements for licensure 21 may apply for a regular license pursuant to sub-subparagraph (VII) 22 regardless of whether the person has received an offer of 23 employment from a school district, charter school or private school; 24 and

(VII) Upon the completion by a person of the education and training required under the alternative route to licensure and the satisfaction of all other requirements for licensure, provide for the issuance of a regular license to the person pursuant to the provisions of this chapter and the regulations adopted pursuant to this chapter.

30 (2) Must not prescribe qualifications which are more 31 stringent than the qualifications set forth in NRS 391.0315 for a 32 licensed teacher who applies for an additional license in accordance 33 with that section.

(b) Identifying fields of specialization in teaching which requirethe specialized training of teachers.

(c) Except as otherwise provided in NRS 391.125, requiring
teachers to obtain from the Department an endorsement in a field of
specialization to be eligible to teach in that field of specialization,
including, without limitation, an endorsement to teach English as a
second language . [based upon the recommendations of the English
Mastery Council pursuant to section 4 of this act.]

42 (d) Setting forth the educational requirements a teacher must 43 satisfy to qualify for an endorsement in each field of specialization.

44 (e) Setting forth the qualifications and requirements for 45 obtaining a license or endorsement to teach American Sign





1 Language, including, without limitation, being registered with the 2 Aging and Disability Services Division of the Department of Health and Human Services pursuant to NRS 656A.100 to engage in the 3 4 practice of interpreting in an educational setting.

5 (f) Requiring teachers and other educational personnel to be 6 registered with the Aging and Disability Services Division pursuant 7 to NRS 656A.100 to engage in the practice of interpreting in an 8 educational setting if they:

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(1) Provide instruction or other educational services; and

10 (2) Concurrently engage in the practice of interpreting, as 11 defined in NRS 656A 060

12 (g) Providing for the issuance and renewal of a special qualifications license to an applicant who holds a bachelor's degree, 13 14 a master's degree or a doctoral degree from an accredited degree-15 granting postsecondary educational institution in a field for which 16 the applicant will provide instruction in a classroom and who has:

17 (1) At least 2 years of experience teaching at an accredited 18 degree-granting postsecondary educational institution in a field for which the applicant will provide instruction in a classroom and at 19 20 least 3 years of experience working in that field; or

21 (2) At least 5 years of experience working in a field for 22 which the applicant will provide instruction in a classroom.

23 → An applicant for licensure pursuant to this paragraph who holds a 24 bachelor's degree must submit proof of participation in a program of 25 student teaching or mentoring or agree to participate in a program of mentoring or courses of pedagogy for the first 2 years of the 26 27 applicant's employment as a teacher with a school district or charter 28 school. 29

(h) Requiring an applicant for a special qualifications license to:

30 (1) Pass each examination required by NRS 391.021 for the 31 specific subject or subjects in which the applicant will provide 32 instruction: or

33 (2) Hold a valid license issued by a professional licensing board of any state that is directly related to the subject area of the 34 35 bachelor's degree, master's degree or doctoral degree held by the 36 applicant.

37 (i) Setting forth the subject areas that may be taught by a person 38 who holds a special qualifications license, based upon the subject 39 area of the bachelor's degree, master's degree or doctoral degree 40 held by that person.

41 (i) Providing for the issuance and renewal of a special 42 qualifications license to an applicant who:

(1) Holds a bachelor's degree or a graduate degree from an 43 44 accredited college or university in the field for which the applicant 45 will be providing instruction;



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- (2) Is not licensed to teach public school in another state;

2 (3) Has at least 5 years of experience teaching with 3 satisfactory evaluations at a school that is accredited by a national or 4 regional accrediting agency recognized by the United States 5 Department of Education; and

6 (4) Submits proof of participation in a program of student teaching or mentoring or agrees to participate in a program of 7 mentoring for the first year of the applicant's employment as a 8 9 teacher with a school district or charter school if the applicant holds a graduate degree or, if the applicant holds a bachelor's degree, 10 11 submits proof of participation in a program of student teaching or 12 mentoring or agrees to participate in a program of mentoring or courses of pedagogy for the first 2 years of his or her employment as 13 14 a teacher with a school district or charter school.

An applicant for licensure pursuant to this paragraph is exempt
 from each examination required by NRS 391.021 if the applicant
 successfully passed the examination in another state.

18 (k) Prescribing course work on parental involvement and family 19 engagement. The Commission shall work in cooperation with the 20 Office of Parental Involvement and Family Engagement created by 21 NRS 385.630 in developing the regulations required by this 22 paragraph.

23 2. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 391.027, the
24 Commission may adopt such other regulations as it deems necessary
25 for its own government or to carry out its duties.

3. Any regulation which increases the amount of education,training or experience required for licensing:

(a) Must, in addition to the requirements for publication in
 chapter 233B of NRS, be publicized before its adoption in a manner
 reasonably calculated to inform those persons affected by the
 change.

32 (b) Must not become effective until at least 1 year after the date 33 it is adopted by the Commission.

34 (c) Is not applicable to a license in effect on the date the 35 regulation becomes effective.

