



## May 14, 2017

With 24 days left in the 79<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session, the focus moves to the budget and the actions of the money committees. Elected officials, state agencies, school districts, higher education institutions, and others will work to ensure that their priorities are reflected in the budget for the 2017-2019 biennium in the coming weeks. For CCSD, we continue to pursue the priorities set by the Board of Trustees and by the Nevada Association of School Superintendents, including support for the Distributive School Account and the weighted funding formula. For more information on these priorities, visit <http://www.ccsd.net/resources/government-affairs/2017-legislative-platform-final-010617.pdf> and <http://www.ccsd.net/resources/government-affairs/invest-2017-final-web.pdf>.

## Highlights from Week Fourteen

### Monday, May 8

The Assembly Ways and Means continued to work through the many bills waiting for a hearing. Among them, the Committee heard AB124, a bill that requires the Commission on Professional Standards in Education to establish the Nevada Model Code of Educator Ethics. The Code will be created over the interim and all school districts must adopt it upon completion.

The Assembly Committee on Ways and Means heard AB348, a bill that requires an update on the education standards for sexual education. The bill does not change the opt-in provision that is currently in law but the bill does require all sexual education to be evidence-based.

On Monday, the Assembly Committee on Health and Human Services heard SB165, sponsored by Senator Denis, which requires the testing of height and weight of certain students in varying grade levels. This bill now awaits a final vote during work session for next week prior to going to the Assembly floor.

The Assembly Committee on Education heard SB107, a bill that creates an elective class for high school students on ethnic studies. A school district is not required to provide the course; however, the Department of Education must create standards for such a course in case districts do decide to offer it.

SB369, a bill that requires the Clark County School District to provide a program of professional development to work more collaboratively in order to improve the school-learning environment, was also heard and awaits a vote by the Committee to move to the Assembly floor.

### ***Assembly Education Work Session***

#### **Action: Do Pass**

- SB20 - Revises provisions relating to educational personnel.
- SB108 - Requires a study to determine the manner in which to include certain instruction relating to criminal law in the social studies curriculum for public high schools.
- SB241 - Provides for the establishment of the State Seal of STEM Program and the State Seal of STEAM Program.
- SB252 - Revises provisions governing interscholastic activities.

In the Senate Finance meeting held on Monday evening, the Committee heard SB200 on computer science and passed one education bill, SB212 on the Safe to Tell hotline.

### **Tuesday, May 9**

In the Assembly Government Affairs on Tuesday, the Committee heard two bills on collective bargaining, SB356 and SB493. Both bills address education personnel that are considered at-will. SB356 changes the \$120K threshold to certain positions but allows those at-will employees to be members of a bargaining group, as long as it is different than the one to which teachers belong. This bill also reverses a number of changes made to Chapter 288 by SB241 during the 2015 session, including the return of the evergreen clause, which allows the terms of a contract to continue until a new agreement is reached. SB493, however, leaves the provisions of SB241 in tact and only changes the \$120K threshold to certain position titles that remove at-will positions from collective bargaining.

The Senate Committee on Education heard four bills on Tuesday, including AB196, AB202, AB275, and AB400. AB196, a bill that creates an endorsement for educators in cultural competency that is voluntary. The Clark County School District spoke in support of the bill. AB275 requires the establishment of a statewide framework for providing integrated student supports for certain pupils and their families. Finally, the Committee heard AB400, a bill that changes how school districts handle copyright requests from teachers. The bill also requires the Nevada Department of Education to create a database of all instruction material created by teachers in Nevada, and how those materials shall be licensed.

### **Wednesday, May 10**

On Wednesday, Assembly Education heard SB 386, a bill requiring each school to establish a committee to review the temporary alternative placements of students while in schools and/or busses. CCSD supported this bill.

## **Thursday, May 11**

The Assembly Committee on Ways and Means and Senate Committee on Finance, Subcommittees on K-12/Higher Education/CIP met on Thursday and closed the following budgets:

- NDE - Incentives For Licensed Education Personnel (101-2616)
- NDE - State Supplemental School Support Account (101-2617); the 2009 Initiative Petition 1 (IP1) room tax revenue
- NDE - Professional Development Programs (101-2618)
- NDE - Teachers' School Supplies Reimbursement (101-2717)
- NDE - Teach Nevada Scholarship Program (101-2718)

In their evening meeting, Senate Finance heard SB224, a bill regarding cameras in special education classrooms. CCSD proposed an amendment to create a pilot program prior to a full statewide launch in all schools, which was accepted by the sponsor, Senator Becky Harris. The bill is now awaiting a work session.

## **Friday, May 12**

In Friday's Senate Finance and Assembly Ways and Means Committees, legislators pulled the \$60M allocated for the Education Savings Accounts (ESAs) out of the budget within the Office of the Treasurer. SB506, the policy bill on ESAs, moves the administration of the accounts under the Nevada Department of Education rather than the Treasurer, so for consistency, legislators will leave the appropriation in the bill instead of in the budget.

