

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 Sali, 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.

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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**INFORMATION**

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.

In accordance with Attorney General Opinion No. 00-047, as restated in the Attorney General's Open Meeting Law Manual, the NSA Chair may prohibit comment if the content of that comment is a topic that is not relevant to, or within the authority of, the NSA, or if the content is willfully disruptive of the meeting by being irrelevant, repetitious, slanderous, offensive, inflammatory, irrational or amounting to personal attacks or interfering with the rights of other speakers.

3. DISCUSSION WITH CHANCELLOR KLAICH**INFORMATION**

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**FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

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 FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

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 FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

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 INFORMATION

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 INFORMATION

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 INFORMATION

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.

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UNR, Clark Administration, University of Nevada, Reno, Reno, NV 89557

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System Administration, 4300 S. Maryland Parkway, Las Vegas, NV 89119

System Administration, 2601 Enterprise Road, Reno, NV 89512

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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.

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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 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:

1 Existing law generally makes it a gross misdemeanor to carry or possess certain
2 weapons while on the property of the Nevada System of Higher Education, a
3 private or public school or a child care facility, or while in a vehicle of a private or
4 public school or a child care facility except in certain circumstances. (NRS
5 202.265) This bill adds an exception so that a person is not prohibited from
6 possessing such weapons on the property of the Nevada System of Higher
7 Education, a private or public school or a child care facility if the weapon remains
8 out of public view and if the weapon is: (1) inside a motor vehicle that is occupied
9 or, if the motor vehicle is unoccupied, the motor vehicle is locked; or (2) stored in a
10 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:

1 **Section 1.** NRS 202.265 is hereby amended to read as follows:
2 202.265 1. Except as otherwise provided in this section, a
3 person shall not carry or possess while on the property of the
4 Nevada System of Higher Education, a private or public school or *a*
5 child care facility, or while in a vehicle of a private or public school
6 or *a* child care facility:



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

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

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

12 (a) A private or public school or child care facility by a:

- 13 (1) Peace officer;
- 14 (2) School security guard; or
- 15 (3) Person having written permission from the president of a
16 branch or facility of the Nevada System of Higher Education or the
17 principal of the school or the person designated by a child care
18 facility to give permission to carry or possess the weapon.

19 (b) A child care facility which is located at or in the home of a
20 natural person by the person who owns or operates the facility so
21 long as the person resides in the home and the person complies with
22 any laws governing the possession of such a weapon.

23 *(c) The Nevada System of Higher Education, a private or*
24 *public school or a child care facility if the weapon remains out of*
25 *common observation and is:*

- 26 *(1) Inside a motor vehicle, other than a school bus, that is:*
27 *(I) Occupied; or*
28 *(II) Unoccupied and locked; or*
29 *(2) Stored in a locked container that is affixed securely to a*
30 *motor vehicle, other than a school bus.*

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

34 5. For the purposes of this section:

35 (a) "Child care facility" means any child care facility that is
36 licensed pursuant to chapter 432A of NRS or licensed by a city or
37 county.

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

41 (c) "Nunchaku" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 202.350.

42 (d) *"School bus" has the meaning ascribed to it in*
43 *NRS 484A.230.*

44 (e) "Switchblade knife" has the meaning ascribed to it in
45 NRS 202.350.



1 ~~[(e)]~~ (f) “Trefoil” has the meaning ascribed to it in
2 NRS 202.350.
3 ~~[(f) “Vehicle” has the meaning ascribed to “school bus” in~~
4 ~~NRS 484A.230.]~~



ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 111—ASSEMBLYMAN KIRNER

FEBRUARY 2, 2015

Referred to Committee on Education

SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to the Governor Guinn Millennium Scholarship. (BDR 34-258)

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

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

AN ACT relating to education; 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:

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



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

- 1 **Section 1.** NRS 396.930 is hereby amended to read as follows:
2 396.930 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsections 2 and
3 3, a student may apply to the Board of Regents for a Millennium
4 Scholarship if the student:
5 (a) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (e) of subsection
6 2, has been a resident of this State for at least 2 years before the
7 student applies for the Millennium Scholarship;
8 (b) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (c), graduated
9 from a public or private high school in this State:
10 (1) After May 1, 2000, but not later than May 1, 2003; or
11 (2) After May 1, 2003, and, except as otherwise provided in
12 paragraphs (c), (d) and (f) of subsection 2, not more than 6 years
13 before the student applies for the Millennium Scholarship;
14 (c) Does not satisfy the requirements of paragraph (b) and:
15 (1) Was enrolled as a pupil in a public or private high school
16 in this State with a class of pupils who were regularly scheduled to
17 graduate after May 1, 2000;
18 (2) Received his or her high school diploma within 4 years
19 after he or she was regularly scheduled to graduate; and
20 (3) Applies for the Millennium Scholarship not more than 6
21 years after he or she was regularly scheduled to graduate from high
22 school;
23 (d) Maintained in high school in the courses designated by the
24 Board of Regents pursuant to paragraph (b) of subsection 2, at least:
25 (1) A 3.00 grade point average on a 4.0 grading scale, if the
26 student was a member of the graduating class of 2003 or 2004;
27 (2) A 3.10 grade point average on a 4.0 grading scale, if the
28 student was a member of the graduating class of 2005 or 2006; or
29 (3) A 3.25 grade point average on a 4.0 grading scale, if the
30 student was a member of the graduating class of 2007 or a later
31 graduating class; and
32 (e) Is enrolled in at least:
33 (1) ~~Six~~ *Nine* semester credit hours in a community college
34 within the System;
35 (2) Twelve semester credit hours in another eligible
36 institution; or
37 (3) A total of 12 or more semester credit hours in eligible
38 institutions if the student is enrolled in more than one eligible
39 institution.
40 2. The Board of Regents:
41 (a) Shall define the core curriculum that a student must complete
42 in high school to be eligible for a Millennium Scholarship.



1 (b) Shall designate the courses in which a student must earn the
2 minimum grade point averages set forth in paragraph (d) of
3 subsection 1.

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

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

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

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

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

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

38 3. Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (c) of subsection
39 1, for students who did not graduate from a public or private high
40 school in this State and who, except as otherwise provided in
41 paragraph (e) of subsection 2, have been residents of this State for at
42 least 2 years, the Board of Regents shall establish:

