



March 27, 2017

Last week began with the first major deadline of the 2017 Legislative Session. All bills sponsored by individual legislators had to be introduced by 11:59pm on Monday, March 20th and 194 bills dropped before the deadline.

In education news, AB78, one of the District's two bills, received unanimous support from the Assembly Committee on Education. The bill will now go to the full body of the Assembly for a vote.

Highlights from Week Seven

Monday, March 20

SB112, sponsored by Senators Ratti and Kieckhefer, passed out of the Senate Committee on Finance during a work session on Monday. CCSD supports the bill as it will inform students of the importance of organ donation.

The Senate Committee on Government Affairs heard SB246 sponsored by Senator Mark Manendo. This bill extends the authorization for using a construction manager at risk (CMAR) which helps identify low-cost solutions to site and building issues, and related value-engineering work. CCSD supports this bill as it helps in developing one-of-a-kind projects, or first in a series of similar buildings.

In the Assembly Committee on Education, members heard from the Nevada Department of Education as they discussed AB77. This bill modifies certain licensure requirements to provide reciprocity with other states to assist recruitment and clear the path for incoming licensed teachers.

The Committee also heard AB273. This bill, similar to one in the Senate, requires school districts to require appropriate staff measure the height and weight of a representative sample of pupils. CCSD testified in neutral on this bill, discussed the privacy of students, and testified in concern for what happens with the data after it leaves the school district.

Tuesday, March 21

The Senate Committee on Education heard three bills on Tuesday, including SB108, SB225, and SB303. SB108 is sponsored by Nevada's Youth Legislature and requires school districts to offer instruction in criminal law during American government courses. CCSD offered an amendment to require a task force to review the issue in order to plan for the rollout of the new curriculum over the next biennium. SB225 includes charter and private schools to the training for boards, teachers, and administrators on bullying. The bill also adds to the topics for training the needs of individuals with diverse gender identities or expressions. SB303, a bill that requires an audit of all testing currently administered in Nevada's schools, was the final bill of the day. The Nevada Department of Education testified that they would continue to work with the Committee to align the audit with one that was done over the previous school year.

Wednesday, March 22

AB305, a bill that requires the number for the child abuse hotline to be displayed in public schools, was heard by the Assembly Committee on Health and Human Services. The bill received support from CCSD and other school districts.

The Assembly Committee on Education held a work session and two bill hearings on Wednesday. The work session included AB78, CCSD's bill that requires notification and discussion when a charter school is going to open within a school district. The bill received unanimous support and now goes to the Assembly floor. The Committee also voted out AB139 on dual language immersion.

Two bills sponsored by Assemblywoman Diaz, AB124 and AB186, received hearings on Wednesday. AB124 establishes a code of conduct for all school employees. The sponsor accepted a friendly amendment from the Nevada Department of Education to create a task force that, over the next year, will establish a code of ethics and determine how it will affect all school employees once implemented.

AB186 requires elementary schools to provide preschool in addition to grades K-5 and lowers the age for compulsory education from seven to five. The District supported the bill as long as funding will be provided and the timeline for implementation is extended over several years. School districts supported the policy of providing early childhood education while acknowledging the need for time and money to recruit teachers and provide facilities.

Thursday, March 23

The Senate Committee on Education had an ambitious agenda on Thursday with four bills scheduled for hearing, SB248, SB294, SB252, and SB301.

SB248 allows students with disabilities to continue to receiving services for the remainder of the school year after the student turns 22 years old. Currently, when a student with a disability turns

22 years old, they are aged out of the school system on their birthday. CCSD testified in neutral on this bill due to concerns with the additional cost of transportation and the early effective date.

SB294 modifies some of the provisions of the bullying law passed in 2015. The changes in the bill include turning an investigation over to law enforcement when a criminal or delinquent act is suspected while informing parents; extending the deadline for an investigation from two days to three; modifying provisions for preschool and special education students; and clarifying that the law does not include adults who are not employees.

SB252 requires district schools to allow students from charter schools to play sports. This bill was opposed by the Nevada Interscholastic Athletic Association and the Nevada Association of School Boards.

SB301 eliminates the designation of the State Board on Career and Technical Education as well as the Commission on Educational Technology.

