
ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 88—COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

(ON BEHALF OF THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION)

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Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to the reporting of average daily enrollment in public schools. (BDR 34-333)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: No.

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

AN ACT relating to education; extending the deadline for certain reports relating to the average daily enrollment of pupils made by a school district to the Department of Education; revising the content of certain quarterly reports made by a school district; revising the information required to be posted online by a school district; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

- 1 Under existing law, each school district in the State must submit a report on the
2 average daily enrollment of pupils for the immediately preceding quarter of the
3 school year to the Department of Education on or before October 1, January 1,
4 April 1 and July 1. (NRS 387.1223) **Section 1** of this bill extends this deadline to 5
5 p.m. of the next business day if the due date falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal
6 holiday.
7 Existing law requires the board of trustees of each school district to submit a
8 quarterly report to the Department on the average daily attendance of pupils and to
9 post such information on the Internet website maintained by the school district.
10 (NRS 388.725) **Section 3** of this bill requires the board of trustees of each school
11 district to instead report the average daily enrollment of pupils to the Department
12 and to post such information on the Internet website maintained by the school
13 district. **Sections 2 and 4** of this bill make conforming changes.



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

1 **Section 1.** NRS 387.1223 is hereby amended to read as
2 follows:

3 387.1223 1. On or before October 1, January 1, April 1 and
4 July 1, each school district shall report to the Department, in the
5 form prescribed by the Department, the average daily enrollment of
6 pupils pursuant to this section for the immediately preceding quarter
7 of the school year. *If October 1, January 1, April 1 or July 1 falls*
8 *on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday, the report may be*
9 *submitted before 5 p.m. on the next business day.*

10 2. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, basic support
11 of each school district must be computed by:

12 (a) Multiplying the basic support guarantee per pupil established
13 for that school district for that school year by the sum of:

14 (1) The count of pupils enrolled in kindergarten and grades 1
15 to 12, inclusive, based on the average daily enrollment of those
16 pupils during the quarter, including, without limitation, the count of
17 pupils who reside in the county and are enrolled in any charter
18 school and the count of pupils who are enrolled in a university
19 school for profoundly gifted pupils located in the county.

20 (2) The count of pupils not included under subparagraph (1)
21 who are enrolled full-time in a program of distance education
22 provided by that school district, a charter school located within that
23 school district or a university school for profoundly gifted pupils,
24 based on the average daily enrollment of those pupils during the
25 quarter.

26 (3) The count of pupils who reside in the county and are
27 enrolled:

28 (I) In a public school of the school district and are
29 concurrently enrolled part-time in a program of distance education
30 provided by another school district or a charter school or receiving a
31 portion of his or her instruction from a participating entity, as
32 defined in NRS 353B.750, based on the average daily enrollment of
33 those pupils during the quarter.

34 (II) In a charter school and are concurrently enrolled part-
35 time in a program of distance education provided by a school district
36 or another charter school or receiving a portion of his or her
37 instruction from a participating entity, as defined in NRS 353B.750,
38 based on the average daily enrollment of those pupils during the
39 quarter.

40 (4) The count of pupils not included under subparagraph (1),
41 (2) or (3), who are receiving special education pursuant to the
42 provisions of NRS 388.417 to 388.469, inclusive, and 388.5251 to



1 388.5267, inclusive, based on the average daily enrollment of those
2 pupils during the quarter and excluding the count of pupils who
3 have not attained the age of 5 years and who are receiving special
4 education pursuant to NRS 388.435.

5 (5) Six-tenths the count of pupils who have not attained the
6 age of 5 years and who are receiving special education pursuant to
7 NRS 388.435, based on the average daily enrollment of those pupils
8 during the quarter.

9 (6) The count of children detained in facilities for the
10 detention of children, alternative programs and juvenile forestry
11 camps receiving instruction pursuant to the provisions of NRS
12 388.550, 388.560 and 388.570, based on the average daily
13 enrollment of those pupils during the quarter.

14 (7) The count of pupils who are enrolled in classes for at
15 least one semester pursuant to subsection 1 of NRS 388A.471,
16 subsection 1 of NRS 388A.474, subsection 1 of NRS 392.074, or
17 subsection 1 of NRS 388B.280 or any regulations adopted pursuant
18 to NRS 388B.060 that authorize a child who is enrolled at a public
19 school of a school district or a private school or a homeschooled
20 child to participate in a class at an achievement charter school,
21 based on the average daily enrollment of pupils during the quarter
22 and expressed as a percentage of the total time services are provided
23 to those pupils per school day in proportion to the total time services
24 are provided during a school day to pupils who are counted pursuant
25 to subparagraph (1).

26 (b) Adding the amounts computed in paragraph (a).

27 3. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 4, if the
28 enrollment of pupils in a school district or a charter school that is
29 located within the school district based on the average daily
30 enrollment of pupils during the quarter of the school year is less
31 than or equal to 95 percent of the enrollment of pupils in the same
32 school district or charter school based on the average daily
33 enrollment of pupils during the same quarter of the immediately
34 preceding school year, the enrollment of pupils during the same
35 quarter of the immediately preceding school year must be used for
36 purposes of making the quarterly apportionments from the State
37 Distributive School Account to that school district or charter school
38 pursuant to NRS 387.124.

39 4. If the Department determines that a school district or charter
40 school deliberately causes a decline in the enrollment of pupils in
41 the school district or charter school to receive a higher
42 apportionment pursuant to subsection 3, including, without
43 limitation, by eliminating grades or moving into smaller facilities,
44 the enrollment number from the current school year must be used
45 for purposes of apportioning money from the State Distributive



1 School Account to that school district or charter school pursuant to
2 NRS 387.124.

3 5. The Department shall prescribe a process for reconciling the
4 quarterly reports submitted pursuant to subsection 1 to account for
5 pupils who leave the school district or a public school during the
6 school year.