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



- 1 (b) Other criteria that students must meet,
2 → to be eligible for Millennium Scholarships.
- 3 4. In awarding Millennium Scholarships, the Board of Regents
4 shall enhance its outreach to students who:
- 5 (a) Are pursuing a career in education or health care;
6 (b) Come from families who lack sufficient financial resources
7 to pay for the costs of sending their children to an eligible
8 institution; or
9 (c) Substantially participated in an antismoking, antidrug or
10 antialcohol program during high school.
- 11 5. The Board of Regents shall establish a procedure by which
12 an applicant for a Millennium Scholarship is required to execute an
13 affidavit declaring the applicant's eligibility for a Millennium
14 Scholarship pursuant to the requirements of this section. The
15 affidavit must include a declaration that the applicant is a citizen of
16 the United States or has lawful immigration status, or that the
17 applicant has filed an application to legalize the applicant's
18 immigration status or will file an application to legalize his or her
19 immigration status as soon as he or she is eligible to do so.
- 20 **Sec. 2.** NRS 396.930 is hereby amended to read as follows:
21 396.930 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsections 2 and
22 3, a student may apply to the Board of Regents for a Millennium
23 Scholarship if the student:
- 24 (a) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (e) of subsection
25 2, has been a resident of this State for at least 2 years before the
26 student applies for the Millennium Scholarship;
- 27 (b) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (c), graduated
28 from a public or private high school in this State:
- 29 (1) After May 1, 2000, but not later than May 1, 2003; or
30 (2) After May 1, 2003, and, except as otherwise provided in
31 paragraphs (c), (d) and (f) of subsection 2, not more than 6 years
32 before the student applies for the Millennium Scholarship;
- 33 (c) Does not satisfy the requirements of paragraph (b) and:
34 (1) Was enrolled as a pupil in a public or private high school
35 in this State with a class of pupils who were regularly scheduled to
36 graduate after May 1, 2000;
- 37 (2) Received his or her high school diploma within 4 years
38 after he or she was regularly scheduled to graduate; and
39 (3) Applies for the Millennium Scholarship not more than 6
40 years after he or she was regularly scheduled to graduate from high
41 school;
- 42 (d) Maintained in high school in the courses designated by the
43 Board of Regents pursuant to paragraph (b) of subsection 2, at least:
44 (1) A 3.00 grade point average on a 4.0 grading scale, if the
45 student was a member of the graduating class of 2003 or 2004;



1 (2) A 3.10 grade point average on a 4.0 grading scale, if the
2 student was a member of the graduating class of 2005 or 2006; or

3 (3) A 3.25 grade point average on a 4.0 grading scale, if the
4 student was a member of the graduating class of 2007 or a later
5 graduating class; and

6 (e) Is enrolled in at least:

7 (1) ~~Nine~~ *Twelve* semester credit hours in a community
8 college within the System;

9 (2) Twelve semester credit hours in another eligible
10 institution; or

11 (3) A total of 12 or more semester credit hours in eligible
12 institutions if the student is enrolled in more than one eligible
13 institution.

14 2. The Board of Regents:

15 (a) Shall define the core curriculum that a student must complete
16 in high school to be eligible for a Millennium Scholarship.

17 (b) Shall designate the courses in which a student must earn the
18 minimum grade point averages set forth in paragraph (d) of
19 subsection 1.

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

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

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

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

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

43 (f) Shall establish criteria with respect to students who have
44 been actively serving or participating in a charitable, religious or
45 public service assignment or mission to exempt such students from



1 the 6-year limitation on applications that is set forth in subparagraph
2 (2) of paragraph (b) of subsection 1. Such criteria must provide for
3 the award of Millennium Scholarships to those students who qualify
4 for the exemption and who otherwise meet the eligibility criteria to
5 the extent that money is available to award Millennium Scholarships
6 to the students after all other obligations for the award of
7 Millennium Scholarships for the current school year have been
8 satisfied.

9 3. Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (c) of subsection
10 1, for students who did not graduate from a public or private high
11 school in this State and who, except as otherwise provided in
12 paragraph (e) of subsection 2, have been residents of this State for at
13 least 2 years, the Board of Regents shall establish:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

35 **Sec. 3.** NRS 396.934 is hereby amended to read as follows:

36 396.934 1. Except as otherwise provided in this section,
37 within the limits of money available in the Trust Fund, a student
38 who is eligible for a Millennium Scholarship is entitled to receive:

39 (a) If he or she is enrolled in a community college within the
40 System, including, without limitation, a summer academic term, \$40
41 per credit for each lower division course and \$60 per credit for each
42 upper division course in which the student is enrolled, or the amount
43 of money that is necessary for the student to pay the costs of
44 attending the community college that are not otherwise satisfied by
45 other grants or scholarships, whichever is less. The Board of



1 Regents shall provide for the designation of upper and lower
2 division courses for the purposes of this paragraph.

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

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

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

20 ➤ In no event may a student who is eligible for a Millennium
21 Scholarship receive more than the cost of ~~12~~ 13 semester credits
22 per semester pursuant to this subsection.

23 2. No student may be awarded a Millennium Scholarship:

24 (a) To pay for remedial courses.

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

26 3. A student who receives a Millennium Scholarship shall:

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

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

32 (1) At least a 2.60 grade point average on a 4.0 grading scale
33 for each semester during the first year of enrollment in the Governor
34 Guinn Millennium Scholarship Program.

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

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



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

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

9 (b) Fails a second time to satisfy the requirements of subsection
10 3 during any subsequent semester, excluding a summer academic
11 term, the student is no longer eligible for a Millennium Scholarship.

12 6. A Millennium Scholarship must be used only:

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

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

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

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

35 8. The Board of Regents shall establish:

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

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

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



1 **Sec. 4.** NRS 396.934 is hereby amended to read as follows:

2 396.934 1. Except as otherwise provided in this section,
3 within the limits of money available in the Trust Fund, a student
4 who is eligible for a Millennium Scholarship is entitled to receive:

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

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

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

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

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

34 2. No student may be awarded a Millennium Scholarship:

35 (a) To pay for remedial courses.

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

37 3. A student who receives a Millennium Scholarship shall:

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

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

43 (1) At least a 2.60 grade point average on a 4.0 grading scale
44 for each semester during the first year of enrollment in the Governor
45 Guinn Millennium Scholarship Program.



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

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

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

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

19 (b) Fails a second time to satisfy the requirements of subsection
20 3 during any subsequent semester, excluding a summer academic
21 term, the student is no longer eligible for a Millennium Scholarship.

22 6. A Millennium Scholarship must be used only:

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

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

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

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

45 8. The Board of Regents shall establish:



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

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

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

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

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12 within the limits of money available in the Trust Fund, a student
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15 System, including, without limitation, a summer academic term, \$40
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17 upper division course in which the student is enrolled, or the amount
18 of money that is necessary for the student to pay the costs of
19 attending the community college that are not otherwise satisfied by
20 other grants or scholarships, whichever is less. The Board of
21 Regents shall provide for the designation of upper and lower
22 division courses for the purposes of this paragraph.

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

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

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

40 ➤ In no event may a student who is eligible for a Millennium
41 Scholarship receive more than the cost of ~~14~~ 15 semester credits
42 per semester pursuant to this subsection.

43 2. No student may be awarded a Millennium Scholarship:

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



1 3. A student who receives a Millennium Scholarship shall:
2 (a) Make satisfactory academic progress toward a recognized
3 degree or certificate, as determined by the Board of Regents
4 pursuant to subsection 8; and

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

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8 for each semester during the first year of enrollment in the Governor
9 Guinn Millennium Scholarship Program.

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11 for each semester during the second year of enrollment in the
12 Governor Guinn Millennium Scholarship Program and for each
13 semester during each year of enrollment thereafter.

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

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

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

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30 term, the student is no longer eligible for a Millennium Scholarship.

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41 enrolled, upon certification from the eligible institution of the
42 number of credits for which the student is enrolled, which must
43 meet or exceed the minimum number of credits required for
44 eligibility and certification that the student is in good standing and
45 making satisfactory academic progress toward a recognized degree



1 or certificate, as determined by the Board of Regents pursuant to
2 subsection 8. The Millennium Scholarship must be administered by
3 the eligible institution as other similar scholarships are administered
4 and may be used only for the expenditures authorized pursuant to
5 subsection 6. If a student is enrolled in more than one eligible
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7 eligible institution at which the student is enrolled in a program of
8 study leading to a recognized degree or certificate.

