NEVADA STUDENT ALLIANCE (NSA)

Agenda
April 13, 2015
4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

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ROLL CALL: Mrs. Stephanie Prevost, Truckee Meadows Community College, SGA (NSA Chair)
Ms. Sharon Young, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, GPSA (NSA Vice Chair)
Mr. Elias Benjelloun, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, CSUN
Ms. RJ Boyajian, University of Nevada, Reno, GSA
Mr. David Cortez-Lopez, Nevada State College, NSSA
Mr. Timothy Hoover, Western Nevada College, ASWN
Ms. Megan Johnson, Desert Research Institute, GRAD
Mr. William McCurdy, College of Southern Nevada, ASCSN
Mr. Jake Pereira, University of Nevada, Reno, ASUN
Ms. DeMarynee Saili, Great Basin College, SGA

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE AGENDA AND PUBLIC MEETING

NOTE: Below is an agenda of all items scheduled to be considered. Notification is hereby provided that items on the agenda may be taken out of the order presented, two or more agenda items may be combined for consideration, and an agenda item may be removed from the agenda or discussion relating to an item on the agenda may be delayed at any time.

In accordance with NRS 241.020(6), supporting materials that are submitted to the Nevada System of Higher Education (NSHE) Office of Academic and Student Affairs will be made available in advance of the meeting as follows: 1) from the NSHE Office of Academic and Student Affairs by calling Sally Jackson at (775) 784-3443 or emailing her at Sally_Jackson@nshe.nevada.edu; or, 2) by accessing the electronic version of the agenda posted on the NSA page of the NSHE website:

http://www.nevada.edu/studentgov/

In additional, a limited number of copies of any such supporting materials will be available at the main meeting site.

Reasonable efforts will be made to assist and accommodate physically disabled persons attending the meeting. Please call the Academic & Student Affairs Office in advance at (775) 784-3443 or (775)784-3447 so that arrangements may be made.
1. **ROLL CALL**

   NSA Chair Stephanie Prevost will take roll call of members and ask guests to introduce themselves so their names may be recorded in the minutes.

2. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

   Public comment will be taken during this agenda item. No action may be taken on a matter raised under this item until the matter is included on an agenda as an item on which action may be taken. Comments will be limited to three minutes per person. Persons making comment will be asked to begin by stating their name for the record and to spell their last name. The NSA Chair may elect to allow additional public comment on a specific agenda item when that agenda item is being considered.

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3. **DISCUSSION WITH CHANCELLOR KLAICH**

   NSHE Chancellor Daniel J. Klaich will discuss with NSA members their aspirations and concerns for each institution and the higher education system.

4. **NSHE LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

   NSA Chair Prevost and Lobbyist Umram Osambela will provide members with an update of legislative developments since the March NSA meeting. In addition, Chair Prevost and Mr. Osambela will lead a discussion of pending bills that impact NSHE and its students. Members will deliberate and may vote upon taking a stance of either “For,” “Against,” or “Neutral.” Members may also vote to approve proposed resolutions in support of SB 227 and SB399. The bills to be discussed are:

   1. **AB2** – Authorizes possession of a weapon in a vehicle that is on the property of certain educational entities or child care facilities in certain circumstances (BDR 15-75)
   2. **AB111** – Revises provisions relating to the Governor Guinn Millennium Scholarship (BDR 34-28)
   3. **AB150** – Revises provisions governing the Governor Guinn Millennium Scholarship (BDR 34-200)
   4. **SB215** - Makes various changes relating to student loans. (BDR 18-933)
   5. **SB227** - Creates the Silver State Opportunity Grant Program. (BDR 34-216) – *proposed resolution distributed with agenda materials*
   6. **SB350** - Makes various changes relating to concealed firearms. (BDR 20-1031)
   7. **SB399** - Creates the Nevada Boost Grant Program. (BDR 34-890) – *proposed resolution distributed with agenda materials*
   8. **SB493** - Establishes a program for awarding STEM workforce challenge grants. (BDR 34-594)
5. **AB 148 RESOLUTION**  
   At the March 5, 2015 NSA meeting a motion was passed to oppose Assembly Bill 148, currently under consideration by the Nevada Legislature. NSA Lobbyist Umram Osambela will present for approval by the Alliance a formal resolution that details said opposition.

6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**  
   Request is made for the approval of the minutes for NSA meetings held on March 5 and 6, 2015.

7. **CSN EXCESS CREDIT FEE WORKSHOP**  
   ASCSN President William McCurdy and ASCSN Secretary Nierada Nititadakul will provide an update to NSA members on an Excess Credit Fee Workshop held with CSN administrators on February 24, 2015.

8. **STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT TRANSITIONS**  
   NSA members will share with the group the timing for student body president elections and the date those newly elected take office on each of the NSHE campuses.

9. **NEW BUSINESS**  
   Items for consideration at future meetings may be suggested. Any discussion of an item under “New Business” is limited to description and clarification of the subject matter of the item, which may include the reasons for the request.

10. **PUBLIC COMMENT**  
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ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 2—ASSEMBLYMAN HAMBRICK

PREFILED DECEMBER 19, 2014

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

SUMMARY—Authorizes possession of a weapon in a vehicle that is on the property of certain educational entities or child care facilities in certain circumstances.

(BDR 15-75)

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

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

AN ACT relating to crimes; authorizing possession of a weapon in a vehicle that is on the property of certain educational entities or child care facilities in certain circumstances; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

Existing law generally makes it a gross misdemeanor to carry or possess certain weapons while on the property of the Nevada System of Higher Education, a private or public school or a child care facility, or while in a vehicle of a private or public school or a child care facility except in certain circumstances. (NRS 202.265) This bill adds an exception so that a person is not prohibited from possessing such weapons on the property of the Nevada System of Higher Education, a private or public school or a child care facility if the weapon remains out of public view and if the weapon is: (1) inside a motor vehicle that is occupied or, if the motor vehicle is unoccupied, the motor vehicle is locked; or (2) stored in a locked container that is affixed securely to the motor vehicle.

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

Section 1. NRS 202.265 is hereby amended to read as follows:

1. Except as otherwise provided in this section, a person shall not carry or possess while on the property of the Nevada System of Higher Education, a private or public school or a child care facility, or while in a vehicle of a private or public school or a child care facility:
(a) An explosive or incendiary device;
(b) A dirk, dagger or switchblade knife;
(c) A nunchaku or trefoil;
(d) A blackjack or billy club or metal knuckles;
(e) A pistol, revolver or other firearm; or
(f) Any device used to mark any part of a person with paint or any other substance.

2. Any person who violates subsection 1 is guilty of a gross misdemeanor.

3. This section does not prohibit the possession of a weapon listed in subsection 1 on the property of:
   (a) A private or public school or child care facility by a:
      (1) Peace officer;
      (2) School security guard; or
      (3) Person having written permission from the president of a branch or facility of the Nevada System of Higher Education or the principal of the school or the person designated by a child care facility to give permission to carry or possess the weapon.
   (b) A child care facility which is located at or in the home of a natural person by the person who owns or operates the facility so long as the person resides in the home and the person complies with any laws governing the possession of such a weapon.
   (c) The Nevada System of Higher Education, a private or public school or a child care facility if the weapon remains out of common observation and is:
      (1) Inside a motor vehicle, other than a school bus, that is:
         (I) Occupied; or
         (II) Unoccupied and locked; or
      (2) Stored in a locked container that is affixed securely to a motor vehicle, other than a school bus.

4. The provisions of this section apply to a child care facility located at or in the home of a natural person only during the normal hours of business of the facility.

5. For the purposes of this section:
   (a) “Child care facility” means any child care facility that is licensed pursuant to chapter 432A of NRS or licensed by a city or county.
   (b) “Firearm” includes any device from which a metallic projectile, including any ball bearing or pellet, may be expelled by means of spring, gas, air or other force.
   (c) “Nunchaku” has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 202.350.
   (d) “School bus” has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 484A.230.
   (e) “Switchblade knife” has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 202.350.
(f) “Trefoil” has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 202.350.

(f) “Vehicle” has the meaning ascribed to “school bus” in NRS 484A.230.
AN ACT relating to education; increasing the number of credit hours required for certain students to be eligible for the Governor Guinn Millennium Scholarship; revising the amount of money which a student who is eligible for the Governor Guinn Millennium Scholarship may receive per semester; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

Existing law establishes the Governor Guinn Millennium Scholarship Program to provide money to certain students for secondary education and the criteria for eligibility for such a scholarship. Such criteria includes a requirement that a student be enrolled in a certain number of credit hours in a community college or other eligible institution. (NRS 386.926, 396.930) Sections 1 and 2 of this bill increase, over a period of 2 years beginning on July 1, 2015, the number of credit hours in which a community college student must be enrolled to be eligible for a Millennium Scholarship. The number of credit hours is increased from 6 credit hours to 9 credit hours beginning July 1, 2015, and is increased to 12 credit hours beginning on July 1, 2016, and continuing thereafter. Existing law further limits the total amount of money that a student may receive from a Millennium Scholarship to not more than the cost of 12 semester credits per semester and a total amount of not more than $10,000. (NRS 396.934) Sections 3, 4 and 5 of this bill increase the amount of money that a student may receive from a Millennium Scholarship for a semester to not more than the cost of 13 semester credits per semester beginning July 1, 2015, 14 semester credits per semester beginning July 1, 2016, and 15 semester credits per semester beginning July 1, 2017, and continuing thereafter, but the total cumulative maximum amount of money that such a student may receive remains unchanged at $10,000.
THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. NRS 396.930 is hereby amended to read as follows:

396.930 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsections 2 and 3, a student may apply to the Board of Regents for a Millennium Scholarship if the student:
   (a) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (e) of subsection 2, has been a resident of this State for at least 2 years before the student applies for the Millennium Scholarship;
   (b) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (c), graduated from a public or private high school in this State:
      (1) After May 1, 2000, but not later than May 1, 2003; or
      (2) After May 1, 2003, and, except as otherwise provided in paragraphs (c), (d) and (f) of subsection 2, not more than 6 years before the student applies for the Millennium Scholarship;
   (c) Does not satisfy the requirements of paragraph (b) and:
      (1) Was enrolled as a pupil in a public or private high school in this State with a class of pupils who were regularly scheduled to graduate after May 1, 2000;
      (2) Received his or her high school diploma within 4 years after he or she was regularly scheduled to graduate; and
      (3) Applies for the Millennium Scholarship not more than 6 years after he or she was regularly scheduled to graduate from high school;
   (d) Maintained in high school in the courses designated by the Board of Regents pursuant to paragraph (b) of subsection 2, at least:
      (1) A 3.00 grade point average on a 4.0 grading scale, if the student was a member of the graduating class of 2003 or 2004;
      (2) A 3.10 grade point average on a 4.0 grading scale, if the student was a member of the graduating class of 2005 or 2006; or
      (3) A 3.25 grade point average on a 4.0 grading scale, if the student was a member of the graduating class of 2007 or a later graduating class; and
   (e) Is enrolled in at least:
      (1) [Six, Nine] semester credit hours in a community college within the System;
      (2) Twelve semester credit hours in another eligible institution; or
      (3) A total of 12 or more semester credit hours in eligible institutions if the student is enrolled in more than one eligible institution.

2. The Board of Regents:
   (a) Shall define the core curriculum that a student must complete in high school to be eligible for a Millennium Scholarship.
(b) Shall designate the courses in which a student must earn the minimum grade point averages set forth in paragraph (d) of subsection 1.

(c) May establish criteria with respect to students who have been on active duty serving in the Armed Forces of the United States to exempt such students from the 6-year limitation on applications that is set forth in subparagraph (2) of paragraph (b) of subsection 1.

(d) Shall establish criteria with respect to students who have a documented physical or mental disability or who were previously subject to an individualized education program under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, 20 U.S.C. §§ 1400 et seq., or a plan under Title V of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, 29 U.S.C. §§ 791 et seq. The criteria must provide an exemption for those students from:

1. The 6-year limitation on applications that is set forth in subparagraph (2) of paragraph (b) of subsection 1 and subparagraph (3) of paragraph (c) of subsection 1 and any limitation applicable to students who are eligible pursuant to subparagraph (1) of paragraph (b) of subsection 1.

2. The minimum number of credits prescribed in paragraph (e) of subsection 1.

(e) Shall establish criteria with respect to students who have a parent or legal guardian on active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States to exempt such students from the residency requirement set forth in paragraph (a) of subsection 1 or subsection 3.

(f) Shall establish criteria with respect to students who have been actively serving or participating in a charitable, religious or public service assignment or mission to exempt such students from the 6-year limitation on applications that is set forth in subparagraph (2) of paragraph (b) of subsection 1. Such criteria must provide for the award of Millennium Scholarships to those students who qualify for the exemption and who otherwise meet the eligibility criteria to the extent that money is available to award Millennium Scholarships to the students after all other obligations for the award of Millennium Scholarships for the current school year have been satisfied.

3. Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (c) of subsection 1, for students who did not graduate from a public or private high school in this State and who, except as otherwise provided in paragraph (e) of subsection 2, have been residents of this State for at least 2 years, the Board of Regents shall establish:

(a) The minimum score on a standardized test that such students must receive; or
(b) Other criteria that students must meet,

to be eligible for Millennium Scholarships.

4. In awarding Millennium Scholarships, the Board of Regents shall enhance its outreach to students who:

(a) Are pursuing a career in education or health care;

(b) Come from families who lack sufficient financial resources to pay for the costs of sending their children to an eligible institution; or

(c) Substantially participated in an antismoking, antidrug or antialcohol program during high school.