## **Want to Learn More?**

Every interim (the period between sessions), the Legislature continues to review issues that impact Nevadans. While the 120-day biannual session gets most of the publicity, members of the Legislature are still hard at work the other 610 days they serve as elected officials. This work is done through interim committees that are created to work on complex issues between sessions. These committees also receive reports and provide oversight to programs the government has already implemented.

All in all, these interim committees help shape the next legislative session. To follow what the Nevada Legislature does while not in session, please visit the Nevada Legislature's website at [www.leg.state.nv.us](http://www.leg.state.nv.us).

## Coming Up:

Two notable hearings are already posted for the coming week: SB430 regarding the Achievement School District on Tuesday and SB178 regarding the weighted funding formula on Wednesday.

Bill #	Description	Sponsors	Next Meeting Title	Date
AB113	Requires certain employers to make certain accommodations for a nursing mother.	Spiegel	Senate Committee on Commerce, Labor and Energy	5/15/17 8:30 AM
SB282	Revises provisions relating to peace officers.	Segerblom	Assembly Committee on Government Affairs	5/15/17 9:00 AM
AB120	Revises provisions relating to school construction.	Daly	Senate Committee on Government Affairs	5/15/17 1:00 PM
AB206	Revises provisions relating to the renewable portfolio standard. (BDR 58-746)	Brooks, Frierson, Yeager, McCurdy and Watkins	Assembly Committee on Commerce and Labor	5/15/17 1:30 PM
SB209	Revises provisions relating to insurance. (BDR 53-485)	Commerce, Labor and Energy	Assembly Committee on Commerce and Labor	5/15/17 1:30 PM
AB176	Establishes certain requirements for the operation of seasonal or temporary recreation programs. (BDR 38-702)	Frierson	Senate Committee on Health and Human Services	5/15/17 3:30 PM
AB249	Requires the State Plan for Medicaid and all health insurance plans to provide certain benefits relating to contraception. (BDR 38-858)	Frierson, Bilbray-Axelrod, Sprinkle, Benitez- Thompson and Yeager	Senate Committee on Health and Human Services	5/15/17 3:30 PM

Bill #	Description	Sponsors	Next Meeting Title	Date
AB272	Revises provisions relating to elections. (BDR 24-851)	Frierson, Benitez-Thompson, Diaz, Carlton and Flores	Senate Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections	5/15/17 3:30 PM
AB304	Revises provisions relating to autism. (BDR 38-363)	Health and Human Services	Senate Committee on Health and Human Services	5/15/17 3:30 PM
AB392	Revises provisions concerning certain communications relating to elections. (BDR 24-85)	Oscarson	Senate Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections	5/15/17 3:30 PM
SB84	Makes various changes relating to ethics in government. (BDR 23-250)	Legislative Operations and Elections	Assembly Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections	5/16/17 1:30 PM
AB188	Revises provisions governing the eligibility requirements for grants awarded under the Silver State Opportunity Grant Program. (BDR 34-869)	Diaz	Senate Committee on Education	5/16/17 3:30 PM
AB202	Requires an interim study concerning the cost and affordability of higher education in this State.	Joiner	Senate Committee on Education	5/16/17 3:30 PM
AB275	Requires the establishment of a statewide framework for providing integrated student supports for certain pupils and their families. (BDR 34-920)	Spiegel, Diaz, Parks and Manendo	Senate Committee on Education	5/16/17 3:30 PM

Bill #	Description	Sponsors	Next Meeting Title	Date
AB439	Revises provisions governing taxation of the sale, storage, use or other consumption of certain property by a licensed veterinarian. (BDR 32-1017)	Araujo, Brooks, Diaz, Kieckhefer, Cannizzaro, Parks and Manendo	Senate Committee on Revenue and Economic Development	5/16/17 3:30 PM
SB430	Eliminates the Achievement School District. (BDR 34-793)	Education	Senate Committee on Education	5/16/17 3:30 PM
SB54	Revises provisions governing the use of the proceeds of a tax for infrastructure by certain smaller counties. (BDR 32-341)	Revenue and Economic Development	Assembly Committee on Taxation	5/16/17 4:00 PM
SB352	Revises provisions governing the taxation of property rebuilt after an event proclaimed an emergency or disaster by the Governor. (BDR 32-929)	Kieckhefer	Assembly Committee on Taxation	5/16/17 4:00 PM
SB178	Revises provisions relating to the funding formula for K-12 public education. (BDR 34-792)	Denis, Woodhouse, Diaz and Thompson	Joint Senate and Assembly Committees on Education	5/17/17 4:00 PM

For a complete list of the bills we track, please visit <http://ccsd.net/resources/government-affairs/ccsd-legislation-report-5-12-17.pdf>.

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