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11 satisfactory academic progress toward a recognized degree or
12 certificate for purposes of subsection 7.

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14 Scholarship awarded to a student that is refunded in whole or in part
15 for any reason is refunded to the Trust Fund and not the student.

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

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

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

22 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.

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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; 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:

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

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

1 **Section 1.** NRS 396.930 is hereby amended to read as follows:
2 396.930 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsections 2 and
3 3, a student may apply to the Board of Regents for a Millennium
4 Scholarship if the student:
5 (a) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (e) of subsection
6 2, has been a resident of this State for at least 2 years before the
7 student applies for the Millennium Scholarship;
8 (b) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (c), graduated
9 from a public or private high school in this State:



SENATE BILL NO. 215—SENATORS FORD, KIHUEN, SPEARMAN,
ATKINSON, PARKS; DENIS, MANENDO AND WOODHOUSE

MARCH 5, 2015

JOINT SPONSORS: ASSEMBLYMEN KIRKPATRICK, BENITEZ-
THOMPSON, ELLIOT ANDERSON, CARLTON, THOMPSON;
ARAUJO, BUSTAMANTE ADAMS, CARRILLO, DIAZ, FLORES,
JOINER, MUNFORD, NEAL, OHRENSCHALL, SPIEGEL,
SPRINKLE AND SWANK

Referred to Committee on Education

SUMMARY—Makes various changes relating to student loans.
(BDR 18-933)

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

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

AN ACT relating to 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.



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Legislative Counsel's Digest:

1 **Section 2** of this bill requires the Director of the Department of Business and
2 Industry to develop and carry into effect a program under which residents of this
3 State may obtain loans to refinance certain loans for educational expenses. To pay
4 the cost of the program, **section 3** of this bill authorizes the Director to issue or
5 request the issuance of revenue bonds in the manner provided by the State
6 Securities Law.

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

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

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

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

33 **Section 18** of this bill repeals the provisions relating to a student loan program
34 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:

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

4 **Sec. 2. 1. *The Director shall develop and carry into effect a***
5 ***program under which residents of this State may obtain loans to***
6 ***refinance qualified education loans. In carrying out the program,***
7 ***the Director may make, undertake commitments to make and***
8 ***participate with private lending institutions in the making of loans***
9 ***to refinance qualified education loans. The criteria for eligibility***
10 ***to participate in the program must be substantially similar to the***
11 ***criteria used by private lending institutions in this State to***



1 *determine whether a person qualifies for an unsecured personal*
2 *loan at a market rate of interest.*

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

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

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

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

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

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

29 *2. Based upon the analysis of the information described in*
30 *subsection 1, the Director shall compile and maintain a list of the*
31 *private lending institutions identified by the Director, ranking*
32 *them as far as practicable according to the rate of interest charged*
33 *by each lending institution and the repayment requirements and*
34 *policies of each lending institution as they relate to student loans*
35 *available to residents of this State. Those lending institutions*
36 *charging a lower rate of interest and having repayment*
37 *requirements and policies that are determined by the Director to*
38 *be more favorable to borrowers must be ranked more highly than*
39 *competing lending institutions. The Director shall post the list*
40 *developed pursuant to this subsection on the Internet website of*
41 *the Department, identifying the five lending institutions that are*
42 *most highly ranked and the five lending institutions that are lowest*
43 *ranked. The Director shall update the list not less frequently than*
44 *every 30 days.*



1 **Sec. 5. 1.** *The Director shall prepare informational*
2 *material for students or prospective students on the terms and*
3 *conditions of student loans and the responsibilities of a borrower*
4 *with respect to a student loan. The material must include*
5 *information about available repayment plans for student loans,*
6 *strategies for managing debt, options for the prepayment of*
7 *student loans and the consequences of defaulting on a student*
8 *loan.*

9 **2.** *Each institution of the Nevada System of Higher*
10 *Education and each postsecondary educational institution licensed*
11 *by the Commission on Postsecondary Education shall:*

12 **(a)** *Provide a copy of the material prepared by the Director*
13 *pursuant to this section to each person who applies for admission*
14 *to the educational institution;*

15 **(b)** *Obtain from each such person a written acknowledgment*
16 *of receipt of the material;*

17 **(c)** *Retain a copy of the acknowledgment in its records for not*
18 *less than 10 years; and*

19 **(d)** *Provide a copy of the acknowledgment, upon request, to*
20 *any private lending institution described in subsection 3.*

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

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

41 **2.** *The Director shall:*

42 **(a)** *Compile and analyze the information reported pursuant to*
43 *subsection 1 to determine the statewide average amount of*
44 *indebtedness incurred for student loans during the last preceding*



1 *calendar year by students attending the institutions described in*
2 *subsection 1;*

3 *(b) Compare the amount determined pursuant to paragraph*
4 *(a) to the national average amount of indebtedness incurred for*
5 *student loans during the last preceding calendar year by students*
6 *attending postsecondary educational institutions in the United*
7 *States;*

8 *(c) Compare the amount determined pursuant to paragraph (a)*
9 *to the statewide average amount of indebtedness incurred for*
10 *student loans during the last preceding calendar year by students*
11 *attending postsecondary educational institutions in the state with*
12 *the lowest ratio of statewide average amount of indebtedness*
13 *incurred for student loans to the lowest quintile of per capita*
14 *income during that year; and*

15 *(d) On or before March 15 of each year, prepare and submit a*
16 *report of the results of the analysis required by paragraph (a) and*
17 *the comparisons required by paragraphs (b) and (c) to:*

18 *(1) The Governor; and*

19 *(2) The Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for*
20 *transmittal to the Legislature.*

21 **Sec. 7.** NRS 232.505 is hereby amended to read as follows:

22 232.505 As used in NRS 232.505 to 232.845, inclusive, *and*
23 *sections 2 to 6, inclusive, of this act, unless the context requires*
24 *otherwise:*

25 1. "Department" means the Department of Business and
26 Industry.

27 2. "Director" means the Director of the Department.

28 3. *"Postsecondary educational institution" or "educational*
29 *institution" means a postsecondary educational institution as*
30 *defined in NRS 394.099. The term also includes any public school,*
31 *college or university described in that section.*

32 4. *"Private lending institution" or "lending institution"*
33 *means any private entity that itself or through an affiliate makes*
34 *available student loans to pay for or finance the expenses of*
35 *attending a postsecondary educational institution.*

36 5. *"Student loan" means a loan issued by a private lending*
37 *institution or a postsecondary educational institution to pay for or*
38 *finance the expenses of attending a postsecondary educational*
39 *institution.*

40 **Sec. 8.** NRS 232.520 is hereby amended to read as follows:

41 232.520 The Director:

42 1. Shall appoint a chief or executive director, or both of them,
43 of each of the divisions, offices, commissions, boards, agencies or
44 other entities of the Department, unless the authority to appoint such
45 a chief or executive director, or both of them, is expressly vested in



1 another person, board or commission by a specific statute. In
2 making the appointments, the Director may obtain lists of qualified
3 persons from professional organizations, associations or other
4 groups recognized by the Department, if any. The chief of the
5 Consumer Affairs Division is the Commissioner of Consumer
6 Affairs, the chief of the Division of Financial Institutions is the
7 Commissioner of Financial Institutions, the chief of the Housing
8 Division is the Administrator of the Housing Division, the chief of
9 the Manufactured Housing Division is the Administrator of the
10 Manufactured Housing Division, the chief of the Real Estate
11 Division is the Real Estate Administrator, the chief of the Division
12 of Insurance is the Commissioner of Insurance, the chief of the
13 Division of Industrial Relations is the Administrator of the Division
14 of Industrial Relations, the chief of the Office of Labor
15 Commissioner is the Labor Commissioner, the chief of the Taxicab
16 Authority is the Taxicab Administrator, the chief of the Nevada
17 Transportation Authority is the Chair of the Authority, the chief of
18 the Division of Mortgage Lending is the Commissioner of Mortgage
19 Lending and the chief of any other entity of the Department has the
20 title specified by the Director, unless a different title is specified by
21 a specific statute.