5. The Board of Regents shall establish a procedure by which an applicant for a Millennium Scholarship is required to execute an affidavit declaring the applicant’s eligibility for a Millennium Scholarship pursuant to the requirements of this section. The affidavit must include a declaration that the applicant is a citizen of the United States or has lawful immigration status, or that the applicant has filed an application to legalize the applicant’s immigration status or will file an application to legalize his or her immigration status as soon as he or she is eligible to do so.

Sec. 2. NRS 396.930 is hereby amended to read as follows:

396.930 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2 and 3, a student may apply to the Board of Regents for a Millennium Scholarship if the student:

(a) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (e) of subsection 2, has been a resident of this State for at least 2 years before the student applies for the Millennium Scholarship;

(b) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (c), graduated from a public or private high school in this State:

(1) After May 1, 2000, but not later than May 1, 2003; or

(2) After May 1, 2003, and, except as otherwise provided in paragraphs (c), (d) and (f) of subsection 2, not more than 6 years before the student applies for the Millennium Scholarship;

(c) Does not satisfy the requirements of paragraph (b) and:

(1) Was enrolled as a pupil in a public or private high school in this State with a class of pupils who were regularly scheduled to graduate after May 1, 2000;

(2) Received his or her high school diploma within 4 years after he or she was regularly scheduled to graduate; and

(3) Applies for the Millennium Scholarship not more than 6 years after he or she was regularly scheduled to graduate from high school;

(d) Maintained in high school in the courses designated by the Board of Regents pursuant to paragraph (b) of subsection 2, at least:

(1) A 3.00 grade point average on a 4.0 grading scale, if the student was a member of the graduating class of 2003 or 2004;
(2) A 3.10 grade point average on a 4.0 grading scale, if the
student was a member of the graduating class of 2005 or 2006; or
(3) A 3.25 grade point average on a 4.0 grading scale, if the
student was a member of the graduating class of 2007 or a later
graduating class; and
(e) Is enrolled in at least:
(1) [Nine] Twelve semester credit hours in a community
college within the System;
(2) Twelve semester credit hours in another eligible
institution; or
(3) A total of 12 or more semester credit hours in eligible
institutions if the student is enrolled in more than one eligible
institution.

2. The Board of Regents:
(a) Shall define the core curriculum that a student must complete
in high school to be eligible for a Millennium Scholarship.
(b) Shall designate the courses in which a student must earn the
minimum grade point averages set forth in paragraph (d) of
subsection 1.
(c) May establish criteria with respect to students who have been
on active duty serving in the Armed Forces of the United States to
exempt such students from the 6-year limitation on applications that
is set forth in subparagraph (2) of paragraph (b) of subsection 1.
(d) Shall establish criteria with respect to students who have a
documented physical or mental disability or who were previously
subject to an individualized education program under the
Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, 20 U.S.C. §§ 1400 et
seq., or a plan under Title V of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, 29
U.S.C. §§ 791 et seq. The criteria must provide an exemption for
those students from:
(1) The 6-year limitation on applications that is set forth in
subparagraph (2) of paragraph (b) of subsection 1 and subparagraph
(3) of paragraph (c) of subsection 1 and any limitation applicable to
students who are eligible pursuant to subparagraph (1) of paragraph
(b) of subsection 1.
(2) The minimum number of credits prescribed in paragraph
(e) of subsection 1.
(e) Shall establish criteria with respect to students who have a
parent or legal guardian on active duty in the Armed Forces
of the United States to exempt such students from the residency
requirement set forth in paragraph (a) of subsection 1 or
subsection 3.
(f) Shall establish criteria with respect to students who have
been actively serving or participating in a charitable, religious or
public service assignment or mission to exempt such students from
the 6-year limitation on applications that is set forth in subparagraph
(2) of paragraph (b) of subsection 1. Such criteria must provide for
the award of Millennium Scholarships to those students who qualify
for the exemption and who otherwise meet the eligibility criteria to
the extent that money is available to award Millennium Scholarships
to the students after all other obligations for the award of
Millennium Scholarships for the current school year have been
satisfied.

3. Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (c) of subsection
1, for students who did not graduate from a public or private high
school in this State and who, except as otherwise provided in
paragraph (e) of subsection 2, have been residents of this State for at
least 2 years, the Board of Regents shall establish:
(a) The minimum score on a standardized test that such students
must receive; or
(b) Other criteria that students must meet,

to be eligible for Millennium Scholarships.

4. In awarding Millennium Scholarships, the Board of Regents
shall enhance its outreach to students who:
(a) Are pursuing a career in education or health care;
(b) Come from families who lack sufficient financial resources
to pay for the costs of sending their children to an eligible
institution; or
(c) Substantially participated in an antismoking, antidrug or
antialcohol program during high school.

5. The Board of Regents shall establish a procedure by which
an applicant for a Millennium Scholarship is required to execute an
affidavit declaring the applicant’s eligibility for a Millennium
Scholarship pursuant to the requirements of this section. The
affidavit must include a declaration that the applicant is a citizen of
the United States or has lawful immigration status, or that the
applicant has filed an application to legalize the applicant’s
immigration status or will file an application to legalize his or her
immigration status as soon as he or she is eligible to do so.

Sec. 3. NRS 396.934 is hereby amended to read as follows:
396.934 1. Except as otherwise provided in this section,
within the limits of money available in the Trust Fund, a student
who is eligible for a Millennium Scholarship is entitled to receive:
(a) If he or she is enrolled in a community college within the
System, including, without limitation, a summer academic term, $40
per credit for each lower division course and $60 per credit for each
upper division course in which the student is enrolled, or the amount
of money that is necessary for the student to pay the costs of
attending the community college that are not otherwise satisfied by
other grants or scholarships, whichever is less. The Board of
Regents shall provide for the designation of upper and lower
division courses for the purposes of this paragraph.
(b) If he or she is enrolled in a state college within the System,
including, without limitation, a summer academic term, $60 per
credit for which the student is enrolled, or the amount of money that
is necessary for the student to pay the costs of attending the state
college that are not otherwise satisfied by other grants or
scholarships, whichever is less.
(c) If he or she is enrolled in another eligible institution,
including, without limitation, a summer academic term, $80 per
credit for which the student is enrolled, or the amount of money that
is necessary for the student to pay the costs of attending the
university that are not otherwise satisfied by other grants or
scholarships, whichever is less.
(d) If he or she is enrolled in more than one eligible institution,
including, without limitation, a summer academic term, the amount
authorized pursuant to paragraph (a), (b) or (c), or a combination
thereof, in accordance with procedures and guidelines established by
the Board of Regents.

In no event may a student who is eligible for a Millennium
Scholarship receive more than the cost of 12 semester credits
per semester pursuant to this subsection.

2. No student may be awarded a Millennium Scholarship:
   (a) To pay for remedial courses.
   (b) For a total amount in excess of $10,000.

3. A student who receives a Millennium Scholarship shall:
   (a) Make satisfactory academic progress toward a recognized
degree or certificate, as determined by the Board of Regents
   pursuant to subsection 8; and
   (b) If the student graduated from high school after May 1, 2003,
maintain:
      (1) At least a 2.60 grade point average on a 4.0 grading scale
      for each semester during the first year of enrollment in the Governor
      Guinn Millennium Scholarship Program.
      (2) At least a 2.75 grade point average on a 4.0 grading scale
      for each semester during the second year of enrollment in the
      Governor Guinn Millennium Scholarship Program and for each
      semester during each year of enrollment thereafter.

4. A student who receives a Millennium Scholarship is
   encouraged to volunteer at least 20 hours of community service for
   this State, a political subdivision of this State or a charitable
   organization that provides service to a community or the residents of
   a community in this State during each year in which the student
   receives a Millennium Scholarship.
5. If a student does not satisfy the requirements of subsection 3 during one semester of enrollment, excluding a summer academic term, he or she is not eligible for the Millennium Scholarship for the succeeding semester of enrollment. If such a student:

(a) Subsequently satisfies the requirements of subsection 3 in a semester in which he or she is not eligible for the Millennium Scholarship, the student is eligible for the Millennium Scholarship for the student’s next semester of enrollment.

(b) Fails a second time to satisfy the requirements of subsection 3 during any subsequent semester, excluding a summer academic term, the student is no longer eligible for a Millennium Scholarship.

6. A Millennium Scholarship must be used only:

(a) For the payment of registration fees and laboratory fees and expenses;

(b) To purchase required textbooks and course materials; and

(c) For other costs related to the attendance of the student at the eligible institution.

7. The Board of Regents shall certify a list of eligible students to the State Treasurer. The State Treasurer shall disburse a Millennium Scholarship for each semester on behalf of an eligible student directly to the eligible institution in which the student is enrolled, upon certification from the eligible institution of the number of credits for which the student is enrolled, which must meet or exceed the minimum number of credits required for eligibility and certification that the student is in good standing and making satisfactory academic progress toward a recognized degree or certificate, as determined by the Board of Regents pursuant to subsection 8. The Millennium Scholarship must be administered by the eligible institution as other similar scholarships are administered and may be used only for the expenditures authorized pursuant to subsection 6. If a student is enrolled in more than one eligible institution, the Millennium Scholarship must be administered by the eligible institution at which the student is enrolled in a program of study leading to a recognized degree or certificate.

8. The Board of Regents shall establish:

(a) Criteria for determining whether a student is making satisfactory academic progress toward a recognized degree or certificate for purposes of subsection 7.

(b) Procedures to ensure that all money from a Millennium Scholarship awarded to a student that is refunded in whole or in part for any reason is refunded to the Trust Fund and not the student.

(c) Procedures and guidelines for the administration of a Millennium Scholarship for students who are enrolled in more than one eligible institution.
Sec. 4.  NRS 396.934 is hereby amended to read as follows:

396.934 1. Except as otherwise provided in this section, within the limits of money available in the Trust Fund, a student who is eligible for a Millennium Scholarship is entitled to receive:

(a) If he or she is enrolled in a community college within the System, including, without limitation, a summer academic term, $40 per credit for each lower division course and $60 per credit for each upper division course in which the student is enrolled, or the amount of money that is necessary for the student to pay the costs of attending the community college that are not otherwise satisfied by other grants or scholarships, whichever is less. The Board of Regents shall provide for the designation of upper and lower division courses for the purposes of this paragraph.

(b) If he or she is enrolled in a state college within the System, including, without limitation, a summer academic term, $60 per credit for which the student is enrolled, or the amount of money that is necessary for the student to pay the costs of attending the state college that are not otherwise satisfied by other grants or scholarships, whichever is less.

(c) If he or she is enrolled in another eligible institution, including, without limitation, a summer academic term, $80 per credit for which the student is enrolled, or the amount of money that is necessary for the student to pay the costs of attending the university that are not otherwise satisfied by other grants or scholarships, whichever is less.

(d) If he or she is enrolled in more than one eligible institution, including, without limitation, a summer academic term, the amount authorized pursuant to paragraph (a), (b) or (c), or a combination thereof, in accordance with procedures and guidelines established by the Board of Regents.

In no event may a student who is eligible for a Millennium Scholarship receive more than the cost of [13] 14 semester credits per semester pursuant to this subsection.

2. No student may be awarded a Millennium Scholarship:

(a) To pay for remedial courses.

(b) For a total amount in excess of $10,000.

3. A student who receives a Millennium Scholarship shall:

(a) Make satisfactory academic progress toward a recognized degree or certificate, as determined by the Board of Regents pursuant to subsection 8; and

(b) If the student graduated from high school after May 1, 2003, maintain:

(1) At least a 2.60 grade point average on a 4.0 grading scale for each semester during the first year of enrollment in the Governor Guinn Millennium Scholarship Program.
(2) At least a 2.75 grade point average on a 4.0 grading scale for each semester during the second year of enrollment in the Governor Guinn Millennium Scholarship Program and for each semester during each year of enrollment thereafter.

4. A student who receives a Millennium Scholarship is encouraged to volunteer at least 20 hours of community service for this State, a political subdivision of this State or a charitable organization that provides service to a community or the residents of a community in this State during each year in which the student receives a Millennium Scholarship.

5. If a student does not satisfy the requirements of subsection 3 during one semester of enrollment, excluding a summer academic term, he or she is not eligible for the Millennium Scholarship for the succeeding semester of enrollment. If such a student:

(a) Subsequently satisfies the requirements of subsection 3 in a semester in which he or she is not eligible for the Millennium Scholarship, the student is eligible for the Millennium Scholarship for the student’s next semester of enrollment.

(b) Fails a second time to satisfy the requirements of subsection 3 during any subsequent semester, excluding a summer academic term, the student is no longer eligible for a Millennium Scholarship.

6. A Millennium Scholarship must be used only:

(a) For the payment of registration fees and laboratory fees and expenses;

(b) To purchase required textbooks and course materials; and

(c) For other costs related to the attendance of the student at the eligible institution.

7. The Board of Regents shall certify a list of eligible students to the State Treasurer. The State Treasurer shall disburse a Millennium Scholarship for each semester on behalf of an eligible student directly to the eligible institution in which the student is enrolled, upon certification from the eligible institution of the number of credits for which the student is enrolled, which must meet or exceed the minimum number of credits required for eligibility and certification that the student is in good standing and making satisfactory academic progress toward a recognized degree or certificate, as determined by the Board of Regents pursuant to subsection 8. The Millennium Scholarship must be administered by the eligible institution as other similar scholarships are administered and may be used only for the expenditures authorized pursuant to subsection 6. If a student is enrolled in more than one eligible institution, the Millennium Scholarship must be administered by the eligible institution at which the student is enrolled in a program of study leading to a recognized degree or certificate.