4. A person who is licensed pursuant to paragraph (g) or (j) of subsection 1:

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(a) Shall comply with all applicable statutes and regulations.

39 (b) Except as otherwise provided by specific statute, is entitled 40 to all benefits, rights and privileges conferred by statutes and 41 regulations on licensed teachers.

42 (c) Except as otherwise provided by specific statute, if the 43 person is employed as a teacher by the board of trustees of a school 44 district or the governing body of a charter school, is entitled to all 45 benefits, rights and privileges conferred by statutes and regulations





on the licensed employees of a school district or charter school, as
 applicable.

3 Sec. 13. Chapter 396 of NRS is hereby amended by adding 4 thereto a new section to read as follows:

5 If the System offers a course of study for obtaining an 6 endorsement to teach English as a second language, the Board of 7 Regents may take into consideration the recommendations 8 submitted by the English Mastery Council pursuant to section 4 of 9 this act in developing the curriculum and standards for the course 10 of study.

11 Sec. 13.3. 1. There is hereby appropriated from the State 12 General Fund to the Department of Education for the costs 13 associated with the duties of the English Mastery Council created by 14 section 3 of this act the sum of \$50,000.

15 Any remaining balance of the appropriation made by 2. 16 subsection 1 must not be committed for expenditure after June 30, 17 2015, by the entity to which the appropriation is made or any entity 18 to which money from the appropriation is granted or otherwise transferred in any manner, and any portion of the appropriated 19 money remaining must not be spent for any purpose after 20 21 September 18, 2015, by either the entity to which the money was 22 appropriated or the entity to which the money was subsequently granted or transferred, and must be reverted to the State General 23 24 Fund on or before September 18, 2015.

**Sec. 13.5.** On or before July 1, 2013, the appointed members of the English Mastery Council created by section 3 of this act must be appointed to initial terms commencing on July 1, 2013, as follows:

1. The Board of Regents of the University of Nevada shall
appoint to the Council the members described in paragraph (b) of
subsection 1 of section 3 of this act to initial terms of 2 years.

2. The Governor shall appoint to the Council:

(a) The members described in paragraphs (c) and (d) of
 subsection 1 of section 3 of this act to initial terms of 2 years.

35 (b) The members described in paragraphs (e) and (h) of 36 subsection 1 of section 3 of this act to initial terms of 1 year.

37 (c) The members described in paragraphs (f) and (g) of 38 subsection 1 of section 3 of this act to initial terms of 2 years.

39 3. The Superintendent of Public Instruction shall appoint to the 40 Council the members described in paragraph (i) of subsection 1 of 41 section 3 of this act to initial terms of 1 year.

42 Sec. 14. 1. Each board of trustees of a school district shall 43 implement the policy for the instruction to teach English to pupils 44 who are limited English proficient developed by the board of



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who are limited English proficient developed by the board of 5 6 trustees pursuant to section 5 of this act to the State Board of 7 Education and to the English Mastery Council created by section 3 8 of this act 9 Sec. 14.5. 1. The English Mastery Council created by 10 section 3 of this act shall perform its duties prescribed by section 4 11 of this act expeditiously to meet the following targeted dates to: 12 (a) Satisfy the requirements prescribed by subsection 5 of 13 section 4 of this act on or before January 1, 2014. 14 (b) Satisfy the requirements prescribed by subsection 6 of 15 section 4 of this act on or before March 1, 2014. 16 (c) Satisfy the requirements of subsection 3 of section 4 of this 17 act on or before July 1, 2014. 18 (d) Satisfy the requirements of subsection 2 of section 4 of this 19 act on or before October 1, 2014. 20 (e) Satisfy the requirements of subsections 1 and 4 of section 4 21 of this act on or before January 1, 2015. 22 The report required of the English Mastery Council pursuant 2. 23 to section 4.5 of this act must, for the submission in 2014 and 2015, 24 include a description of whether the Council has met or anticipates 25 meeting the targeted dates set forth in subsection 1. If the Council did not meet a targeted date, the report must also include the 26 27 projected time by which the Council will carry out the duty 28 corresponding to that targeted date. 29 Sec. 14.7. On or before January 1, 2015, the Commission on 30 Professional Standards in Education shall adopt regulations based 31 upon the recommendations of the English Mastery Council required 32 by paragraph (c) of subsection 1 of NRS 391.019, as amended by section 12.5 of this act. 33 34 **Sec. 15.** The provisions of NRS 354.599 do not apply to any 35 additional expenses of a local government that are related to the provisions of this act. 36 37 Sec. 16. 1. This section and section 13.5 of this act become 38 effective upon passage and approval. Sections 1 to 12.5, inclusive, 13, 13.3 and 14 to 15, 39 2. 40 inclusive, of this act become effective on July 1, 2013. 41 Sections 3, 4, 4.5 and 13 of this act expire by limitation on 3. 42 June 30, 2019. 43 4. Section 12.7 of this act becomes effective on July 1, 2019. (30) AB272

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On or before July 1, 2014, the board of trustees shall submit

trustees pursuant to section 5 of this act commencing with the 2014-

the details of the policy for the instruction to teach English to pupils

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2015 school year.

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