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

34 3. May:

35 (a) Establish uniform policies for the Department, consistent
36 with the policies and statutory responsibilities and duties of the
37 divisions and other entities within the Department, relating to
38 matters concerning budgeting, accounting, planning, program
39 development, personnel, information services, dispute resolution,
40 travel, workplace safety, the acceptance of gifts or donations, the
41 management of records and any other subject for which a uniform
42 departmental policy is necessary to ensure the efficient operation of
43 the Department.

44 (b) Provide coordination among the divisions and other entities
45 within the Department, in a manner which does not encroach upon



1 their statutory powers and duties, as they adopt and enforce
2 regulations, execute agreements, purchase goods, services or
3 equipment, prepare legislative requests and lease or use office space.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

44 ***10. May adopt regulations to carry out the provisions of***
45 ***sections 2 to 6, inclusive, of this act.***



1 **Sec. 9.** Chapter 394 of NRS is hereby amended by adding
2 thereto a new section to read as follows:

3 1. *Each postsecondary educational institution shall provide to*
4 *each applicant for admission to the institution and, if the applicant*
5 *is a minor, to the parent or guardian of the applicant, information*
6 *about:*

7 (a) *The total annual cost of attending the institution,*
8 *including, without limitation, the cost of tuition, fees, books,*
9 *materials and room and board;*

10 (b) *The approximate or, if known, the actual total amount of*
11 *any financial aid that the applicant will receive from the*
12 *institution;*

13 (c) *The approximate or, if known, the actual total amount of*
14 *indebtedness that the applicant will incur over a period of 4 years*
15 *if all the costs described in paragraph (a) are paid with student*
16 *loans, and the monthly payment that will be required to pay that*
17 *indebtedness; and*

18 (d) *Current interest rates and repayment plans for student*
19 *loans that are available to students attending the institution and*
20 *the rate of default on student loans among students who have left*
21 *the institution during the immediately preceding 10 years.*

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

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

27 394.411 1. The Commission shall adopt regulations
28 governing the administration of NRS 394.383 to 394.560, inclusive,
29 *and section 9 of this act* and may adopt such other regulations as are
30 proper or necessary for the execution of the powers and duties
31 conferred upon it by law.

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

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

38 394.480 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of NRS 100.065
39 to the contrary, each:

40 (a) Postsecondary educational institution initially licensed on or
41 after July 1, 1995, shall file with the Administrator a surety bond in
42 the amount of \$10,000 or in a greater amount determined by the
43 Commission for the period of the initial license to operate, including
44 any provisional period.



1 (b) Postsecondary educational institution or other entity which is
2 authorized to employ one or more agents in this State shall file with
3 the Administrator a surety bond in the amount of \$10,000 or in a
4 greater amount determined by the Commission for the period of the
5 agent's permit.

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

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

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

23 2. The bond required of a postsecondary educational institution
24 pursuant to subsection 1 must be executed by the entity that owns
25 the institution as principal, by a surety company as surety and by a
26 licensed insurance agent residing in this State. The bond must be
27 payable to the State of Nevada and must be conditioned to provide
28 indemnification to any student, enrollee or his or her parent or
29 guardian determined by the Commission to have suffered damage as
30 a result of any act by the postsecondary educational institution that
31 is a violation of NRS 394.383 to 394.560, inclusive **H**, **and section**
32 **9 of this act**. The bonding company shall provide indemnification
33 upon receipt of written notice of the determination by the
34 Commission. The bond may be continuous, but regardless of the
35 duration of the bond the aggregate liability of the surety does not
36 exceed the penal sum of the bond.

37 3. A surety on any bond filed pursuant to this section may be
38 released after the surety gives 30 days' written notice to the
39 Administrator, but the release does not discharge or otherwise affect
40 any claim filed by a student, enrollee or his or her parent or guardian
41 for damage resulting from any act of the postsecondary educational
42 institution or agent alleged to have occurred while the bond was in
43 effect, or for an institution's ceasing operations during the term for
44 which tuition had been paid while the bond was in force.



1 4. A license or an agent's permit is suspended by operation of
2 law when the institution or agent is no longer covered by a surety
3 bond as required by this section. The Administrator shall give the
4 institution or agent, or both, at least 20 days' written notice before
5 the release of the surety, to the effect that the license or permit will
6 be suspended by operation of law until another surety bond is filed
7 in the same manner and amount as the bond being terminated.

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

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

12 394.510 1. The Commission may impose an administrative
13 fine of not more than \$10,000 against a licensee, revoke a license, or
14 make a license conditional after its issuance, if the Commission
15 reasonably believes that the holder has violated the provisions of
16 NRS 394.383 to 394.560, inclusive, *and section 9 of this act* or
17 regulations adopted pursuant to those sections, or has failed to
18 comply with a lawful order of the Commission. The Administrator
19 shall notify the institution of the reasons for the action by certified
20 mail to its last known address, 20 days before the meeting of the
21 Commission at which the action will be considered.

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

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

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

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

41 394.520 1. Until 1 year after the last date of attendance or
42 date on which the damage occurred, whichever is later, a person
43 claiming damage as a result of any act by a postsecondary
44 educational institution or its agent, or both, that is a violation of
45 NRS 394.383 to 394.560, inclusive, *and section 9 of this act* or



1 regulations adopted pursuant thereto, may file with the
2 Administrator a verified complaint against the institution, its agent,
3 or both. The complaint must set forth the alleged violation and
4 contain other information as required by regulations of the
5 Commission. A complaint may also be filed by a Commissioner or
6 the Attorney General or initiated by the Administrator.

7 2. The Administrator shall investigate any verified complaint
8 and may, at his or her discretion, attempt to effectuate a settlement
9 by arbitration, mediation or negotiation. The Administrator may also
10 consult with the applicable accrediting body to resolve the
11 complaint. If a settlement cannot be reached, the Administrator shall
12 render a decision and notify each party of the decision and the
13 reasons for it by certified mail to his or her last known address.
14 Either party may request a hearing before the Commission by
15 notifying the Administrator by certified mail within 15 days after
16 the decision was mailed to the party. The hearing must be held at the
17 next meeting of the Commission in the geographical area convenient
18 to the parties. If a hearing is not requested, the decision of the
19 Administrator is final.

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

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

41 394.553 1. The Account for Student Indemnification is
42 hereby created in the State General Fund. The existence of the
43 Account does not create a right in any person to receive money from
44 the Account. The Administrator shall administer the Account in
45 accordance with regulations adopted by the Commission.