8. The Board of Regents shall establish:
(a) Criteria for determining whether a student is making satisfactory academic progress toward a recognized degree or certificate for purposes of subsection 7.

(b) Procedures to ensure that all money from a Millennium Scholarship awarded to a student that is refunded in whole or in part for any reason is refunded to the Trust Fund and not the student.

(c) Procedures and guidelines for the administration of a Millennium Scholarship for students who are enrolled in more than one eligible institution.

Sec. 5. NRS 396.934 is hereby amended to read as follows:

396.934 1. Except as otherwise provided in this section, within the limits of money available in the Trust Fund, a student who is eligible for a Millennium Scholarship is entitled to receive:

(a) If he or she is enrolled in a community college within the System, including, without limitation, a summer academic term, $40 per credit for each lower division course and $60 per credit for each upper division course in which the student is enrolled, or the amount of money that is necessary for the student to pay the costs of attending the community college that are not otherwise satisfied by other grants or scholarships, whichever is less. The Board of Regents shall provide for the designation of upper and lower division courses for the purposes of this paragraph.

(b) If he or she is enrolled in a state college within the System, including, without limitation, a summer academic term, $60 per credit for which the student is enrolled, or the amount of money that is necessary for the student to pay the costs of attending the state college that are not otherwise satisfied by other grants or scholarships, whichever is less.

(c) If he or she is enrolled in another eligible institution, including, without limitation, a summer academic term, $80 per credit for which the student is enrolled, or the amount of money that is necessary for the student to pay the costs of attending the university that are not otherwise satisfied by other grants or scholarships, whichever is less.

(d) If he or she is enrolled in more than one eligible institution, including, without limitation, a summer academic term, the amount authorized pursuant to paragraph (a), (b) or (c), or a combination thereof, in accordance with procedures and guidelines established by the Board of Regents.

In no event may a student who is eligible for a Millennium Scholarship receive more than the cost of 15 semester credits per semester pursuant to this subsection.

2. No student may be awarded a Millennium Scholarship:

(a) To pay for remedial courses.

(b) For a total amount in excess of $10,000.
3. A student who receives a Millennium Scholarship shall:
   (a) Make satisfactory academic progress toward a recognized
degree or certificate, as determined by the Board of Regents
pursuant to subsection 8; and
   (b) If the student graduated from high school after May 1, 2003,
maintain:
       (1) At least a 2.60 grade point average on a 4.0 grading scale
       for each semester during the first year of enrollment in the Governor
Guinn Millennium Scholarship Program.
       (2) At least a 2.75 grade point average on a 4.0 grading scale
       for each semester during the second year of enrollment in the
Governor Guinn Millennium Scholarship Program and for each
semester during each year of enrollment thereafter.
4. A student who receives a Millennium Scholarship is
encouraged to volunteer at least 20 hours of community service for
this State, a political subdivision of this State or a charitable
organization that provides service to a community or the residents of
a community in this State during each year in which the student
receives a Millennium Scholarship.
5. If a student does not satisfy the requirements of subsection 3
during one semester of enrollment, excluding a summer academic
term, he or she is not eligible for the Millennium Scholarship for the
succeeding semester of enrollment. If such a student:
   (a) Subsequently satisfies the requirements of subsection 3 in a
semester in which he or she is not eligible for the Millennium
Scholarship, the student is eligible for the Millennium Scholarship
for the student’s next semester of enrollment.
   (b) Fails a second time to satisfy the requirements of subsection
3 during any subsequent semester, excluding a summer academic
term, the student is no longer eligible for a Millennium Scholarship.
6. A Millennium Scholarship must be used only:
   (a) For the payment of registration fees and laboratory fees and
expenses;
   (b) To purchase required textbooks and course materials; and
   (c) For other costs related to the attendance of the student at the
eligible institution.
7. The Board of Regents shall certify a list of eligible students
to the State Treasurer. The State Treasurer shall disburse a
Millennium Scholarship for each semester on behalf of an eligible
student directly to the eligible institution in which the student is
enrolled, upon certification from the eligible institution of the
number of credits for which the student is enrolled, which must
meet or exceed the minimum number of credits required for
eligibility and certification that the student is in good standing and
making satisfactory academic progress toward a recognized degree
or certificate, as determined by the Board of Regents pursuant to subsection 8. The Millennium Scholarship must be administered by the eligible institution as other similar scholarships are administered and may be used only for the expenditures authorized pursuant to subsection 6. If a student is enrolled in more than one eligible institution, the Millennium Scholarship must be administered by the eligible institution at which the student is enrolled in a program of study leading to a recognized degree or certificate.

8. The Board of Regents shall establish:

(a) Criteria for determining whether a student is making satisfactory academic progress toward a recognized degree or certificate for purposes of subsection 7.

(b) Procedures to ensure that all money from a Millennium Scholarship awarded to a student that is refunded in whole or in part for any reason is refunded to the Trust Fund and not the student.

(c) Procedures and guidelines for the administration of a Millennium Scholarship for students who are enrolled in more than one eligible institution.

Sec. 6. 1. This section and sections 1 and 3 of this act become effective on July 1, 2015.

2. Sections 2 and 4 of this act become effective on July 1, 2016.

3. Section 5 of this act becomes effective on July 1, 2017.
ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 150—ASSEMBLYMEN STEWART, CARRILLO; FLORES AND NELSON

FEBRUARY 13, 2015

Referred to Committee on Education

SUMMARY—Revises provisions governing the Governor Guinn Millennium Scholarship Program. (BDR 34-200)

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

AN ACT relating to education; revising the eligibility criteria for a student to receive a Governor Guinn Millennium Scholarship; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:
Existing law requires a student to maintain a certain grade point average based on his or her year of graduation to be eligible for a Governor Guinn Millennium Scholarship. (NRS 396.930) This bill extends eligibility for such a scholarship to students who do not meet the minimum grade point average requirement, but who receive a certain score on a college entrance examination offered in this State. This bill requires the Board of Regents of the University of Nevada to establish such score requirements.

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

Section 1. NRS 396.930 is hereby amended to read as follows:
396.930 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsections 2 and 3, a student may apply to the Board of Regents for a Millennium Scholarship if the student:
(a) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (e) of subsection 2, has been a resident of this State for at least 2 years before the student applies for the Millennium Scholarship;
(b) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (e), graduated from a public or private high school in this State:
AN ACT relating to student loans; requiring the Director of the Department of Business and Industry to develop and carry into effect a program to provide loans to residents of this State to refinance certain student loans; authorizing the issuance of revenue bonds to pay the cost of the program; requiring the Director to compile and disseminate certain information about private lending institutions that make student loans to residents of this State; requiring the Director to prepare informational material relating to student loans, and providing for the distribution of that material by postsecondary educational institutions; requiring the Director to prepare reports relating to the amount of indebtedness incurred for student loans by students attending educational institutions in this State; requiring postsecondary educational institutions in this State to provide certain financial information to persons who apply for admission to those institutions; repealing provisions relating to an existing student loan program that is assigned to the State Board of Education for administration; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.
Section 2 of this bill requires the Director of the Department of Business and Industry to develop and carry into effect a program under which residents of this State may obtain loans to refinance certain loans for educational expenses. To pay the cost of the program, section 3 of this bill authorizes the Director to issue or request the issuance of revenue bonds in the manner provided by the State Securities Law.

Section 4 of this bill requires the Director to compile and make available to the public information about the rates of interest and repayment requirements and policies of private lending institutions that regularly make student loans to residents of this State. Section 4 also requires that those institutions be ranked according to the rate of interest charged for such loans and the degree to which their repayment requirements and policies are determined to be more favorable or less favorable to borrowers.

Section 5 of this bill requires the Director to prepare informational material relating to student loans for students and prospective students of postsecondary educational institutions. Section 5 requires that a copy of this material be provided by each institution of the Nevada System of Higher Education and each postsecondary educational institution licensed by the Commission on Postsecondary Education to each person who applies for admission to the institution.

Section 6 of this bill requires the Director annually to compile and analyze certain information relating to the average amount of indebtedness incurred for student loans by students attending postsecondary educational institutions in this State and nationally, and report the results of that analysis to the Governor and the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for transmittal to the Legislature.

Sections 9 and 15 of this bill require, respectively, that each private postsecondary educational institution operating in this State and each institution of the Nevada System of Higher Education provide to each applicant for admission to the institution information about the costs of attending the institution, student loans that are available to students attending the institution and the amount of indebtedness that will be incurred if student loans are used to pay all the costs of attendance.

Section 18 of this bill repeals the provisions relating to a student loan program that is assigned to the State Board of Education for administration.

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

Section 1. Chapter 232 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto the provisions set forth as sections 2 to 6, inclusive, of this act.

Sec. 2. 1. The Director shall develop and carry into effect a program under which residents of this State may obtain loans to refinance qualified education loans. In carrying out the program, the Director may make, undertake commitments to make and participate with private lending institutions in the making of loans to refinance qualified education loans. The criteria for eligibility to participate in the program must be substantially similar to the criteria used by private lending institutions in this State to
determine whether a person qualifies for an unsecured personal loan at a market rate of interest.

2. The rate of interest on loans made pursuant to the program must be as low as practicable, but sufficient to pay the cost of the program, including, without limitation, the repayment of bonds issued pursuant to section 3 of this act, and provide an appropriate reserve, as determined by the Director.

3. No loan may be made pursuant to the program to which the provisions of 11 U.S.C. § 523(a)(8) are not applicable.

4. As used in this section, “qualified education loan” has the meaning ascribed to it in 26 U.S.C. § 221(d)(1).

Sec. 3. 1. To pay the cost of the program created pursuant to section 2 of this act, the Director may borrow money or otherwise become obligated, and may provide evidence of those obligations by issuing or requesting the State Board of Finance to issue revenue bonds in the manner provided by the State Securities Law.

2. Any bonds issued pursuant to this section and administrative expenses related to the bonds are payable solely from revenues pledged or available for their repayment. This limitation must be plainly stated on the face of the bonds.

Sec. 4. 1. The Director shall identify each private lending institution that regularly makes student loans to residents of this State. For each such lending institution, the Director shall obtain and analyze information relating to the rate of interest currently charged by the lending institution and its repayment requirements and policies as they relate to student loans available to residents of this State.

2. Based upon the analysis of the information described in subsection 1, the Director shall compile and maintain a list of the private lending institutions identified by the Director, ranking them as far as practicable according to the rate of interest charged by each lending institution and the repayment requirements and policies of each lending institution as they relate to student loans available to residents of this State. Those lending institutions charging a lower rate of interest and having repayment requirements and policies that are determined by the Director to be more favorable to borrowers must be ranked more highly than competing lending institutions. The Director shall post the list developed pursuant to this subsection on the Internet website of the Department, identifying the five lending institutions that are most highly ranked and the five lending institutions that are lowest ranked. The Director shall update the list not less frequently than every 30 days.
Sec. 5. 1. The Director shall prepare informational material for students or prospective students on the terms and conditions of student loans and the responsibilities of a borrower with respect to a student loan. The material must include information about available repayment plans for student loans, strategies for managing debt, options for the prepayment of student loans and the consequences of defaulting on a student loan.

2. Each institution of the Nevada System of Higher Education and each postsecondary educational institution licensed by the Commission on Postsecondary Education shall:
   (a) Provide a copy of the material prepared by the Director pursuant to this section to each person who applies for admission to the educational institution;
   (b) Obtain from each such person a written acknowledgment of receipt of the material;
   (c) Retain a copy of the acknowledgment in its records for not less than 10 years; and
   (d) Provide a copy of the acknowledgment, upon request, to any private lending institution described in subsection 3.

3. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, a private lending institution operating pursuant to a license or other authority granted by the Commissioner of Financial Institutions, an institution of the Nevada System of Higher Education or a postsecondary educational institution licensed by the Commission on Postsecondary Education shall not process an application for a student loan or collect any fees for such an application until it has requested and received a copy of the acknowledgment described in subsection 2. If the application is approved and a loan is made, a copy of the acknowledgment must be retained in the loan file. The provisions of this subsection do not apply to a federally funded, federally insured or federally guaranteed student loan for which counseling is required by 20 U.S.C. § 1092.

Sec. 6. 1. On or before January 15 of each year, each institution of the Nevada System of Higher Education and each postsecondary educational institution licensed by the Commission on Postsecondary Education shall prepare and submit to the Director a report setting forth the average amount of indebtedness incurred for student loans during the last preceding calendar year by students attending the educational institution.

2. The Director shall:
   (a) Compile and analyze the information reported pursuant to subsection 1 to determine the statewide average amount of indebtedness incurred for student loans during the last preceding
calendar year by students attending the institutions described in subsection 1;
(b) Compare the amount determined pursuant to paragraph (a) to the national average amount of indebtedness incurred for student loans during the last preceding calendar year by students attending postsecondary educational institutions in the United States;
(c) Compare the amount determined pursuant to paragraph (a) to the statewide average amount of indebtedness incurred for student loans during the last preceding calendar year by students attending postsecondary educational institutions in the state with the lowest ratio of statewide average amount of indebtedness incurred for student loans to the lowest quintile of per capita income during that year; and
(d) On or before March 15 of each year, prepare and submit a report of the results of the analysis required by paragraph (a) and the comparisons required by paragraphs (b) and (c) to:
(1) The Governor; and
(2) The Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for transmittal to the Legislature.