Friday, March 24

On Friday morning, the Senate Committee on Finance continued the hearing on the Nevada Department of Education's budgets including the Achievement School District, Office of Safe and Respectful Learning Environments, Career and Technical Education, and Office of Early Learning. Rather than the Department continuing their presentation, members of the Committee asked questions specific to each budget. Members expressed particular concern with the Achievement School District budget including a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the United Way. The State Public Charter School Authority also presented their budget and answered questions regarding the Charter School Revolving Loan Program.

During the meeting of the Assembly Committee on Commerce and Labor, Assemblywoman Benitez-Thompson presented AB287. This bill provides that a licensed social worker seeking to renew his or her license must complete two hours of instruction on evidence-based suicide prevention and awareness every two years. CCSD supported this bill as the District already provides this training each school year.

Want to Learn More?

In today's edition we will take up where we left off from the March 11th Session Spotlight, and highlight how a bill actually becomes a law. If you missed part I of Want to Learn More where we discussed how a bill moves through a committee please visit

<http://ccsd.net/resources/government-affairs/session-spotlight-3-10-17.pdf>.

Once a bill leaves its assigned committee, it can go either to the full body of the Assembly or Senate for a vote or to another committee. If the bill has a fiscal note, it will be reassigned to a “money” committee to discuss the costs and whether funding can be included in the budget. If that committee votes out the bill, then it moves to the floor of the appropriate house for a vote.

Once a bill does pass its house of origin, it is then sent to the other house to go through the same exact process. One change, however, is that if a bill has already been considered by the “money” committee, it does not have to be referred again unless an amendment was added that changed the fiscal note.

Bills can be amended in the second house and the Nevada Legislature has a process in place to help reconcile the differences. First, if a bill was amended in the other house, it will send notification and the house of origin can accept the changes. If this happens by majority vote, the bill is sent to the Governor’s office to be signed. If the changes are not accepted, however, the house of origin will create what is called a Conference Committee where assigned legislators will discuss the details of the bill and the amendments to try to create a single version. If no agreement can be made, the bill is considered dead. If successful, the conferenced bill will go before each house, and with a majority vote, the bill is then processed and sent to the Governor.

Once a bill reaches the Governor’s desk, he then has 10 days to veto the bill, sign the bill into law, or allow the bill to become law without signature.

Coming Up:

Scheduled Meetings for the Week of March 27, 2017

Bill #	Description	Sponsors	Next Meeting Title	Next Meeting Date
AB176	Establishes certain requirements for the operation of seasonal or temporary recreation programs. (BDR 38-702)	Frierson	Assembly Committee on Health and Human Services	3/24/17 11:45 AM
AB304	Revises provisions relating to autism. (BDR 38-363)	Health and Human Services	Assembly Committee on Health and Human Services	3/24/17 11:45 AM

SB253	Establishes the Nevada Pregnant Workers' Fairness Act to provide protections to employees who are affected by any condition relating to pregnancy, childbirth or a related medical condition. (BDR 53-773)	Cannizzaro, Ratti, Woodhouse, Cancela and Ford	Senate Committee on Commerce, Labor and Energy	3/27/17 8:30 AM
AB80	Revises provisions governing redevelopment in certain cities. (BDR 22-416)	Government Affairs	Assembly Committee on Government Affairs	3/27/17 9:00 AM
AB116	Authorizes advanced practice registered nurses to perform certain acts required to be performed by a physician or certain other providers of health care. (BDR 54-497)	Titus	Assembly Committee on Commerce and Labor	3/27/17 1:30 PM
SB223	Restricts certain state and local governmental agencies from performing certain actions relating to immigration enforcement. (BDR 14-626)	Cancela, Segerblom, Ford, Ratti and Denis	Senate Committee on Judiciary	3/27/17 1:30 PM
AB275	Requires the establishment of a protocol for providing integrated student supports for certain pupils and their families. (BDR 34-920)	Spiegel, Diaz, Parks and Manendo	Assembly Committee on Education	3/27/17 3:15 PM
SB144	Revises provisions relating to elections. (BDR 24-300)	Spearman	Senate Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections	3/27/17 3:30 PM
SB287	Revises provisions relating to the protection of children. (BDR 38-609)	Gansert, Roberson, Cannizzaro, Parks, Benitez-Thompson and Tolles	Senate Committee on Health and Human Services	3/27/17 3:30 PM

SB112	Requires a course of study in health provided to pupils in certain grade levels in public schools to include certain information on organ and tissue donation. (BDR 34-516)	Ratti and Kieckhefer	Senate Committee on Finance	3/28/17 8:00 AM
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To see the complete list of bills, please view our legislation status report here:

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