1 2. Except as otherwise limited by subsection 3, the money in
2 the Account may be used to indemnify any student or enrollee who
3 has suffered damage as a result of:

4 (a) The discontinuance of operation of a postsecondary
5 educational institution licensed in this state; or

6 (b) The violation by such an institution of any provision of NRS
7 394.383 to 394.560, inclusive, *and section 9 of this act* or the
8 regulations adopted pursuant thereto.

9 3. If a student or enrollee is entitled to indemnification from a
10 surety bond pursuant to NRS 394.480, the bond must be used to
11 indemnify the student or enrollee before any money in the Account
12 may be used for indemnification.

13 4. In addition to the expenditures made for indemnification
14 pursuant to subsection 2, the Administrator may use the money in
15 the Account to pay extraordinary expenses incurred to investigate
16 claims for indemnification or resulting from the discontinuance of
17 the operation of a postsecondary educational institution licensed in
18 this state. Money expended pursuant to this subsection must not
19 exceed, for each institution for which indemnification is made, 15
20 percent of the total amount expended for indemnification pursuant
21 to subsection 2 or \$10,000, whichever is less.

22 5. No expenditure may be made from the Account if the
23 expenditure would cause the balance in the Account to fall below
24 \$10,000.

25 6. Interest and income earned on the money in the Account,
26 after deducting any applicable charges, must be credited to the
27 Account.

28 7. The money in the Account does not lapse to the State
29 General Fund at the end of any fiscal year.

30 **Sec. 15.** Chapter 396 of NRS is hereby amended by adding
31 thereto a new section to read as follows:

32 *1. Each university, state college and community college*
33 *within the System shall provide to each applicant for admission to*
34 *the college or university, as applicable, and, if the applicant is a*
35 *minor, to the parent or guardian of the applicant, information*
36 *about:*

37 *(a) The total annual cost of attending the college or university,*
38 *including, without limitation, the cost of tuition, fees, books,*
39 *materials and room and board;*

40 *(b) The approximate or, if known, the actual total amount of*
41 *any financial aid that the applicant will receive from the college or*
42 *university;*

43 *(c) The approximate or, if known, the actual total amount of*
44 *indebtedness that the applicant will incur over a period of 4 years*
45 *if all the costs described in paragraph (a) are paid with student*



1 *loans, and the monthly payment that will be required to pay that*
2 *indebtedness; and*

3 *(d) Current interest rates and repayment plans for student*
4 *loans that are available to students attending the college or*
5 *university and the rate of default on student loans among students*
6 *who have left the college or university during the immediately*
7 *preceding 10 years.*

8 *2. Each university, state college and community college*
9 *within the System shall create a link on its Internet website to the*
10 *list of private lending institutions posted pursuant to section 4 of*
11 *this act by the Director of the Department of Business and*
12 *Industry.*

13 **Sec. 16.** NRS 397.060 is hereby amended to read as follows:

14 397.060 The three Nevada State Commissioners, acting jointly:

15 1. Shall:

16 (a) Choose from among Nevada residents who apply, and have
17 at least 1 year's residence in this state immediately before applying
18 for the program, those most qualified for contract places; and

19 (b) Certify them to receiving institutions.

20 2. May enter into any reciprocity agreement, including, without
21 limitation, the State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement, for the
22 purpose of authorizing a postsecondary educational institution that
23 is located in another state or territory of the United States to provide
24 distance education to residents of this State if the requirements
25 contained in the agreement for authorizing a postsecondary
26 educational institution that is located in another state or territory of
27 the United States to provide distance education to residents of this
28 State are substantially similar to the requirements for licensure of a
29 postsecondary educational institution by the Commission on
30 Postsecondary Education pursuant to NRS 394.383 to 394.560,
31 inclusive **H**, and *section 9 of this act*. As used in this subsection,
32 "postsecondary educational institution" has the meaning ascribed to
33 it in NRS 394.099.

34 **Sec. 17.** The provisions of subsection 1 of NRS 218D.380 do
35 not apply to any provision of this act which adds or revises a
36 requirement to submit a report to the Legislature.

37 **Sec. 18.** NRS 385.102, 385.104, 385.106, 385.107 and
38 385.108 are hereby repealed.

39 **Sec. 19.** This act becomes effective:

40 1. Upon passage and approval for the purposes of adopting any
41 regulations and performing any other preparatory administrative
42 tasks necessary to carry out the provisions of this act; and

43 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 (1) After May 1, 2000, but not later than May 1, 2003; or
2 (2) After May 1, 2003, and, except as otherwise provided in
3 paragraphs (c), (d) and (f) of subsection 2, not more than 6 years
4 before the student applies for the Millennium Scholarship;

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

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

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

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

14 (d) ~~maintained~~ *Except as otherwise provided in paragraph*
15 *(e), maintained* in high school in the courses designated by the
16 Board of Regents pursuant to paragraph (b) of subsection 2, at least:

17 (1) A 3.00 grade point average on a 4.0 grading scale, if the
18 student was a member of the graduating class of 2003 or 2004;

19 (2) A 3.10 grade point average on a 4.0 grading scale, if the
20 student was a member of the graduating class of 2005 or 2006; or

21 (3) A 3.25 grade point average on a 4.0 grading scale, if the
22 student was a member of the graduating class of 2007 or a later
23 graduating class; ~~and~~

24 (e) *Does not satisfy the requirements of paragraph (d) and*
25 *received at least the minimum score established by the Board of*
26 *Regents on a college entrance examination approved by the Board*
27 *of Regents; and*

28 (f) Is enrolled in at least:

29 (1) Six semester credit hours in a community college within
30 the System;

31 (2) Twelve semester credit hours in another eligible
32 institution; or

33 (3) A total of 12 or more semester credit hours in eligible
34 institutions if the student is enrolled in more than one eligible
35 institution.

36 2. The Board of Regents:

37 (a) Shall define the core curriculum that a student must complete
38 in high school to be eligible for a Millennium Scholarship.

39 (b) Shall designate the courses in which a student must earn the
40 minimum grade point averages set forth in paragraph (d) of
41 subsection 1.

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



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

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

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

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

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

31 3. Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (c) of subsection
32 1, for students who did not graduate from a public or private high
33 school in this State and who, except as otherwise provided in
34 paragraph (e) of subsection 2, have been residents of this State for at
35 least 2 years, the Board of Regents shall establish:

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

12 **Sec. 2.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2015.

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

MARCH 9, 2015

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:

1 This bill creates the Silver State Opportunity Grant Program. Under the
2 Program, the Board of Regents of the University of Nevada is required to award
3 grants to eligible students who are enrolled in community colleges and state
4 colleges that are part of the Nevada System of Higher Education to pay for a
5 portion of the cost of education at such institutions. **Section 3** of this bill sets forth
6 the criteria for eligibility for such a grant. **Section 4** of this bill requires the Board
7 of Regents or a designee of the Board to: (1) calculate the maximum amount of the
8 grant which a student is eligible to receive; (2) determine the actual amount each
9 eligible student will receive; and (3) make grants to all eligible students. **Section 4**
10 provides that any money awarded under the Program must be used only to pay the
11 cost of education of a student and not for any other purpose. **Section 5** of this bill
12 requires the Board of Regents to adopt regulations prescribing the procedures and
13 standards for determining eligibility and the methodology for calculating the
14 financial need of a student. **Section 6** of this bill authorizes the Board of Regents to
15 accept gifts, grants, bequests and donations to fund grants awarded under the
16 Program.