Sec. 7. NRS 232.505 is hereby amended to read as follows:
232.505 As used in NRS 232.505 to 232.845, inclusive, and sections 2 to 6, inclusive, of this act, unless the context requires otherwise:
1. “Department” means the Department of Business and Industry.
2. “Director” means the Director of the Department.
3. “Postsecondary educational institution” or “educational institution” means a postsecondary educational institution as defined in NRS 394.099. The term also includes any public school, college or university described in that section.
4. “Private lending institution” or “lending institution” means any private entity that itself or through an affiliate makes available student loans to pay for or finance the expenses of attending a postsecondary educational institution.
5. “Student loan” means a loan issued by a private lending institution or a postsecondary educational institution to pay for or finance the expenses of attending a postsecondary educational institution.

Sec. 8. NRS 232.520 is hereby amended to read as follows:
232.520 The Director:
1. Shall appoint a chief or executive director, or both of them, of each of the divisions, offices, commissions, boards, agencies or other entities of the Department, unless the authority to appoint such a chief or executive director, or both of them, is expressly vested in
another person, board or commission by a specific statute. In
making the appointments, the Director may obtain lists of qualified
persons from professional organizations, associations or other
groups recognized by the Department, if any. The chief of the
Consumer Affairs Division is the Commissioner of Consumer
Affairs, the chief of the Division of Financial Institutions is the
Commissioner of Financial Institutions, the chief of the Housing
Division is the Administrator of the Housing Division, the chief of
the Manufactured Housing Division is the Administrator of the
Manufactured Housing Division, the chief of the Real Estate
Division is the Real Estate Administrator, the chief of the Division
of Insurance is the Commissioner of Insurance, the chief of the
Division of Industrial Relations is the Administrator of the Division
of Industrial Relations, the chief of the Office of Labor
Commissioner is the Labor Commissioner, the chief of the Taxicab
Authority is the Taxicab Administrator, the chief of the Nevada
Transportation Authority is the Chair of the Authority, the chief of
the Division of Mortgage Lending is the Commissioner of Mortgage
Lending and the chief of any other entity of the Department has the
title specified by the Director, unless a different title is specified by
a specific statute.

2. Is responsible for the administration of all provisions of law
relating to the jurisdiction, duties and functions of all divisions and
other entities within the Department. The Director may, if he or she
deems it necessary to carry out his or her administrative
responsibilities, be considered as a member of the staff of any
division or other entity of the Department for the purpose of budget
administration or for carrying out any duty or exercising any power
necessary to fulfill the responsibilities of the Director pursuant to
this subsection. This subsection does not allow the Director to
preempt any authority or jurisdiction granted by statute to any
division or other entity within the Department or to act or take on a
function that would contravene a rule of court or a statute.

3. May:
   (a) Establish uniform policies for the Department, consistent
with the policies and statutory responsibilities and duties of the
divisions and other entities within the Department, relating to
matters concerning budgeting, accounting, planning, program
development, personnel, information services, dispute resolution,
travel, workplace safety, the acceptance of gifts or donations, the
management of records and any other subject for which a uniform
departmental policy is necessary to ensure the efficient operation of
the Department.
   (b) Provide coordination among the divisions and other entities
within the Department, in a manner which does not encroach upon
their statutory powers and duties, as they adopt and enforce regulations, execute agreements, purchase goods, services or equipment, prepare legislative requests and lease or use office space.

(c) Define the responsibilities of any person designated to carry out the duties of the Director relating to financing, industrial development or business support services.

4. May, within the limits of the financial resources made available to the Director, promote, participate in the operation of, and create or cause to be created, any nonprofit corporation, pursuant to chapter 82 of NRS, which he or she determines is necessary or convenient for the exercise of the powers and duties of the Department. The purposes, powers and operation of the corporation must be consistent with the purposes, powers and duties of the Department.

5. For any bonds which the Director is otherwise authorized to issue, may issue bonds the interest on which is not exempt from federal income tax or excluded from gross revenue for the purposes of federal income tax.

6. May, except as otherwise provided by specific statute, adopt by regulation a schedule of fees and deposits to be charged in connection with the programs administered by the Director pursuant to chapters 348A and 349 of NRS. Except as otherwise provided by specific statute, the amount of any such fee or deposit must not exceed 2 percent of the principal amount of the financing.

7. May designate any person within the Department to perform any of the duties or responsibilities, or exercise any of the authority, of the Director on his or her behalf.

8. May negotiate and execute agreements with public or private entities which are necessary to the exercise of the powers and duties of the Director or the Department.

9. May establish a trust account in the State Treasury for depositing and accounting for money that is held in escrow or is on deposit with the Department for the payment of any direct expenses incurred by the Director in connection with any bond programs administered by the Director. The interest and income earned on money in the trust account, less any amount deducted to pay for applicable charges, must be credited to the trust account. Any balance remaining in the account at the end of a fiscal year may be:

(a) Carried forward to the next fiscal year for use in covering the expense for which it was originally received; or

(b) Returned to any person entitled thereto in accordance with agreements or regulations of the Director relating to those bond programs.

10. May adopt regulations to carry out the provisions of sections 2 to 6, inclusive, of this act.
Sec. 9. Chapter 394 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

1. Each postsecondary educational institution shall provide to each applicant for admission to the institution and, if the applicant is a minor, to the parent or guardian of the applicant, information about:
   (a) The total annual cost of attending the institution, including, without limitation, the cost of tuition, fees, books, materials and room and board;
   (b) The approximate or, if known, the actual total amount of any financial aid that the applicant will receive from the institution;
   (c) The approximate or, if known, the actual total amount of indebtedness that the applicant will incur over a period of 4 years if all the costs described in paragraph (a) are paid with student loans, and the monthly payment that will be required to pay that indebtedness; and
   (d) Current interest rates and repayment plans for student loans that are available to students attending the institution and the rate of default on student loans among students who have left the institution during the immediately preceding 10 years.

2. Each postsecondary educational institution shall create a link on its Internet website to the list of private lending institutions posted pursuant to section 4 of this act by the Director of the Department of Business and Industry.

Sec. 10. NRS 394.411 is hereby amended to read as follows:

394.411 1. The Commission shall adopt regulations governing the administration of NRS 394.383 to 394.560, inclusive, and section 9 of this act and may adopt such other regulations as are proper or necessary for the execution of the powers and duties conferred upon it by law.

2. The Administrator shall execute, direct or supervise all administrative, technical and procedural activities for which the Administrator is responsible in accordance with the policies and regulations of the Commission and subject to the Commission’s direction and control.

Sec. 11. NRS 394.480 is hereby amended to read as follows:

394.480 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of NRS 100.065 to the contrary, each:
   (a) Postsecondary educational institution initially licensed on or after July 1, 1995, shall file with the Administrator a surety bond in the amount of $10,000 or in a greater amount determined by the Commission for the period of the initial license to operate, including any provisional period.
(b) Postsecondary educational institution or other entity which is authorized to employ one or more agents in this State shall file with the Administrator a surety bond in the amount of $10,000 or in a greater amount determined by the Commission for the period of the agent’s permit.

c) Postsecondary educational institution that poses a financial risk to the students who are enrolled in the institution, as determined by the Commission, shall file with the Administrator a surety bond in the amount of $10,000 or in a greater amount determined by the Commission for a period that the Commission determines is appropriate.

d) Postsecondary educational institution that files for a change of ownership shall file with the Administrator a surety bond in the amount of $10,000 or in a greater amount determined by the Commission for the period of the initial license to operate issued to the new owner, including any provisional period.

e) Postsecondary educational institution may be required by the Commission to file a new or supplementary bond in an amount and for a period determined appropriate by the Commission if the Commission determines that the current bond filed by the institution is insufficient to cover all claims, accrued or contingent, against the institution.

2. The bond required of a postsecondary educational institution pursuant to subsection 1 must be executed by the entity that owns the institution as principal, by a surety company as surety and by a licensed insurance agent residing in this State. The bond must be payable to the State of Nevada and must be conditioned to provide indemnification to any student, enrollee or his or her parent or guardian determined by the Commission to have suffered damage as a result of any act by the postsecondary educational institution that is a violation of NRS 394.383 to 394.560, inclusive [4], and section 9 of this act. The bonding company shall provide indemnification upon receipt of written notice of the determination by the Commission. The bond may be continuous, but regardless of the duration of the bond the aggregate liability of the surety does not exceed the penal sum of the bond.

3. A surety on any bond filed pursuant to this section may be released after the surety gives 30 days’ written notice to the Administrator, but the release does not discharge or otherwise affect any claim filed by a student, enrollee or his or her parent or guardian for damage resulting from any act of the postsecondary educational institution or agent alleged to have occurred while the bond was in effect, or for an institution’s ceasing operations during the term for which tuition had been paid while the bond was in force.
4. A license or an agent’s permit is suspended by operation of law when the institution or agent is no longer covered by a surety bond as required by this section. The Administrator shall give the institution or agent, or both, at least 20 days’ written notice before the release of the surety, to the effect that the license or permit will be suspended by operation of law until another surety bond is filed in the same manner and amount as the bond being terminated.

5. If any student is entitled to a refund from an institution pursuant to any provision of NRS 394.383 to 394.560, inclusive, and section 9 of this act, the surety shall provide indemnification.

Sec. 12. NRS 394.510 is hereby amended to read as follows:

394.510 1. The Commission may impose an administrative fine of not more than $10,000 against a licensee, revoke a license, or make a license conditional after its issuance, if the Commission reasonably believes that the holder has violated the provisions of NRS 394.383 to 394.560, inclusive, and section 9 of this act or regulations adopted pursuant to those sections, or has failed to comply with a lawful order of the Commission. The Administrator shall notify the institution of the reasons for the action by certified mail to its last known address, 20 days before the meeting of the Commission at which the action will be considered.

2. If the Commission revokes a license, the institution shall cease its operations and granting degrees and shall refund to each enrolled student the cost of the student’s current course or program.

3. The Administrator may impose an administrative fine of not more than $10,000 against an institution or agent, revoke an agent’s permit, or make a permit conditional after its issuance, if the Administrator reasonably believes that the holder has violated the provisions of NRS 394.383 to 394.560, inclusive, and section 9 of this act or regulations adopted pursuant thereto. Before action is taken, the Administrator shall notify the holder by certified mail of facts or conduct that warrant the impending action and advise the holder that if a hearing is desired it must be requested within 10 days after receipt of the notice letter. If no hearing is requested within the prescribed period the action becomes final.

4. If an agent is fined or the agent’s permit is revoked or conditions imposed, the Administrator shall notify, by certified mail, the institution the agent represented in addition to the agent and any other parties to any hearing.

Sec. 13. NRS 394.520 is hereby amended to read as follows:

394.520 1. Until 1 year after the last date of attendance or date on which the damage occurred, whichever is later, a person claiming damage as a result of any act by a postsecondary educational institution or its agent, or both, that is a violation of NRS 394.383 to 394.560, inclusive, and section 9 of this act or
regulations adopted pursuant thereto, may file with the Administrator a verified complaint against the institution, its agent, or both. The complaint must set forth the alleged violation and contain other information as required by regulations of the Commission. A complaint may also be filed by a Commissioner or the Attorney General or initiated by the Administrator.

2. The Administrator shall investigate any verified complaint and may, at his or her discretion, attempt to effectuate a settlement by arbitration, mediation or negotiation. The Administrator may also consult with the applicable accrediting body to resolve the complaint. If a settlement cannot be reached, the Administrator shall render a decision and notify each party of the decision and the reasons for it by certified mail to his or her last known address.

Either party may request a hearing before the Commission by notifying the Administrator by certified mail within 15 days after the decision was mailed to the party. The hearing must be held at the next meeting of the Commission in the geographical area convenient to the parties. If a hearing is not requested, the decision of the Administrator is final.

3. If, after consideration of all the evidence presented at a hearing, the Commission finds that a postsecondary educational institution or its agent, or both, are guilty of the violation alleged in the complaint, it shall issue and the Administrator shall serve upon the institution or agent, or both, an order to cease and desist from the violation. If the Commission finds the institution has substantially failed to furnish the instruction or services agreed upon in the agreement to enroll, it shall order the institution to make full restitution to the student of all money paid pursuant to the agreement. If the Commission finds the institution has substantially furnished the instruction or services agreed upon in the agreement to enroll, but that conditions in the school were sufficiently substandard that it was not reasonable to expect the student to complete the instruction, the Commission shall order the institution to make restitution to the student of one-half the money paid pursuant to the agreement. The Commission may also, as appropriate, based on the Administrator’s investigation and the evidence adduced at the hearing, or either of them, institute proceedings to revoke an institution’s license or recommend that the Administrator institute proceedings to revoke an agent’s permit.

Sec. 14. NRS 394.553 is hereby amended to read as follows:

394.553 1. The Account for Student Indemnification is hereby created in the State General Fund. The existence of the Account does not create a right in any person to receive money from the Account. The Administrator shall administer the Account in accordance with regulations adopted by the Commission.
2. Except as otherwise limited by subsection 3, the money in the Account may be used to indemnify any student or enrollee who has suffered damage as a result of:
   (a) The discontinuance of operation of a postsecondary educational institution licensed in this state; or
   (b) The violation by such an institution of any provision of NRS 394.383 to 394.560, inclusive, and section 9 of this act or the regulations adopted pursuant thereto.
3. If a student or enrollee is entitled to indemnification from a surety bond pursuant to NRS 394.480, the bond must be used to indemnify the student or enrollee before any money in the Account may be used for indemnification.
4. In addition to the expenditures made for indemnification pursuant to subsection 2, the Administrator may use the money in the Account to pay extraordinary expenses incurred to investigate claims for indemnification or resulting from the discontinuance of the operation of a postsecondary educational institution licensed in this state. Money expended pursuant to this subsection must not exceed, for each institution for which indemnification is made, 15 percent of the total amount expended for indemnification pursuant to subsection 2 or $10,000, whichever is less.
5. No expenditure may be made from the Account if the expenditure would cause the balance in the Account to fall below $10,000.
6. Interest and income earned on the money in the Account, after deducting any applicable charges, must be credited to the Account.
7. The money in the Account does not lapse to the State General Fund at the end of any fiscal year.

