

SESSION SPOTLIGHT

April 16, 2021

As you know by now, there is never a dull moment in the Nevada Legislature! This is especially true considering the rapid pace that bills are now being amended and considered on the floors of the Assembly and Senate. The next deadline approaching is April 20th. If a bill does not pass the house it was introduced in by this date, then it is dead. This means a lot of bills will be voted on in both houses in the coming days. Here is a list of bills we are closely following, and some of the bills which failed to pass in their committee by the April 9th deadline.

Bills Drafted and Sponsored by CCSD

- **SB2:** This bill will be voted on by the Senate tomorrow. It would review what assessment should be provided to kindergarten students, as well as removing certain administrative requirements for schools which take away from instructional time.
- **SB66:** This bill passed the Senate with a unanimous vote on Thursday. It would require the development of a report to track access to the internet and devices for students.

Bills CCSD is Monitoring Closely:

Assembly Bills:

- **AB56:** Creates a committee through the Department of Education that studies the best way to provide instruction on the Holocaust and genocide
- **AB57:** Removes Student Learning Goals in Nevada Educator Performance Framework through 2022/23 school year
- **AB167:** Requires the phone number of a suicide prevention hotline to be printed on the backs of student I.D. cards
- **AB194:** Revises the appeal timeline and process for suspensions and expulsions that are required by state regulations
- **AB195:** Creates the English Language Learners' (ELL) Bill of Rights for school districts to share with parents or guardians and requires additional reporting for services regarding ELL
- **AB205:** Authorizes the use of opioid antagonists in schools to treat someone who may be suffering from an overdose
- **AB224:** Requires schools to stock feminine hygiene products in school bathrooms
- **AB231:** Would require the State Board of Education to also study the best ways to provide instruction and information related to the Holocaust and genocide

- **AB257:** Heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) testing and repairs in schools
- **AB266:** Class size multiplier for teacher evaluations
- **AB371:** Establishes a new system of accountability for incidents of racially discriminatory incidents

Senate Bills:

- **SB27:** Gives greater authority to the Nevada Department of Education regarding teacher licensure
- **SB69:** Makes general changes to the Youth Risk Behavior Survey, a state survey conducted on young children
- **SB102:** Requires that children be at least 5 years old by August 7th of a school year to enter Kindergarten
- **SB126:** Requires the maintenance of a library and librarian in every school
- **SB141:** Construction Manager at Risk Extension
- **SB172:** Creates a more uniform dual credit program for the state
- **SB173:** Makes recommendation and encourages districts to create a universal summer school program
- **SB179:** Establishes new qualifications for sign language interpreters
- **SB194:** Establishes a state seal of civics program
- **SB215:** Mandates that a school district create a plan for distance education in the future
- **SB230:** Requires the training of support staff on the impacts of emotional trauma on students
- **SB249:** Allows students to take mental health days as excused absences as well as adding suicide hotlines on I.D. cards
- **SB287:** Grants the University of Nevada Las Vegas and the Desert Research Institute "land grant" status
- **SB327:** Makes clear definitions of discrimination based on race; also makes changes regarding the testing for promotions of employees
- **SB346:** Establishes an internet sales tax
- **SB352:** Streamlines process for student teaching requirements for paraprofessionals so that they may more easily transition into administrative or full-time teaching roles
- **SB353:** Limits the number of assessments and evaluations by school districts; districts can apply to waive these limits
- **SB354:** Changes restorative justice for homeless students and provides them with greater protections

Bills that Failed To Pass Committee by the April 9th Deadline

- **AB39:** Changed the legal definitions of public records
- **AB122:** Created virtual Pre-kindergarten programs
- **AB183:** Provided civil liability immunity to school districts in relation to damages from COVID-19 exposure

- **AB208:** Altered state licensing for career and technical education programming
- **AB255:** Would create a hybrid Board of School Trustees
- **AB265:** Created a pathway for individuals who lack certain educational requirements to become school administrators
- **AB276:** Doubled public record recoveries in lawsuits
- **AB353:** Created a climate survey for sexual misconduct in K-12 schools
- **AB364:** Required the Board of Trustees to teach in a classroom at least once a year
- **SB91:** Allowed students to choose an assessment for a College and Career Ready High School Diploma
- **SB92:** Required the State Board to establish robotics as a subject in career and technical education
- **SB111:** Would have created a hybrid school board
- **SB116:** Required school districts to report on the impacts of distance education on the mental health of teachers and students
- **SB10:** Property taxes changes (Sponsored by Nevada Association of Counties)
- **SB64:** Property taxes changes (Sponsored by Nevada League of Cities and Municipalities)
- **SB120:** Required certain administrators to reapply every five years, required districts to provide a professional learning plan for administrators, and classified certain principals as “at-will”
- **SB142:** Removed the school districts protected ending fund balance to be subject to collective bargaining
- **SB152:** Required that all instructional materials used in the classroom be posted online as well
- **SB169:** Attempted to redefine students with an emotional disturbance for special education purposes
- **SB202:** Counted credits in computer coding as credits toward the study of a foreign language
- **SB224:** Allowed collective bargaining agreements to supersede school reorganization laws
- **SB273:** Kept money for the “Read by 3” program separate from the pupil-centered funding plan

Want to Learn More?

The Legislative Council Bureau has made it really easy to track bills. If you want to see the list of ALL bills that didn't make it past the April 9th deadline and are considered “dead” please visit: <https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/81st2021/Bills/FailedDeadline>.

If you want to see the list of bills that were exempted and therefore no longer have to abide by any deadline, please visit <https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/81st2021/Bills/Exempt>.

For a list of bills we are tracking click [here](#).

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