17 **Section 7** of this bill requires the Board of Regents to submit a biennial report
18 on the Program to the Legislature. The report must include information regarding:
19 (1) the number of grants awarded under the Program; (2) the average amount of
20 each grant; and (3) the percentage of students awarded grants who remained in
21 school and who eventually earned a degree or certificate.

22 Finally, **section 9** of this bill includes appropriations from the State General
23 Fund to the Board of Regents for the award of grants in the amount of \$5 million
24 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:

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

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

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

11 *2. The Board of Regents shall administer the Program.*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



1 (a) Calculate the maximum amount of the grant which the
2 student is eligible to receive. The maximum amount of such a
3 grant must not exceed the amount equal to the cost of education of
4 the student minus the amounts determined for the student
5 contribution, family contribution and federal contribution to the
6 cost of education of the student.

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

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

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

21 **Sec. 5. 1. The Board of Regents:**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

39 (a) In determining the student contribution to the cost of
40 education, the student contribution must not exceed the amount
41 that the Board of Regents determines the student reasonably could
42 be expected to earn from employment during the time the student
43 is enrolled at a community college or state college within the
44 System, including, without limitation, during breaks between
45 semesters. This paragraph and any regulations adopted pursuant



1 *to this section must not be construed to require a student to seek or*
2 *obtain employment as a condition of eligibility for a grant under*
3 *the Program.*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

39 **Sec. 10.** *Any balance of the sums appropriated by section 9 of*
40 *this act remaining at the end of the respective fiscal years must not*
41 *be committed for expenditure after June 30 of the respective fiscal*
42 *years by the Board of Regents of the University of Nevada or any*
43 *entity to which money from the appropriation is granted or*
44 *otherwise transferred in any manner, and any portion of the*
45 *appropriated money remaining must not be spent for any purpose*



1 after September 16, 2016, and September 15, 2017, respectively, by
2 either the Board of Regents of the University of Nevada or the entity
3 to which the money was subsequently granted or transferred,
4 and must be reverted to the State General Fund on or before
5 September 16, 2016, and September 15, 2017, respectively.

6 **Sec. 11.** This act becomes effective:

- 7 1. Upon passage and approval for the purpose of adopting
8 regulations and performing any other preparatory administrative
9 tasks necessary to carry out the provisions of this act; and
10 2. On July 1, 2015, for all other purposes.

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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

Stephanie Prevost, NSA Chair

SENATE BILL NO. 350—SENATOR KIECKHEFER

MARCH 16, 2015

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

SUMMARY—Makes various changes relating to concealed firearms. (BDR 20-1031)

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

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

AN ACT relating to 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:

- 1 **Section 1** of this bill authorizes the sheriff of a county to provide to persons
- 2 who hold permits to carry concealed firearms information concerning instructors
- 3 and organizations that offer courses in firearm safety which focus on issues relating
- 4 to firearm safety in an educational environment.
- 5 Existing law prohibits a person from carrying a concealed firearm on the
- 6 property of the Nevada System of Higher Education, unless the person holds a
- 7 permit to carry a concealed firearm and has written permission from the president
- 8 of a branch or facility of the System to carry the concealed firearm. (NRS 202.265,
- 9 202.3673) **Sections 3, 4 and 6** of this bill authorize a person who holds a permit to
- 10 carry a concealed firearm to carry a concealed firearm while on the property of the
- 11 System unless the person is attending an event held at a sporting venue with a
- 12 seating capacity of 1,000 or more.
- 13 **Section 5** of this bill authorizes the Police Department for the System to
- 14 provide to persons who hold permits to carry concealed firearms information
- 15 concerning instructors and organizations that offer courses in firearm safety which
- 16 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:

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

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

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

10 62C.060 1. If a child is taken into custody for an unlawful act
11 that involves the possession, use or threatened use of a firearm, the
12 child must not be released before a detention hearing is held
13 pursuant to NRS 62C.040.

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

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

20 (1) Be evaluated by a qualified professional; and

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

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

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

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

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

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



1 evidence obtained from sources or by means that are independent of
2 the statements made by the child to the qualified professional during
3 the evaluation.

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

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

7 202.265 1. Except as otherwise provided in this section, a
8 person shall not carry or possess while on the property of the
9 Nevada System of Higher Education, a private or public school or
10 child care facility, or while in a vehicle of a private or public school
11 or child care facility:

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

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

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

23 (a) ~~1A~~ *The Nevada System of Higher Education, a private or*
24 *public school or child care facility by a:*

- 25 (1) Peace officer;
- 26 (2) School security guard; or
- 27 (3) Person having written permission from the president of a
28 branch or facility of the Nevada System of Higher Education or the
29 principal of the school or the person designated by a child care
30 facility to give permission to carry or possess the weapon.

31 (b) A child care facility which is located at or in the home of a
32 natural person by the person who owns or operates the facility so
33 long as the person resides in the home and the person complies with
34 any laws governing the possession of such a weapon.

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

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

44 ~~5~~ 6. For the purposes of this section:



1 (a) "Child care facility" means any child care facility that is
2 licensed pursuant to chapter 432A of NRS or licensed by a city or
3 county.

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

7 (c) "Nunchaku" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 202.350.

8 (d) "Switchblade knife" has the meaning ascribed to it in
9 NRS 202.350.

10 (e) "Trefoil" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 202.350.

11 (f) "Vehicle" has the meaning ascribed to "school bus" in
12 NRS 484A.230.

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

14 202.3673 1. *Except as otherwise provided in subsection 4, a*
15 *permittee may carry a concealed firearm while the permittee is on*
16 *the property of the Nevada System of Higher Education or on the*
17 *premises of a public building that is located on the property of the*
18 *Nevada System of Higher Education.* Except as otherwise provided
19 in subsections 2 and 3, a permittee may carry a concealed firearm
20 while the permittee is on the premises of any public building.

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

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

26 (a) A public building that is located on the property of a public
27 school or a child care facility , ~~for the property of the Nevada~~
28 ~~System of Higher Education,~~ unless the permittee has obtained
29 written permission *from the principal of the school or the person*
30 *designated by a child care facility to give permission* to carry a
31 concealed firearm while ~~he or she~~ *the permittee* is on the premises
32 of the public building pursuant to subparagraph (3) of paragraph (a)
33 of subsection 3 of NRS 202.265.

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

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

39 (2) *The permittee is not prohibited from carrying a concealed*
40 *firearm while he or she is on the premises of the public building*
41 *pursuant to subsection ~~4.~~ 5.*

42 4. *A permittee shall not carry a concealed firearm while the*
43 *permittee is attending any event held on the premises of a stadium,*
44 *arena, field house or other athletic facility with a seating capacity*



1 *of 1,000 or more that is located on the property of the Nevada*
2 *System of Higher Education.*

3 5. The provisions of paragraph (b) of subsection 3 do not
4 prohibit:

5 (a) A permittee who is a judge from carrying a concealed
6 firearm in the courthouse or courtroom in which the judge presides
7 or from authorizing a permittee to carry a concealed firearm while in
8 the courtroom of the judge and while traveling to and from the
9 courtroom of the judge.

10 (b) A permittee who is a prosecuting attorney of an agency or
11 political subdivision of the United States or of this State from
12 carrying a concealed firearm while he or she is on the premises of a
13 public building.