Sec. 15. Chapter 396 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:
1. Each university, state college and community college within the System shall provide to each applicant for admission to the college or university, as applicable, and, if the applicant is a minor, to the parent or guardian of the applicant, information about:
   (a) The total annual cost of attending the college or university, including, without limitation, the cost of tuition, fees, books, materials and room and board;
   (b) The approximate or, if known, the actual total amount of any financial aid that the applicant will receive from the college or university;
   (c) The approximate or, if known, the actual total amount of indebtedness that the applicant will incur over a period of 4 years if all the costs described in paragraph (a) are paid with student
loans, and the monthly payment that will be required to pay that
indebtedness; and
(d) Current interest rates and repayment plans for student
loans that are available to students attending the college or
university and the rate of default on student loans among students
who have left the college or university during the immediately
preceding 10 years.
2. Each university, state college and community college
within the System shall create a link on its Internet website to the
list of private lending institutions posted pursuant to section 4 of
this act by the Director of the Department of Business and
Industry.
Sec. 16. NRS 397.060 is hereby amended to read as follows:
397.060 The three Nevada State Commissioners, acting jointly:
1. Shall:
   (a) Choose from among Nevada residents who apply, and have
   at least 1 year’s residence in this state immediately before applying
   for the program, those most qualified for contract places; and
   (b) Certify them to receiving institutions.
2. May enter into any reciprocity agreement, including, without
limitation, the State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement, for the
purpose of authorizing a postsecondary educational institution that
is located in another state or territory of the United States to provide
distance education to residents of this State if the requirements
contained in the agreement for authorizing a postsecondary
educational institution that is located in another state or territory of
the United States to provide distance education to residents of this
State are substantially similar to the requirements for licensure of a
postsecondary educational institution by the Commission on
Postsecondary Education pursuant to NRS 394.383 to 394.560,
inclusive, and section 9 of this act. As used in this subsection,
“postsecondary educational institution” has the meaning ascribed to
it in NRS 394.099.
Sec. 17. The provisions of subsection 1 of NRS 218D.380 do
not apply to any provision of this act which adds or revises a
requirement to submit a report to the Legislature.
Sec. 18. NRS 385.102, 385.104, 385.106, 385.107 and
385.108 are hereby repealed.
Sec. 19. This act becomes effective:
1. Upon passage and approval for the purposes of adopting any
regulations and performing any other preparatory administrative
tasks necessary to carry out the provisions of this act; and
2. On January 1, 2016, for all other purposes.
TEXT OF REPEALED SECTIONS

385.102 Higher Education Student Loan Program: “Institution of higher education” defined. As used in NRS 385.104, “institution of higher education” means an educational institution which:

1. Admits as regular students only persons having received a certificate of graduation from high school, or the recognized equivalent of such a certificate, or those approved by the Superintendent of Public Instruction for training at a vocational-technical level;
2. Is authorized to provide a program of education beyond high school;
3. Awards a bachelor’s degree or a 2-year degree or certificate of graduation or a certificate of completion of a program beyond high school;
4. Is an institution with full approval of the State of Nevada or the United States Department of Education; and
5. Has recognized accreditation.

385.104 Higher Education Student Loan Program: Establishment; use of money; policies and regulations of State Board.

1. The Higher Education Student Loan Program is hereby established.
2. Money available for the Higher Education Student Loan Program must be used to provide loans to further the educational goals of Nevada residents who are admitted to and attending institutions of higher education.
3. The State Board shall establish policies and may adopt regulations for the administration of the Higher Education Student Loan Program.

385.106 Higher Education Student Loan Program: Administration; powers of State Board.

1. The Superintendent of Public Instruction may administer the Higher Education Student Loan Program and may consult with any public officer or private person in the State who may have an interest in higher education or in the Program. The Superintendent of Public Instruction shall notify the State Board at least 30 days in advance if the Superintendent intends to stop administering the Program.
2. After receiving notice from the Superintendent of Public Instruction that he or she intends to stop administering the Program, but before the Superintendent actually stops administering it, the State Board, with the concurrence of the Governor, shall designate another public agency or private nonprofit organization to administer the Program in a manner which ensures continued access to the Program by postsecondary schools in this State, including all of the institutions of the Nevada System of Higher Education. The designation may authorize assumption of any reserves or liability accruing to an agency or organization engaged in administering the Program or the guarantee of student loans.

3. If the Superintendent of Public Instruction administers the Program, the State Board may:
   (a) Negotiate and accept federal and other money appropriated and available to insure loans for student educational purposes under the Program.
   (b) Negotiate and enter into such agreements with other agencies as it deems proper for the administration and conduct of the Program.
   (c) Accept gifts, grants and contributions from any source that will facilitate and assist the higher education of Nevada residents.

385.107 Higher Education Student Loan Program: Higher Education Student Loan Fund. If the Superintendent of Public Instruction administers the Higher Education Student Loan Program:
   1. The money available for the Program must be deposited in the State Treasury for credit to the Higher Education Student Loan Fund which is hereby created as a special revenue fund.
   2. Each expenditure from this Fund must be paid as other claims against the State are paid.

385.108 Higher Education Student Loan Program: Withdrawals; records. If the Superintendent of Public Instruction administers the Higher Education Student Loan Program, the Superintendent shall:
   1. Certify to the State Controller all withdrawals for purposes of the Program. The State Controller shall then issue a warrant to the State Treasurer in the amount of the certification. The State Treasurer shall disburse that amount in accordance with the warrant.
   2. Use the money received for the Higher Education Student Loan Program for that Program.
   3. Establish and maintain such records for the Program as are required by good accounting practices.
(1) After May 1, 2000, but not later than May 1, 2003; or
(2) After May 1, 2003, and, except as otherwise provided in paragraphs (c), (d) and (f) of subsection 2, not more than 6 years before the student applies for the Millennium Scholarship;
(c) Does not satisfy the requirements of paragraph (b) and:
(1) Was enrolled as a pupil in a public or private high school in this State with a class of pupils who were regularly scheduled to graduate after May 1, 2000;
(2) Received his or her high school diploma within 4 years after he or she was regularly scheduled to graduate; and
(3) Applies for the Millennium Scholarship not more than 6 years after he or she was regularly scheduled to graduate from high school;
(d) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (e), maintained in high school in the courses designated by the Board of Regents pursuant to paragraph (b) of subsection 2, at least:
(1) A 3.00 grade point average on a 4.0 grading scale, if the student was a member of the graduating class of 2003 or 2004;
(2) A 3.10 grade point average on a 4.0 grading scale, if the student was a member of the graduating class of 2005 or 2006; or
(3) A 3.25 grade point average on a 4.0 grading scale, if the student was a member of the graduating class of 2007 or a later graduating class;
(e) Does not satisfy the requirements of paragraph (d) and received at least the minimum score established by the Board of Regents on a college entrance examination approved by the Board of Regents; and
(f) Is enrolled in at least:
(1) Six semester credit hours in a community college within the System;
(2) Twelve semester credit hours in another eligible institution; or
(3) A total of 12 or more semester credit hours in eligible institutions if the student is enrolled in more than one eligible institution.
2. The Board of Regents:
(a) Shall define the core curriculum that a student must complete in high school to be eligible for a Millennium Scholarship.
(b) Shall designate the courses in which a student must earn the minimum grade point averages set forth in paragraph (d) of subsection 1.
(c) May establish criteria with respect to students who have been on active duty serving in the Armed Forces of the United States to exempt such students from the 6-year limitation on applications that is set forth in subparagraph (2) of paragraph (b) of subsection 1.
(d) Shall establish criteria with respect to students who have a documented physical or mental disability or who were previously subject to an individualized education program under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, 20 U.S.C. §§ 1400 et seq., or a plan under Title V of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, 29 U.S.C. §§ 791 et seq. The criteria must provide an exemption for those students from:

(1) The 6-year limitation on applications that is set forth in subparagraph (2) of paragraph (b) of subsection 1 and subparagraph (3) of paragraph (c) of subsection 1 and any limitation applicable to students who are eligible pursuant to subparagraph (1) of paragraph (b) of subsection 1.

(2) The minimum number of credits prescribed in paragraph (e) of subsection 1.

(e) Shall establish criteria with respect to students who have a parent or legal guardian on active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States to exempt such students from the residency requirement set forth in paragraph (a) of subsection 1 or subsection 3.

(f) Shall establish criteria with respect to students who have been actively serving or participating in a charitable, religious or public service assignment or mission to exempt such students from the 6-year limitation on applications that is set forth in subparagraph (2) of paragraph (b) of subsection 1. Such criteria must provide for the award of Millennium Scholarships to those students who qualify for the exemption and who otherwise meet the eligibility criteria to the extent that money is available to award Millennium Scholarships to the students after all other obligations for the award of Millennium Scholarships for the current school year have been satisfied.

3. Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (c) of subsection 1, for students who did not graduate from a public or private high school in this State and who, except as otherwise provided in paragraph (e) of subsection 2, have been residents of this State for at least 2 years, the Board of Regents shall establish:

(a) The minimum score on a standardized test that such students must receive; or

(b) Other criteria that students must meet, to be eligible for Millennium Scholarships.

4. In awarding Millennium Scholarships, the Board of Regents shall enhance its outreach to students who:

(a) Are pursuing a career in education or health care;

(b) Come from families who lack sufficient financial resources to pay for the costs of sending their children to an eligible institution; or
(c) Substantially participated in an antismoking, antidrug or
antialcohol program during high school.

5. The Board of Regents shall establish a procedure by which
an applicant for a Millennium Scholarship is required to execute an
affidavit declaring the applicant’s eligibility for a Millennium
Scholarship pursuant to the requirements of this section. The
affidavit must include a declaration that the applicant is a citizen of
the United States or has lawful immigration status, or that the
applicant has filed an application to legalize the applicant’s
immigration status or will file an application to legalize his or her
immigration status as soon as he or she is eligible to do so.

Sec. 2. This act becomes effective on July 1, 2015.
S.B. 227

SENATE BILL NO. 227–SENATORS KIECKHEFER, KIHUEN; AND WOODHOUSE

MARCH 9, 2015

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Referred to Committee on Education

SUMMARY—Creates the Silver State Opportunity Grant Program. (BDR 34-216)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: Contains Appropriation not included in Executive Budget.

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

AN ACT relating to education; creating the Silver State Opportunity Grant Program; providing for the calculation and award of grants under the Program to qualified students enrolled in community colleges and state colleges of the Nevada System of Higher Education; requiring the Board of Regents of the University of Nevada to submit to the Legislature a biennial report on the Program; making an appropriation; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

This bill creates the Silver State Opportunity Grant Program. Under the Program, the Board of Regents of the University of Nevada is required to award grants to eligible students who are enrolled in community colleges and state colleges that are part of the Nevada System of Higher Education to pay for a portion of the cost of education at such institutions. Section 3 of this bill sets forth the criteria for eligibility for such a grant. Section 4 of this bill requires the Board of Regents or a designee of the Board to: (1) calculate the maximum amount of the grant which a student is eligible to receive; (2) determine the actual amount each eligible student will receive; and (3) make grants to all eligible students. Section 4 provides that any money awarded under the Program must be used only to pay the cost of education of a student and not for any other purpose. Section 5 of this bill requires the Board of Regents to adopt regulations prescribing the procedures and standards for determining eligibility and the methodology for calculating the financial need of a student. Section 6 of this bill authorizes the Board of Regents to accept gifts, grants, bequests and donations to fund grants awarded under the Program.
Section 7 of this bill requires the Board of Regents to submit a biennial report on the Program to the Legislature. The report must include information regarding: (1) the number of grants awarded under the Program; (2) the average amount of each grant; and (3) the percentage of students awarded grants who remained in school and who eventually earned a degree or certificate.

Finally, section 9 of this bill includes appropriations from the State General Fund to the Board of Regents for the award of grants in the amount of $5 million per year for Fiscal Years 2015-2016 and 2016-2017.

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

Section 1. Chapter 396 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto the provisions set forth as sections 2 to 7, inclusive, of this act.

Sec. 2. As used in sections 2 to 7, inclusive, of this act, unless the context otherwise requires, “Program” means the Silver State Opportunity Grant Program created by section 3 of this act.

Sec. 3. 1. The Silver State Opportunity Grant Program is hereby created for the purpose of awarding grants to eligible students to pay for a portion of the cost of education at a community college or state college within the System.

2. The Board of Regents shall administer the Program.

3. In administering the Program, the Board of Regents shall for each semester, subject to the limits of money available for this purpose, award a grant to each eligible student to pay for a portion of the cost of education at a community college or state college within the System.