7 6. Pupils who are excused from attendance at examinations or
8 have completed their work in accordance with the rules of the board
9 of trustees must be credited with attendance during that period.

10 7. Pupils who are incarcerated in a facility or institution
11 operated by the Department of Corrections must not be counted for
12 the purpose of computing basic support pursuant to this section. The
13 average daily attendance for such pupils must be reported to the
14 Department of Education.

15 8. Pupils who are enrolled in courses which are approved by
16 the Department as meeting the requirements for an adult to earn a
17 high school diploma must not be counted for the purpose of
18 computing basic support pursuant to this section.

19 **Sec. 2.** NRS 388.723 is hereby amended to read as follows:

20 388.723 The Department shall:

21 1. Develop policies and procedures for:

22 (a) Monitoring the plan of each school district to reduce the
23 pupil-teacher ratio per class developed pursuant to NRS 388.720,
24 which must include, without limitation, provisions for:

25 (1) The review of each plan submitted to the State Board to
26 ensure the adequacy of such plans; and

27 (2) The review of any data submitted to the State Board
28 pursuant to NRS 388.710.

29 (b) Monitoring the quarterly reports concerning the average
30 daily ~~attendance~~ *enrollment* of pupils and the pupil-teacher ratios
31 in each school district submitted by the board of trustees of the
32 school district pursuant to NRS 388.725 to ensure the completeness
33 and accuracy of such reports.

34 (c) The review of any requests for a variance submitted to the
35 State Board pursuant to NRS 388.700, which must include, without
36 limitation, provisions to verify the information in such requests to
37 ensure the accuracy of the reports on variances submitted by the
38 State Board to the Legislature pursuant to that section.

39 (d) The distribution of money to each school district for the
40 reduction of pupil-teacher ratios, which must include, without
41 limitation, provisions for:

42 (1) The retention of all documents and records related to the
43 distribution; and

44 (2) The review of the work performed to determine the
45 distribution of such money to ensure the accuracy of supporting



1 information and the calculations used in making such
2 determinations.

3 2. Provide guidance to the school districts on:

4 (a) The development of a plan to reduce the pupil-teacher ratio
5 per class pursuant to NRS 388.720. In developing such guidance,
6 the Department shall:

7 (1) Outline the criteria that each plan must include to meet
8 the requirements of NRS 388.720.

9 (2) Provide examples of policies, plans or strategies adopted
10 by other states to reduce class sizes.

11 (b) The requirements for reporting information related to the
12 reduction of pupil-teacher ratios.

13 (c) The data that must be monitored pursuant to NRS 388.710
14 by each school district and used to measure the effectiveness of the
15 implementation of any plan to reduce pupil-teacher ratios.

16 3. Communicate with the board of trustees of each school
17 district regarding the expectations of the Department for the use of
18 any money distributed to reduce pupil-teacher ratios in the school
19 district, including, without limitation, the minimum number of
20 teachers the school district is expected to employ.

21 **Sec. 3.** NRS 388.725 is hereby amended to read as follows:

22 388.725 1. On or before August 1, November 1, February 1
23 and May 1 of each year, the board of trustees of each school district
24 shall report to the Department for the preceding quarter:

25 (a) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (b), the average
26 daily ~~attendance~~ enrollment of pupils and the ratio of pupils per
27 licensed teacher for grades 1, 2 and 3 for each elementary school in
28 the school district.

29 (b) If the State Board has approved an alternative class-size
30 reduction plan for the school district pursuant to NRS 388.720, the
31 average daily ~~attendance~~ enrollment of pupils and the ratio of
32 pupils per licensed teacher for those grades which are required to
33 comply with the alternative class-size reduction plan for each
34 elementary school in the school district.

35 2. The board of trustees of each school district shall post on the
36 Internet website maintained by the school district:

37 (a) The information concerning average daily ~~attendance~~
38 enrollment and class size for each elementary school in the school
39 district, as reported to the Department pursuant to subsection 1; and

40 (b) An identification of each elementary school in the school
41 district, if any, for which a variance from the prescribed pupil-
42 teacher ratios was granted by the State Board pursuant to subsection
43 4 of NRS 388.700.



1 **Sec. 4.** NRS 388G.680 is hereby amended to read as follows:

2 388G.680 1. On or before January 15 of each year, the
3 superintendent shall inform each local school precinct of the
4 estimated amount of money that will be allocated to the local school
5 precinct for the next school year. The allocation must be based upon
6 the number of pupils in each category who ~~attend~~ *are enrolled in*
7 the local school precinct after applying the appropriate weight to
8 each category of pupil as determined pursuant to NRS 388G.670.

9 2. Except as otherwise provided in subsections 3 and 4, the
10 number and category of pupils must be determined based upon
11 the report of the pupils ~~attending~~ *enrolled in* each local
12 school precinct for the previous calendar quarter pursuant to
13 NRS 387.1223.

14 3. If an additional local school precinct is added in the large
15 school district, for the purpose of determining the first allocation for
16 the new local school precinct, the large school district must estimate
17 the number of pupils in each category who will ~~attend~~ *be enrolled*
18 *in* the new local school precinct and the effect on any existing local
19 school precinct. If the opening of a new local school precinct is
20 anticipated to reduce the number of pupils who will ~~attend~~ *be*
21 *enrolled in* another local school precinct, for purposes of
22 determining the allocation, the number of pupils must be adjusted
23 accordingly.

24 4. The estimated amount of money allocated to each local
25 school precinct for the next school year must be adjusted on or
26 before November 1 of each year to reflect the actual number of
27 pupils in each category who ~~attend~~ *are enrolled in* the local school
28 precinct.

29 **Sec. 5.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2019.