14 (c) A permittee who is employed in the public building from
15 carrying a concealed firearm while he or she is on the premises of
16 the public building.

17 (d) A permittee from carrying a concealed firearm while he or
18 she is on the premises of the public building if the permittee has
19 received written permission from the person in control of the public
20 building to carry a concealed firearm while the permittee is on the
21 premises of the public building.

22 ~~15~~ 6. A person who violates subsection 2 or 3 is guilty of a
23 misdemeanor.

24 ~~16~~ 7. As used in this section:

25 (a) "Child care facility" has the meaning ascribed to it in
26 paragraph (a) of subsection ~~15~~ 6 of NRS 202.265.

27 (b) "Public building" means any building or office space
28 occupied by:

29 (1) Any component of the Nevada System of Higher
30 Education and used for any purpose related to the System; or

31 (2) The Federal Government, the State of Nevada or any
32 county, city, school district or other political subdivision of the State
33 of Nevada and used for any public purpose.

34 ➤ If only part of the building is occupied by an entity described in
35 this subsection, the term means only that portion of the building
36 which is so occupied.

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

39 *The Police Department for the System may, within the limits of*
40 *available money, provide to persons who are authorized to carry*
41 *concealed firearms pursuant to the provisions of NRS 202.3653 to*
42 *202.369, inclusive, information concerning instructors and*
43 *organizations that offer courses in firearm safety which focus on*
44 *issues relating to firearm safety in an educational environment.*



1 **Sec. 6.** NRS 396.110 is hereby amended to read as follows:
2 396.110 1. The Board of Regents may prescribe rules for:

- 3 (a) Its own government; and
4 (b) The government of the System.

5 2. The Board of Regents shall prescribe rules for the granting
6 of permission to carry or possess a weapon pursuant to NRS
7 202.265. *The rules prescribed by the Board of Regents pursuant to*
8 *this subsection:*

9 (a) *Must allow a person to carry a concealed firearm if the*
10 *person is authorized to carry a concealed firearm pursuant to the*
11 *provisions of NRS 202.3653 to 202.369, inclusive.*

12 (b) *Must not require a person who is authorized to carry a*
13 *concealed firearm pursuant to the provisions of NRS 202.3653 to*
14 *202.369, inclusive, to obtain permission to carry a concealed*
15 *firearm.*

16 (c) *Except as otherwise provided in paragraphs (a) and (b),*
17 *must provide for the storage of firearms in dormitories,*
18 *apartments and other facilities for housing that are located on the*
19 *property of the System.*

20 (d) *Must include provisions concerning the carrying of a*
21 *concealed firearm in a parking area that is located on the property*
22 *of the System during any period in which the parking area is used*
23 *or available for use by persons attending an event described in*
24 *subsection 4 of NRS 202.3673, or on any other property of the*
25 *System which is set aside for, or otherwise used or available for*
26 *use by, persons to park or gather before attending an event*
27 *described in subsection 4 of NRS 202.3673.*

28 ↪ *Any rules prescribed by the Board of Regents before, on or*
29 *after July 1, 2015, that are inconsistent with the provisions of this*
30 *subsection are void.*

31 **Sec. 7.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2015.



SENATE BILL NO. 399—SENATORS DENIS, WOODHOUSE,
KIHUEN, FORD; AND SEGERBLOM

MARCH 17, 2015

JOINT SPONSORS: ASSEMBLYMEN THOMPSON;
CARRILLO AND SWANK

Referred to Committee on Education

SUMMARY—Creates the Nevada Boost Grant Program.
(BDR 34-890)

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 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:

1 This bill creates the Nevada Boost Grant Program. Under the Program, the
2 Board of Regents of the University of Nevada is required to award grants to eligible
3 students who are enrolled in community colleges that are part of the Nevada
4 System of Higher Education to pay a portion of the cost of the first two semesters
5 of education at such institutions. **Section 3** of this bill sets forth the criteria for
6 eligibility for such a grant. **Section 4** of this bill requires the Board of Regents or a
7 designee of the Board to: (1) calculate the maximum amount of the grant which a
8 student is eligible to receive, up to a limit of \$2,000 per semester; (2) determine the
9 actual amount of the grant each eligible student will receive; and (3) award grants
10 to all eligible students. **Section 4** also provides that any money awarded under the
11 Program must be used only to pay the cost of education of a student and not for any



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12 other purpose. **Section 5** of this bill requires the Board of Regents to adopt
13 regulations prescribing the procedures and standards for determining eligibility and
14 the methodology for calculating the financial need of a student. **Section 6** of this
15 bill authorizes the Board of Regents to accept gifts, grants, bequests and donations
16 to fund grants awarded under the Program. **Section 7** of this bill requires the Board
17 of Regents to submit a biennial report on the Program to the Legislature. The report
18 must include information regarding: (1) the number of grants awarded under the
19 Program; (2) the average amount of each grant; and (3) the percentage of students
20 awarded grants who remained in school and who eventually earned a degree or
21 certificate. Finally, **section 8** of this bill includes appropriations from the State
22 General Fund to the Board of Regents for the award of grants in the amount of
23 \$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:

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

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

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

11 *2. The Board of Regents shall administer the Program.*

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

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

19 *(a) Be a resident of this State;*

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

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

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

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

29 *(f) Demonstrate proficiency in English and mathematics*
30 *sufficient for placement into college-level English and*



1 *mathematics courses pursuant to regulations adopted by the Board*
2 *of Regents for such placement; and*

3 *(g) Complete:*

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

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

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

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

14 *(b) Meets all other requirements of subsection 4.*

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

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

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

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

23 *7. As used in this section, "resident" has the meaning*
24 *ascribed to it in NRS 361.040.*

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

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

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

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

44 *2. Money received from a grant awarded under the Program*
45 *must be used by a student only to pay for the cost of education of*



1 *the student at a community college within the System and not for*
2 *any other purpose.*

3 **Sec. 5. 1. The Board of Regents:**

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

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

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

12 *(2) For each student, the amounts of the student*
13 *contribution, family contribution and federal contribution, if any,*
14 *to the cost of education of the student.*

15 *(3) The maximum amount, not to exceed \$2,000 for a*
16 *semester, of the grant for which a student is eligible.*

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

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

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

31 *(b) Determination of the family contribution to the cost of*
32 *education must be based on the family resources reported by the*
33 *student pursuant to paragraph (g) of subsection 4 of section 3 of*
34 *this act.*

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

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

43 **Sec. 7. On or before February 1 of each odd-numbered year,**
44 **the Board of Regents shall submit to the Director of the**
45 **Legislative Counsel Bureau for transmittal to the next regular**



1 *session of the Legislature a written report on the Program which*
2 *must include, without limitation, information regarding:*

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

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

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

13 **Sec. 8.** There is hereby appropriated from the State General
14 Fund to the Board of Regents of the University of Nevada for the
15 award of scholarships pursuant to the Nevada Boost Grant Program
16 created by section 3 of this act:

17 For the Fiscal Year 2015-2016..... \$2,000,000

18 For the Fiscal Year 2016-2017..... \$2,000,000

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

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

34 **Sec. 11.** This act becomes effective:

35 1. Upon passage and approval for the purpose of adopting
36 regulations and performing any other preparatory administrative
37 tasks necessary to carry out the provisions of this act; and

38 2. On July 1, 2015, for all other purposes.