4. To be eligible for a grant awarded under the Program, a student must:

(a) Be enrolled, or accepted to be enrolled, during a semester in at least 15 credit hours at a community college or state college within the System;

(b) Be enrolled in a program of study leading to a recognized degree or certificate;

(c) Demonstrate proficiency in English and mathematics sufficient for placement into college-level English and mathematics courses pursuant to regulations adopted by the Board of Regents for such placement;

(d) Be a bona fide resident of the State of Nevada for the purposes of determining pursuant to NRS 396.540 whether the student is assessed a tuition charge; and

(e) Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid provided for by 20 U.S.C. § 1090.

Sec. 4. 1. For each eligible student, the Board of Regents or a.designee thereof shall:
(a) Calculate the maximum amount of the grant which the student is eligible to receive. The maximum amount of such a grant must not exceed the amount equal to the cost of education of the student minus the amounts determined for the student contribution, family contribution and federal contribution to the cost of education of the student.

(b) Determine the actual amount of the grant which will be awarded to each student, which amount must not exceed the maximum amount calculated pursuant to paragraph (a), but which may be in a lesser amount if the Board of Regents or a designee thereof, as applicable, determines that the amount of money available for all grants for any semester is insufficient to award to all eligible students the maximum amount of the grant which each student is eligible to receive.

(c) Award to each eligible student a grant in the amount determined pursuant to paragraph (b).

2. Money received from a grant awarded under the Program must be used by a student only to pay for the cost of education of the student at a community college or state college within the System and not for any other purpose.

Sec. 5. 1. The Board of Regents:

(a) Shall adopt regulations prescribing the procedures and standards for determining the eligibility of a student for a grant from the Program.

(b) Shall adopt regulations prescribing the methodology by which the Board of Regents or a designee thereof will calculate:

(1) The cost of education of a student at each community college and state college within the System, which must be consistent with the provisions of 20 U.S.C. § 1087ll.

(2) For each student, the amounts of the student contribution, family contribution and federal contribution to the cost of education of the student.

(3) The maximum amount of the grant for which a student is eligible.

(c) May adopt any other regulations necessary to carry out the Program.

2. The regulations prescribed pursuant to this section must provide that:

(a) In determining the student contribution to the cost of education, the student contribution must not exceed the amount that the Board of Regents determines the student reasonably could be expected to earn from employment during the time the student is enrolled at a community college or state college within the System, including, without limitation, during breaks between semesters. This paragraph and any regulations adopted pursuant
to this section must not be construed to require a student to seek or obtain employment as a condition of eligibility for a grant under the Program.

(b) Determination of the family contribution to the cost of education must be based on the family resources reported in the Free Application for Federal Student Aid submitted by the student.

(c) Determination of the federal contribution to the cost of education must be equal to the total amount that the student and his or her family are expected to receive from the Federal Government as grants.

Sec. 6. In addition to any direct legislative appropriation from the State General Fund, the Board of Regents may accept gifts, grants, bequests and donations to fund grants awarded under the Program.

Sec. 7. On or before February 1 of each odd-numbered year, the Board of Regents shall submit to the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for transmittal to the next regular session of the Legislature a written report on the Program which must include, without limitation, information regarding:

1. The number of students during the immediately preceding school year who were awarded grants under the Program.

2. The average amount of each grant awarded under the Program for the immediately preceding school year.

3. The success of the Program, including, without limitation, information regarding the percentage of students awarded grants since the creation of the Program who have remained enrolled at a community college or state college within the System and the percentage of students awarded grants since the creation of the Program who have been awarded a degree or certificate.

Sec. 8. The provisions of subsection 1 of NRS 218D.380 do not apply to any provision of this act which adds or revises a requirement to submit a report to the Legislature.

Sec. 9. There is hereby appropriated from the State General Fund to the Board of Regents of the University of Nevada for the award of grants pursuant to the Silver State Opportunity Grant Program created by section 3 of this act:

For the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 .................................. $5,000,000
For the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 .................................. $5,000,000

Sec. 10. Any balance of the sums appropriated by section 9 of this act remaining at the end of the respective fiscal years must not be committed for expenditure after June 30 of the respective fiscal years by the Board of Regents of the University of Nevada or any entity to which money from the appropriation is granted or otherwise transferred in any manner, and any portion of the appropriated money remaining must not be spent for any purpose
after September 16, 2016, and September 15, 2017, respectively, by either the Board of Regents of the University of Nevada or the entity to which the money was subsequently granted or transferred, and must be reverted to the State General Fund on or before September 16, 2016, and September 15, 2017, respectively.

Sec. 11. This act becomes effective:
1. Upon passage and approval for the purpose of adopting regulations and performing any other preparatory administrative tasks necessary to carry out the provisions of this act; and
2. On July 1, 2015, for all other purposes.
THE NEVADA STUDENT ALLIANCE
OF THE NEVADA SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION
April 13, 2015

A Resolution Supporting Nevada Senate Bill 227 of the 78th Legislative Session,
Which Creates the Silver State Opportunity Grant Program.

Nevada is last in the nation in terms of college affordability with respect to median family income for students attending two year institutions, and

WHEREAS, The two-year college participation rate for students from low income families is only 6.4 percent, and

WHEREAS, The increasing cost of attending college has caused an unprecedented growth of student debt and priced some students out of attending all together, and

WHEREAS, By the year 2020, 58 percent of jobs in Nevada will require a certificate or degree, and

WHEREAS, As of 2011, only 28 percent of Nevada adults aged 25 to 34 had an associate degree or higher, and

WHEREAS, For a strong Nevada economy and the prosperity of its citizens, the skills gap must be closed, and be it further

RESOLVED, That We the Students of the Nevada Student Alliance, declare our unanimous support for SB 227.

DATED & SIGNED this 13th of April, 2015

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Stephanie Prevost, NSA Chair
AN ACT relating to concealed firearms; authorizing a sheriff to provide certain information concerning the availability of certain courses relating to firearm safety; authorizing persons who hold permits to carry concealed firearms to carry concealed firearms on the property of the Nevada System of Higher Education under certain circumstances; authorizing the Police Department for the System to provide certain information concerning the availability of certain courses relating to firearm safety; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

Section 1 of this bill authorizes the sheriff of a county to provide to persons who hold permits to carry concealed firearms information concerning instructors and organizations that offer courses in firearm safety which focus on issues relating to firearm safety in an educational environment.

Existing law prohibits a person from carrying a concealed firearm on the property of the Nevada System of Higher Education, unless the person holds a permit to carry a concealed firearm and has written permission from the president of a branch or facility of the System to carry the concealed firearm. (NRS 202.265, 202.3673) Sections 3, 4 and 6 of this bill authorize a person who holds a permit to carry a concealed firearm to carry a concealed firearm while on the property of the System unless the person is attending an event held at a sporting venue with a seating capacity of 1,000 or more.

Section 5 of this bill authorizes the Police Department for the System to provide to persons who hold permits to carry concealed firearms information concerning instructors and organizations that offer courses in firearm safety which focus on issues relating to firearm safety in an educational environment.
THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Chapter 248 of NRS is hereby amended by adding
thereto a new section to read as follows:

The sheriff of each county may, within the limits of available
money, provide to persons who are authorized to carry concealed
firearms pursuant to the provisions of NRS 202.3653 to 202.369,
inclusive, information concerning instructors and organizations
that offer courses in firearm safety which focus on issues relating
to firearm safety in an educational environment.

Sec. 2. NRS 62C.060 is hereby amended to read as follows:

62C.060 1. If a child is taken into custody for an unlawful act
that involves the possession, use or threatened use of a firearm, the
child must not be released before a detention hearing is held
pursuant to NRS 62C.040.

2. At the detention hearing, the juvenile court shall, if the child
was taken into custody for:

(a) Carrying or possessing a firearm while on the property of the
Nevada System of Higher Education, a private or public school or
child care facility, or while in a vehicle of a private or public school
or child care facility, order the child to:

(1) Be evaluated by a qualified professional; and

(2) Submit to a test to determine whether the child is using
any controlled substance.

(b) Committing an unlawful act involving a firearm other than
the act described in paragraph (a), determine whether to order the
child to be evaluated by a qualified professional.

3. If the juvenile court orders the child to be evaluated by a
qualified professional or to submit to a test to determine whether the
child is using any controlled substance, the evaluation or the results
from the test must be completed not later than 14 days after the
detention hearing. Until the evaluation or the test is completed, the
child must be:

(a) Detained at a facility for the detention of children; or

(b) Placed under a program of supervision in the home of the
child that may include electronic surveillance of the child.

4. If a child is evaluated by a qualified professional pursuant to
this section, the statements made by the child to the qualified
professional during the evaluation and any evidence directly or
indirectly derived from those statements may not be used for any
purpose in a proceeding which is conducted to prove that the child
committed a delinquent act or criminal offense. The provisions of
this subsection do not prohibit the district attorney from proving that
the child committed a delinquent act or criminal offense based upon
evidence obtained from sources or by means that are independent of
the statements made by the child to the qualified professional during
the evaluation.

5. As used in this section, “child care facility” has the meaning
ascribed to it in paragraph (a) of subsection 6 of NRS 202.265.

Sec. 3. NRS 202.265 is hereby amended to read as follows:

202.265 1. Except as otherwise provided in this section, a
person shall not carry or possess while on the property of the
Nevada System of Higher Education, a private or public school or
child care facility, or while in a vehicle of a private or public school
or child care facility:

(a) An explosive or incendiary device;
(b) A dirk, dagger or switchblade knife;
(c) A nunchaku or trefoil;
(d) A blackjack or billy club or metal knuckles;
(e) A pistol, revolver or other firearm; or
(f) Any device used to mark any part of a person with paint or
any other substance.

2. Any person who violates subsection 1 is guilty of a gross
misdemeanor.

3. This section does not prohibit the possession of a weapon
listed in subsection 1 on the property of:

(a) The Nevada System of Higher Education, a private or
public school or child care facility by a:
(1) Peace officer;
(2) School security guard; or
(3) Person having written permission from the president of a
branch or facility of the Nevada System of Higher Education or the
principal of the school or the person designated by a child care
facility to give permission to carry or possess the weapon.
(b) A child care facility which is located at or in the home of a
natural person by the person who owns or operates the facility so
long as the person resides in the home and the person complies with
any laws governing the possession of such a weapon.

4. This section does not prohibit the possession of a firearm
on the property of the Nevada System of Higher Education by a
person who is authorized to carry a concealed firearm pursuant to
the provisions of NRS 202.3653 to 202.369, inclusive, except
during any period in which the person attends an event specified
in subsection 4 of NRS 202.3673.

5. The provisions of this section apply to a child care facility
located at or in the home of a natural person only during the normal
hours of business of the facility.

For the purposes of this section:
(a) “Child care facility” means any child care facility that is licensed pursuant to chapter 432A of NRS or licensed by a city or county.

(b) “Firearm” includes any device from which a metallic projectile, including any ball bearing or pellet, may be expelled by means of spring, gas, air or other force.

(c) “Nunchaku” has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 202.350.

(d) “Switchblade knife” has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 202.350.

(e) “ Trefoil” has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 202.350.

(f) “Vehicle” has the meaning ascribed to “school bus” in NRS 484A.230.

Sec. 4. NRS 202.3673 is hereby amended to read as follows:

202.3673 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 4, a permittee may carry a concealed firearm while the permittee is on the property of the Nevada System of Higher Education or on the premises of a public building that is located on the property of the Nevada System of Higher Education. Except as otherwise provided in subsections 2 and 3, a permittee may carry a concealed firearm while the permittee is on the premises of any public building.

2. A permittee shall not carry a concealed firearm while the permittee is on the premises of a public building that is located on the property of a public airport.

3. A permittee shall not carry a concealed firearm while the permittee is on the premises of:

(a) A public building that is located on the property of a public school or a child care facility, unless the permittee has obtained written permission from the principal of the school or the person designated by a child care facility to give permission to carry a concealed firearm while the permittee is on the premises of the public building pursuant to subparagraph (3) of paragraph (a) of subsection 3 of NRS 202.265.

(b) A public building that has a metal detector at each public entrance or a sign posted at each public entrance indicating that no firearms are allowed in the building, unless:

(1) The public building is located on the property of the Nevada System of Higher Education; or

(2) The permittee is not prohibited from carrying a concealed firearm while he or she is on the premises of the public building pursuant to subsection 4.

4. A permittee shall not carry a concealed firearm while the permittee is attending any event held on the premises of a stadium, arena, field house or other athletic facility with a seating capacity
of 1,000 or more that is located on the property of the Nevada System of Higher Education.

5. The provisions of paragraph (b) of subsection 3 do not prohibit:
   (a) A permittee who is a judge from carrying a concealed firearm in the courthouse or courtroom in which the judge presides or from authorizing a permittee to carry a concealed firearm while in the courtroom of the judge and while traveling to and from the courtroom of the judge.
   (b) A permittee who is a prosecuting attorney of an agency or political subdivision of the United States or of this State from carrying a concealed firearm while he or she is on the premises of a public building.
   (c) A permittee who is employed in the public building from carrying a concealed firearm while he or she is on the premises of the public building.
   (d) A permittee from carrying a concealed firearm while he or she is on the premises of the public building if the permittee has received written permission from the person in control of the public building to carry a concealed firearm while the permittee is on the premises of the public building.

6. A person who violates subsection 2 or 3 is guilty of a misdemeanor.

7. As used in this section:
   (a) “Child care facility” has the meaning ascribed to it in paragraph (a) of subsection 6 of NRS 202.265.
   (b) “Public building” means any building or office space occupied by:
      (1) Any component of the Nevada System of Higher Education and used for any purpose related to the System; or
      (2) The Federal Government, the State of Nevada or any county, city, school district or other political subdivision of the State of Nevada and used for any public purpose.
         If only part of the building is occupied by an entity described in this subsection, the term means only that portion of the building which is so occupied.

Sec. 5. Chapter 396 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

The Police Department for the System may, within the limits of available money, provide to persons who are authorized to carry concealed firearms pursuant to the provisions of NRS 202.3653 to 202.369, inclusive, information concerning instructors and organizations that offer courses in firearm safety which focus on issues relating to firearm safety in an educational environment.
Sec. 6. NRS 396.110 is hereby amended to read as follows:

396.110 1. The Board of Regents may prescribe rules for:
(a) Its own government; and
(b) The government of the System.
2. The Board of Regents shall prescribe rules for the granting of permission to carry or possess a weapon pursuant to NRS 202.265. The rules prescribed by the Board of Regents pursuant to this subsection:
(a) Must allow a person to carry a concealed firearm if the person is authorized to carry a concealed firearm pursuant to the provisions of NRS 202.3653 to 202.369, inclusive.
(b) Must not require a person who is authorized to carry a concealed firearm pursuant to the provisions of NRS 202.3653 to 202.369, inclusive, to obtain permission to carry a concealed firearm.
(c) Except as otherwise provided in paragraphs (a) and (b), must provide for the storage of firearms in dormitories, apartments and other facilities for housing that are located on the property of the System.
(d) Must include provisions concerning the carrying of a concealed firearm in a parking area that is located on the property of the System during any period in which the parking area is used or available for use by persons attending an event described in subsection 4 of NRS 202.3673, or on any other property of the System which is set aside for, or otherwise used or available for use by, persons to park or gather before attending an event described in subsection 4 of NRS 202.3673.
Any rules prescribed by the Board of Regents before, on or after July 1, 2015, that are inconsistent with the provisions of this subsection are void.

Sec. 7. This act becomes effective on July 1, 2015.
AN ACT relating to higher education; creating the Nevada Boost Grant Program to provide scholarships to certain students enrolling in community colleges of the Nevada System of Higher Education; requiring the Board of Regents of the University of Nevada to establish certain criteria and procedures for the Nevada Boost Grant Program; requiring the Board of Regents to submit to the Legislature a biennial report on the Program; making an appropriation; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:
This bill creates the Nevada Boost Grant Program. Under the Program, the Board of Regents of the University of Nevada is required to award grants to eligible students who are enrolled in community colleges that are part of the Nevada System of Higher Education to pay a portion of the cost of the first two semesters of education at such institutions. Section 3 of this bill sets forth the criteria for eligibility for such a grant. Section 4 of this bill requires the Board of Regents or a designee of the Board to: (1) calculate the maximum amount of the grant which a student is eligible to receive, up to a limit of $2,000 per semester; (2) determine the actual amount of the grant each eligible student will receive; and (3) award grants to all eligible students. Section 4 also provides that any money awarded under the Program must be used only to pay the cost of education of a student and not for any
other purpose. **Section 5** of this bill requires the Board of Regents to adopt regulations prescribing the procedures and standards for determining eligibility and the methodology for calculating the financial need of a student. **Section 6** of this bill authorizes the Board of Regents to accept gifts, grants, bequests and donations to fund grants awarded under the Program. **Section 7** of this bill requires the Board of Regents to submit a biennial report on the Program to the Legislature. The report must include information regarding: (1) the number of grants awarded under the Program; (2) the average amount of each grant; and (3) the percentage of students awarded grants who remained in school and who eventually earned a degree or certificate. Finally, **section 8** of this bill includes appropriations from the State General Fund to the Board of Regents for the award of grants in the amount of $2,000,000 per year for Fiscal Years 2015-2016 and 2016-2017.

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

**Section 1.** Chapter 396 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto the provisions set forth as sections 2 to 7, inclusive, of this act.

**Sec. 2.** As used in sections 2 to 7, inclusive, of this act, “Program” means the Nevada Boost Grant Program created by section 3 of this act.

**Sec. 3.** 1. The Nevada Boost Grant Program is hereby created for the purpose of awarding grants to eligible students to pay for a portion of the cost of education at a community college within the System.

2. The Board of Regents shall administer the Program.

3. In administering the Program, the Board of Regents, subject to the limits of money available for this purpose, shall award grants of not more than $2,000 to each eligible student to pay for a portion of the cost of each of the student’s first two semesters of education at a community college within the System.

4. To be eligible for a grant awarded under the Program for his or her first semester, a student must:

   (a) Be a resident of this State;

   (b) Except as otherwise provided in subsection 5, be a graduate from a public or private high school in Nevada;

   (c) Have never previously enrolled in any public or private college or university;

   (d) Be enrolled, or accepted to be enrolled, during a semester in at least 12 credit hours at a community college within the System;

   (e) Be enrolled in a program of study leading to a recognized degree or certificate;

   (f) Demonstrate proficiency in English and mathematics sufficient for placement into college-level English and
mathematics courses pursuant to regulations adopted by the Board of Regents for such placement; and

(g) Complete:

(1) The Free Application for Federal Student Aid provided for by 20 U.S.C. § 1090, if eligible; or

(2) A form prescribed by the Board of Regents to determine the amount of the student contribution and family contribution to the cost of education of the student.

5. A person who graduated from high school in another state may be eligible for a grant awarded under the Program if the person:

(a) Has been a resident of Nevada for two years or more at the time of application for a grant; and

(b) Meets all other requirements of subsection 4.

6. To be eligible for a grant awarded under the Program for his or her second semester, a student must:

(a) Have been awarded a grant for his or her first semester pursuant to subsection 4 or 5;

(b) Have made satisfactory academic progress as determined by the Board of Regents during that first semester; and

(c) Be enrolled in at least 12 credit hours at a community college within the System.

7. As used in this section, “resident” has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 361.040.

Sec. 4. 1. For each eligible student, the Board of Regents or a designee thereof shall:

(a) Calculate the maximum amount of the grant which the student is eligible to receive, up to a limit of $2,000 per semester. The maximum amount of such a grant must not exceed the amount equal to the cost of education of the student minus the amounts determined for the student contribution, family contribution and federal contribution to the cost of education of the student.

(b) Determine the actual amount of the grant which will be awarded to each student, which amount must not exceed the maximum amount calculated pursuant to paragraph (a), but which may be a lesser amount if the Board of Regents or a designee thereof, as applicable, determines that the amount of money available for all grants for any semester is insufficient to award to all eligible students the maximum amount of the grant which each student is eligible to receive.

(c) Award to each eligible student a grant in the amount determined pursuant to paragraph (b).

2. Money received from a grant awarded under the Program must be used by a student only to pay for the cost of education of
the student at a community college within the System and not for
any other purpose.

Sec. 5. 1. The Board of Regents:
        (a) Shall adopt regulations prescribing the procedures and
standards for determining the eligibility of a student for a grant
from the Program.
        (b) Shall adopt regulations prescribing the methodology by
which the Board of Regents or a designee thereof will calculate:
(1) The cost of education of a student at each community
college within the System, which must be consistent with the
(2) For each student, the amounts of the student
contribution, family contribution and federal contribution, if any,
to the cost of education of the student.
(3) The maximum amount, not to exceed $2,000 for a
semester, of the grant for which a student is eligible.
(c) May adopt any other regulations necessary to carry out the
Program.
2. The regulations prescribed pursuant to this section must
provide that:
        (a) In determining the student contribution to the cost of
education, the student contribution must not exceed the amount
that the Board of Regents determines the student reasonably could
be expected to earn from employment during the time the student
is enrolled at a community college within the System, including,
without limitation, during breaks between semesters. This
paragraph and any regulations adopted pursuant to this section
must not be construed to require a student to seek or obtain
employment as a condition of eligibility for a grant under the
Program.
        (b) Determination of the family contribution to the cost of
education must be based on the family resources reported by the
student pursuant to paragraph (g) of subsection 4 of section 3 of
this act.
        (c) Determination of the federal contribution to the cost of
education must be equal to the total amount that the student and
his or her family are expected to receive from the Federal
Government as grants, if any.

Sec. 6. In addition to any direct legislative appropriation
from the State General Fund, the Board of Regents may accept
gifts, grants, bequests and donations to fund grants awarded
under the Program.

Sec. 7. On or before February 1 of each odd-numbered year,
the Board of Regents shall submit to the Director of the
Legislative Counsel Bureau for transmittal to the next regular
session of the Legislature a written report on the Program which must include, without limitation, information regarding:
1. The number of students during the immediately preceding school year who were awarded grants under the Program.
2. The average amount of each grant awarded under the Program for the immediately preceding school year.
3. The success of the Program, including, without limitation, information regarding the percentage of students awarded grants since the creation of the Program who have remained enrolled at a community college within the System and the percentage of students awarded grants since the creation of the Program who have been awarded a degree or certificate.

Sec. 8. There is hereby appropriated from the State General Fund to the Board of Regents of the University of Nevada for the award of scholarships pursuant to the Nevada Boost Grant Program created by section 3 of this act:
For the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 ...................... $2,000,000
For the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 ...................... $2,000,000

Sec. 9. Any balance of the sums appropriated by section 8 of this act remaining at the end of the respective fiscal years must not be committed for expenditure after June 30 of the respective fiscal years by the Board of Regents of the University of Nevada or any entity to which money from the appropriation is granted or otherwise transferred in any manner, and any portion of the appropriated money remaining must not be spent for any purpose after September 16, 2016, and September 15, 2017, respectively, by the Board of Regents of the University of Nevada or the entity to which the money was subsequently granted or transferred, and must be reverted to the State General Fund on or before September 16, 2016, and September 15, 2017, respectively.

Sec. 10. The provisions of subsection 1 of NRS 218D.380 do not apply to any provision of this act which adds or revises a requirement to submit a report to the Legislature.

Sec. 11. This act becomes effective:
1. Upon passage and approval for the purpose of adopting regulations and performing any other preparatory administrative tasks necessary to carry out the provisions of this act; and
2. On July 1, 2015, for all other purposes.
AN ACT relating to economic development; creating the STEM Workforce Challenge Grant Fund; creating the Committee to Oversee the STEM Workforce Challenge Grant Fund; providing for the Committee to award grants from the Fund to certain consortia of community colleges and state colleges, nonprofit organizations and private businesses; authorizing the Committee to award a grant only if 100 percent of the amount of the grant is matched; making an appropriation; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:
This bill establishes a program for awarding matching grants to support the development and implementation of programs intended to enable this State to meet the postsecondary education and skills training needs of industries which require workers to be educated and skilled in the academic disciplines of science, technology, engineering and mathematics, known as STEM industries.

Section 7 of this bill creates the STEM Workforce Challenge Grant Fund. The Fund is administered by the Committee to Oversee the STEM Workforce Challenge Grant Fund. Section 8 of this bill creates the Committee and establishes its composition.

The Committee is authorized to award matching grants from the Fund pursuant to section 9 of this bill. Money from a grant must be used to support the development and implementation of programs intended to enable this State to meet the postsecondary education and skills training needs of workers in STEM
industries in this State. Any regional consortium of community colleges or state
colleges, nonprofit organizations and private businesses in a STEM industry
operating in this State may apply for a grant from the Fund. The Committee must
evaluate grant applications using criteria prescribed in section 9 and must grade the
applications on a points system. Applications providing for a community college or
state college to be the lead organization in the consortium must be awarded
additional points. Section 9 also provides additional criteria which the Committee
may consider when evaluating applications.

The Committee may award a grant from the Fund only if 100 percent of the
grant is matched by money provided by any combination of private businesses and
nonprofit organizations. A grant may be for not more than $175,000 per year, and
not more than $350,000 total, for a 2-year period.

Section 10 of this bill appropriates $3,500,000 from the State General Fund to
the STEM Workforce Challenge Grant Fund.

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

Section 1. Chapter 396 of NRS is hereby amended by adding
thereto the provisions set forth as sections 2 to 9, inclusive, of this
act.

Sec. 2. As used in sections 2 to 9, inclusive, of this act, unless
the context otherwise requires, the words and terms defined in
sections 3, 4 and 5 of this act have the meanings ascribed to them
in those sections.

Sec. 3. “Committee” means the Committee to Oversee the
STEM Workforce Challenge Grant Fund created by section 8 of
this act.

Sec. 4. “Fund” means the STEM Workforce Challenge
Grant Fund created by section 7 of this act.

Sec. 5. “STEM industry” means an industry which requires
workers who are educated and skilled in the disciplines of science,
technology, engineering and mathematics.

Sec. 6. The Legislature hereby finds and declares that:
1. The STEM industries represent an important source of
high-value economic activity in this State and quality jobs for
Nevadans;
2. This State suffers from a critical skills gap in its workforce
and the lack of a strong pipeline system to prepare individuals for
careers in emerging STEM industries;
3. The enhancement of postsecondary education and skills
training required for workers in the STEM industries must be
encouraged; and
4. The creation of a program that enables the State to
maximize its return on public investment in postsecondary
education and skills training required for workers in the STEM
industries, and to provide a strong incentive for postsecondary

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education and skills training that matches the needs of labor markets in this State, is critical to the continued economic development of this State.

Sec. 7. 1. The STEM Workforce Challenge Grant Fund is hereby created.
   2. The Committee shall administer the Fund.
   3. The Fund consists of:
      (a) All money appropriated by the Legislature.
      (b) All money received from any other source for the purposes of the Fund.
   4. The interest and income earned on the money in the Fund, after deducting any applicable charges, must be credited to the Fund.
   5. The Fund is a continuing fund, and its money does not revert to the State General Fund at any time.