SENATE BILL NO. 493—COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

(ON BEHALF OF THE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INTERIM
STUDY CONCERNING COMMUNITY COLLEGES)

MARCH 23, 2015

Referred to Committee on Education

SUMMARY—Establishes a program for awarding STEM
workforce challenge grants. (BDR 34-594)

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 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



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14 industries in this State. Any regional consortium of community colleges or state
15 colleges, nonprofit organizations and private businesses in a STEM industry
16 operating in this State may apply for a grant from the Fund. The Committee must
17 evaluate grant applications using criteria prescribed in **section 9** and must grade the
18 applications on a points system. Applications providing for a community college or
19 state college to be the lead organization in the consortium must be awarded
20 additional points. **Section 9** also provides additional criteria which the Committee
21 may consider when evaluating applications.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

16 **Sec. 6.** *The Legislature hereby finds and declares that:*

17 1. *The STEM industries represent an important source of*
18 *high-value economic activity in this State and quality jobs for*
19 *Nevadans;*

20 2. *This State suffers from a critical skills gap in its workforce*
21 *and the lack of a strong pipeline system to prepare individuals for*
22 *careers in emerging STEM industries;*

23 3. *The enhancement of postsecondary education and skills*
24 *training required for workers in the STEM industries must be*
25 *encouraged; and*

26 4. *The creation of a program that enables the State to*
27 *maximize its return on public investment in postsecondary*
28 *education and skills training required for workers in the STEM*
29 *industries, and to provide a strong incentive for postsecondary*



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

4 **Sec. 7. 1. *The STEM Workforce Challenge Grant Fund is***
5 ***hereby created.***

6 ***2. The Committee shall administer the Fund.***

7 ***3. The Fund consists of:***

8 ***(a) All money appropriated by the Legislature.***

9 ***(b) All money received from any other source for the purposes***
10 ***of the Fund.***

11 ***4. The interest and income earned on the money in the Fund,***
12 ***after deducting any applicable charges, must be credited to the***
13 ***Fund.***

14 ***5. The Fund is a continuing fund, and its money does not***
15 ***revert to the State General Fund at any time.***

16 **Sec. 8. 1. *The Committee to Oversee the STEM Workforce***
17 ***Challenge Grant Fund is hereby created.***

18 ***2. The Committee consists of the following seven members:***

19 ***(a) Two members appointed by the Chancellor of the System.***

20 ***(b) Two members appointed by the Executive Director of the***
21 ***Office of Economic Development.***

22 ***(c) Two members appointed by the Director of the Department***
23 ***of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation.***

24 ***(d) One member appointed by the Governor who is a***
25 ***representative of a qualified nonprofit collaborative that is***
26 ***qualified pursuant to NRS 701B.921.***

27 ***3. If the Chancellor, Executive Director or Director appoints***
28 ***himself or herself to serve on the Committee pursuant to***
29 ***paragraph (a), (b) or (c) of subsection 2, as applicable, and is***
30 ***unable to attend a meeting of the Committee, he or she may***
31 ***authorize an alternate to attend the meeting on his or her behalf.***

32 ***4. Each member of the Committee:***

33 ***(a) Serves a term of 2 years;***

34 ***(b) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (c), may be***
35 ***reappointed by the appointing authority; and***

36 ***(c) May not serve more than 2 consecutive terms.***

37 ***5. A vacancy on the Committee must be filled by the***
38 ***appointing authority in the same manner as the original***
39 ***appointment.***

40 ***6. At the first regular meeting of each odd-numbered year,***
41 ***the members of the Committee shall elect a Chair and a Vice***
42 ***Chair by majority vote who shall serve until the next Chair or Vice***
43 ***Chair is selected. If a vacancy occurs in the Chair, the members of***
44 ***the Committee shall elect a member to fill the vacancy to serve for***
45 ***the unexpired term.***



1 7. *The Committee shall meet at least once every 3 months and*
2 *may meet at such further times as deemed necessary by the Chair.*

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

7 9. *Each member of the Committee serves without*
8 *compensation, except that each member is entitled to receive:*

9 (a) *The per diem allowance and travel expenses provided for*
10 *state officers and employees generally; and*

11 (b) *Reimbursement for any other actual and reasonable*
12 *expenses incurred while performing his or her duties.*

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

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

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

24 4. *Subject to the provisions of subsection 6, the Committee*
25 *may award a grant pursuant to this section to a consortium*
26 *described in subsection 3 whose application:*

27 (a) *Provides a detailed description of the program, as described*
28 *in subsection 2, to be developed and implemented by the*
29 *consortium;*

30 (b) *Draws from data and market analysis and industry*
31 *intelligence to identify specific current and projected workforce*
32 *training challenges that the program described in paragraph (a) is*
33 *intended to solve or otherwise alleviate and the manner in which*
34 *the program will accomplish that goal;*

35 (c) *Demonstrates that the program described in paragraph (a)*
36 *will be self-sustaining after the period for which the grant is*
37 *provided;*

38 (d) *Designates an entity from among those in the consortium*
39 *which will be the lead entity in implementing the program*
40 *described in paragraph (a);*

41 (e) *Includes provisions for well-defined performance metrics*
42 *and performance management to ensure evidence-based decision-*
43 *making and accountability by the consortium in expending money*
44 *from a grant in developing and implementing the program*
45 *described in paragraph (a); and*



1 (f) Indicates the source of the matching money required by
2 subsection 6.

3 5. The Committee shall rank applications for a grant
4 pursuant to this section using a points system prescribed by the
5 Committee. The points system:

6 (a) Must award additional points to an application which
7 designates a community college or state college as the lead entity,
8 as described in paragraph (d) of subsection 4, in implementing the
9 program described in paragraph (a) of that subsection; and

10 (b) May award additional points to an application which:

11 (1) Identifies potential cross-sector collaborations relating
12 to the program described in paragraph (a) of subsection 4 among
13 applicable community colleges and state colleges, STEM industry
14 sector councils, area businesses in STEM industries and STEM
15 industry organizations;

16 (2) Provides evidence of current or planned participation
17 and leadership in the development and implementation of the
18 program described in paragraph (a) of subsection 4 by area
19 businesses in STEM industries and STEM industry organizations;

20 (3) Allows for leveraging of any existing or additional State
21 or federal funding;

22 (4) Demonstrates that the program described in paragraph
23 (a) of subsection 4 is a replicable program that can be transferred
24 to other regions in this State or other STEM industry sectors; or

25 (5) Demonstrates that the program described in paragraph
26 (a) of subsection 4 will provide postsecondary education and skills
27 training required for workers in STEM industries to persons who
28 are long-term unemployed, underemployed or otherwise in need of
29 education or training to enter a new field of employment.

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

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

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

40 **Sec. 11.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2015.





THE NEVADA STUDENT ALLIANCE
OF THE NEVADA SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION
April 13, 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

NEVADA STUDENT ALLIANCE (NSA)

Minutes

March 5, 2015

7:30 a.m. to 8:15 a.m.

Frank H. Rogers Science & Technology Building

Room 181

Desert Research Institute

755 East Flamingo Road, Las Vegas

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

INFORMATION

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

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

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

4. CHAIR'S REPORT

INFORMATION

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

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

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 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 INFORMATION

This item was deferred to the April meeting.

7. NEW BUSINESS INFORMATION

No new business was presented.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT INFORMATION

No public comment was presented.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

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.