Sec. 8. 1. The Committee to Oversee the STEM Workforce Challenge Grant Fund is hereby created.
   2. The Committee consists of the following seven members:
      (a) Two members appointed by the Chancellor of the System.
      (b) Two members appointed by the Executive Director of the Office of Economic Development.
      (c) Two members appointed by the Director of the Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation.
      (d) One member appointed by the Governor who is a representative of a qualified nonprofit collaborative that is qualified pursuant to NRS 701B.921.
   3. If the Chancellor, Executive Director or Director appoints himself or herself to serve on the Committee pursuant to paragraph (a), (b) or (c) of subsection 2, as applicable, and is unable to attend a meeting of the Committee, he or she may authorize an alternate to attend the meeting on his or her behalf.
   4. Each member of the Committee:
      (a) Serves a term of 2 years;
      (b) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (c), may be reappointed by the appointing authority; and
      (c) May not serve more than 2 consecutive terms.
   5. A vacancy on the Committee must be filled by the appointing authority in the same manner as the original appointment.
   6. At the first regular meeting of each odd-numbered year, the members of the Committee shall elect a Chair and a Vice Chair by majority vote who shall serve until the next Chair or Vice Chair is selected. If a vacancy occurs in the Chair, the members of the Committee shall elect a member to fill the vacancy to serve for the unexpired term.
7. The Committee shall meet at least once every 3 months and may meet at such further times as deemed necessary by the Chair.

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

9. Each member of the Committee serves without compensation, except that each member is entitled to receive:
   (a) The per diem allowance and travel expenses provided for state officers and employees generally; and
   (b) Reimbursement for any other actual and reasonable expenses incurred while performing his or her duties.

Sec. 9. 1. The Committee shall award grants from the Fund pursuant to this section.

2. Money from a grant awarded pursuant to this section must be used to support the development and implementation of programs intended to enable this State to meet the postsecondary education and skills training needs of workers in the STEM industries in this State.

3. Any regional consortium of community colleges or state colleges, nonprofit organizations and private businesses in a STEM industry operating in this State may apply for a grant pursuant to this section.

4. Subject to the provisions of subsection 6, the Committee may award a grant pursuant to this section to a consortium described in subsection 3 whose application:
   (a) Provides a detailed description of the program, as described in subsection 2, to be developed and implemented by the consortium;
   (b) Draws from data and market analysis and industry intelligence to identify specific current and projected workforce training challenges that the program described in paragraph (a) is intended to solve or otherwise alleviate and the manner in which the program will accomplish that goal;
   (c) Demonstrates that the program described in paragraph (a) will be self-sustaining after the period for which the grant is provided;
   (d) Designates an entity from among those in the consortium which will be the lead entity in implementing the program described in paragraph (a);
   (e) Includes provisions for well-defined performance metrics and performance management to ensure evidence-based decision-making and accountability by the consortium in expending money from a grant in developing and implementing the program described in paragraph (a); and
(f) Indicates the source of the matching money required by subsection 6.

5. The Committee shall rank applications for a grant pursuant to this section using a points system prescribed by the Committee. The points system:
   (a) Must award additional points to an application which designates a community college or state college as the lead entity, as described in paragraph (d) of subsection 4, in implementing the program described in paragraph (a) of that subsection; and
   (b) May award additional points to an application which:
      (1) Identifies potential cross-sector collaborations relating to the program described in paragraph (a) of subsection 4 among applicable community colleges and state colleges, STEM industry sector councils, area businesses in STEM industries and STEM industry organizations;
      (2) Provides evidence of current or planned participation and leadership in the development and implementation of the program described in paragraph (a) of subsection 4 by area businesses in STEM industries and STEM industry organizations;
      (3) Allows for leveraging of any existing or additional State or federal funding;
      (4) Demonstrates that the program described in paragraph (a) of subsection 4 is a replicable program that can be transferred to other regions in this State or other STEM industry sectors; or
      (5) Demonstrates that the program described in paragraph (a) of subsection 4 will provide postsecondary education and skills training required for workers in STEM industries to persons who are long-term unemployed, underemployed or otherwise in need of education or training to enter a new field of employment.

6. The Committee may award a grant pursuant to this section only if 100 percent of the amount of the grant is matched by money provided by any combination of private businesses and nonprofit organizations.

7. A grant awarded pursuant to this section may be for not more than $175,000 per year, and not more than $350,000 total, for a 2-year period.

Sec. 10. There is hereby appropriated from the State General Fund to the STEM Workforce Challenge Grant Fund created by section 7 of this act, the sum of $3,500,000.

Sec. 11. This act becomes effective on July 1, 2015.
A Resolution Opposing Nevada Assembly Bill 148 of the 78th Legislative Session, Which Revises Provisions Governing Concealed Firearms.

Nevada System of Higher Education (NSHE) institutions are devoted to their missions of public education, and

WHEREAS, NSHE is committed to providing an orderly academic environment for learning that promotes the acquisition of knowledge and advances the free exchange of ideas, and

WHEREAS, The preservation of this educational environment is an important objective for the NSHE and its institutions, and

WHEREAS, Many students entering NSHE institutions are under 18 years of age, and pre-school age children, elementary school children and high school students attend programs or classes on NSHE campuses. Medical and dental patients of all ages are also seen on NSHE campuses. Members of the public often attend events on institution campuses, and

WHEREAS, The United States Supreme Court has recognized that schools are sensitive places where prohibitions on the possession of firearms are permitted. The statutory prohibition of weapons, including firearms on campus, is longstanding. The prohibition contributes to the welcoming and open nature of the NSHE institutions and promotes an atmosphere conducive to learning, and

WHEREAS, Nevada law provides authority for NSHE to identify certain circumstances when weapons and/or concealed firearms may be permitted on its premises. This policy sets forth the circumstances and processes required to be followed for a person to obtain permission to carry a weapon or firearm on NSHE campuses, and

WHEREAS, The Student Bodies of the Nevada Student Alliance is comprised of over 115,000 students of the Nevada System of Higher Education, and be it further

RESOLVED, That We the Students of the Nevada Student Alliance, declare AB 148 to be a threat to our campus life, a distraction to our academic success, and a distortion of the true viewpoint of the Students of Nevada.

DATED & SIGNED this 13th of April, 2015

Stephanie Prevost, NSA Chair
Chair Stephanie Prevost called the meeting to order at 7:39 a.m.

1. **ROLL CALL**

   Members present:  
   - Mrs. Stephanie Prevost, Truckee Meadows Community College, SGA (NSA Chair)  
   - Ms. Sharon Young, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, GPSA (NSA Vice Chair)  
   - Mr. David Cortez-Lopez, Nevada State College, NSSA arrived at 7:49 a.m.  
   - Mr. Timothy Hoover, Western Nevada College, ASWN  
   - Ms. Megan Johnson, Desert Research Institute, GRAD  
   - Mr. William McCurdy, College of Southern Nevada, ASCSN arrived at 8:13 a.m.  

   Members absent:  
   - Mr. Elias Benjelloun, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, CSUN  
   - Ms. RJ Boyajian, University of Nevada, Reno, GSA  
   - Mr. Jake Pereira, University of Nevada, Reno, ASUN  
   - Ms. DeMarynee Saili, Great Basin College, SGA  

   Others present:  
   - Lilly Leon-Vicks, WNC  
   - Umram Osambela, CSN & NSC  

   A quorum of members was not present at the start of the meeting.

2. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

   NSA Lobbyist Umram Osambela announced that President David Cortez-Lopez was on his way to the meeting but running late and that President Jake Pereira would not be attending.

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

   Chair Prevost deferred this action item to later in the meeting when quorum requirements were met.

4. **CHAIR’S REPORT**

   Chair Prevost thanked everyone who came out for Education Day. It was fantastic, she said; we talked to a lot of legislators. Chair Prevost had the opportunity to sit on the Assembly floor with her representative. Overall, there was a lot of support from legislators on need-based financial aid, a workforce development fund and raising the maximum funding level for the Millennium Scholarship. NSA Vice Chair Sharon Young asked if the weapons policy came up at all. Chair Prevost said it did not, at least to her knowledge.

5. **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

   Chair Prevost deferred this action item to later in the meeting when quorum requirements were met.
Chair Prevost yielded the floor to Mr. Osambela to give an update on the latest higher-education related bills being considered by the legislature.

AB 2 – deals with firearms in locked vehicles on NSHE campuses. Possibly a locked box. (Speaker Hambrick). Mr. Osambela asked members to take a position on the bill. President Sharon Young asked what measures would be taken if the weapons are stolen from the vehicle. Mr. Osambela responded that ammunition must be separate from the firearm. Individuals would need to advise police if there is a break in and it would be treated as stolen property.

AB 111/150 – both bills for the Millennium Scholarship. Mr. Osambela pointed out that the Alliance already voted on a position for SB 128. NSHE is still on the fence on these bills, so he was not sure if the Alliance would want to take a position. Chair Prevost asked about the differences between the two bills. NSHE Director of Student Affairs Renee Davis explained that AB 111 is Senator Kirner’s bill. It phases in a proposed increase in the per semester maximum funding level from 12 to 15 credits. AB 111 also raises the community college minimum from 6 to 12, phased in over two years. Ms. Davis also explained that Senator Woodhouse’s bill (SB 128) is similar but raises the community college minimum to 9 while the 15-credit maximum is not phased in, but the increase happens all at once. There was further discussion by the group about the reasons for multiple bills with the same or similar purposes. Ms. Davis went on to explain that AB 150 seeks to create an alternate path for students to qualify for the Millennium scholarship through a test score, rather than high school GPA (NSHE would choose the test score.) This bill is not currently supported by NSHE, at least to Ms. Davis’ knowledge. Vice Chair Young asked about NSHE’s rationale for not supporting the bill. Mr. Osambela responded that he would check with Vice Chancellor Constance Brooks to be sure, but as he understands it NSHE would like to maintain status quo on Millennium eligibility requirements.

President David Cortez-Lopez arrived at 7:49 a.m.

Regarding AB 150, Ms. Davis said she thought that Umram was right and that in the past NSHE has opposed changes to initial eligibility requirements for the Millennium program from the point of view that it makes things confusing for families if there are multiple children who come in under different eligibility requirements. Ms. Davis also stated from her point of view there is also an equity issue with changing eligibility requirements 15 years into the program.

SB 195 – requires Millennium Scholarship recipients to perform community service. “Encouraged” was the original language and then the new bill adds the word “shall.” It is confusing as proposed. The bill also moves the WICHE office under the Governor’s Office. It also has a revision to in-state residency for tuition purposes for NSHE students. The proposal is to change from the concept of “matriculation” to “regular registration period.” Ms. Davis pointed out that the regular registration period is generally earlier than the matriculation date, and the intent of the bill is not clear. Ms. Davis explained that NSHE was opposing the Millennium part of the bill at last word. She also said the System was in support of the WICHE office moving out from the NSHE umbrella, but she thought NSHE was neutral on where it moved to. Mr. Osambela said he would confer with Vice Chancellor Constance Brooks and NSHE External Affairs Coordinator Omar Saucedo and report back to the Alliance.

Mr. Osambela also shared that he had spoken with Senator Heller’s staff, and they said the Senator is working on some bills that will affect financial aid at the federal level. Umram will disseminate when available.
President Megan Johnson asked Mr. Osambela if AB 148 (Assemblywoman Fiore) was being heard that day. Mr. Osambela confirmed it was, and a lengthy discussion followed. The bill provides that individuals with CCW permits would be able to carry their weapons on campus as long as in good standing with permit. This is one of the more controversial bills that concerns high education. The group discussed whether campuses would be checking to see if permit holders carrying guns were in good standing. Mr. Osambela suggested the NSA take a stance on this bill, or at least be vigilant of the progress of the bill. The sentiment is that the bill is likely to pass unless students lobby strongly against it. Mr. Osambela suggested that the Alliance at least oppose the part of the bill that allows concealed carry at child care centers. UNLV, UNR, CSN, TMCC all have child care centers on their campuses. Mr. Osambela said that the ASUN Senate voted to oppose AB 148, but the issue was hotly debated.

Chair Prevost asked Ms. Davis about planning a special meeting. She said they could have a meeting whenever it was convenient for the NSA, but would need time to post the agenda according to OML.

President William McCurdy arrived at 8:13 a.m. Quorum now present.

Vice Chair Young made a motion not to support AB 148 as it stands. President Cortez-Lopez seconded the motion. Discussion ensued and Vice Chair Young expressed the concern that at minimum the bill needs provisions to ensure the safety of students and to ensure only those with permits in good standing would be allowed to carry on campus. President McCurdy said that those who have a CCW should be required to check in with campus police. President Cortez-Lopez suggested that the bill should eliminate child care centers as places where weapons could be carried. President McCurdy was also concerned about the need to address the fiscal impact in regards to enforcement. Five members voted in favor, one opposed. Motion passed.

6. **CSN EXCESS CREDIT FEE WORKSHOP**  
This item was deferred to the April meeting.

7. **NEW BUSINESS**  
No new business was presented.

8. **PUBLIC COMMENT**  
No public comment was presented.

Meeting adjourned at 8:16 a.m. but reconvened immediately.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**  
President McCurdy made a motion to approve the minutes for December 4 and 5, 2014 and January 12 and February 9, 2015. President Johnson seconded the motion. President Cortez-Lopez requested one correction to reflect he was present on December 4. Five members voted in favor to approve all minutes as revised, with one abstention. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:19 a.m.