



# SESSION SPOTLIGHT

**February 22, 2019**

The pace has picked up for week three of the 80th Nevada Legislative Session. While many throughout the state took President's Day off, the Legislature was busy introducing more than 130 bills this week.

## **This Week in Education Bills**

On Tuesday, February 19th, the Assembly Committee on Education [heard a presentation by the Nevada Department of Education](#). Acting State Superintendent Jonathan Moore provided information on the Department's executive budget, the implementation of SB178 funds from the 2017 legislative session, and proposed school safety initiatives. Much of the presentation provided information about items that have been placed in Governor Steve Sisolak's proposed budget.

On Wednesday, February 20th, in the Senate Committee on Education, Senator Scott Hammond presented **SB139**, which allows schools to apply to the Department of Education to receive funds to utilize programs that build communication, teamwork, and interpersonal goal-setting skills for students. Senate Education also heard **SB159**, which requires each school district to create a policy concerning safe exposure to the sun. The Nevada Association of School Superintendents (NASS) testified in support of both bills on behalf of all schools districts including CCSD.

On Thursday, February 21st, in Assembly Education, the committee heard multiple presentations. The presentations were given by the City of Las Vegas about their "Read with My Barber" program as part of Nevada Reading Week, the Children's Advocacy Alliance on universal pre-k, and Chris Reilly of Tesla and Kerry Larnerd, Director of Career and Technical Education at CCSD, on workforce development.

On Friday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>, in Senate Education, the committee heard **SB146**, which considers revising the Silver State Opportunity Grant, currently available to community college or state college students, by allowing them to take 30 credits a year, with six in the summer. **SB145** aims to create the Battle Born Opportunity Grant, which is similar as the Silver State Opportunity Grant except it's intended for university students.

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

[Current Scheduled Meetings for the Week of February 25, 2019](#)

Of note for next week's hearings, one bill many of our community members have continually inquired about is **SB185** regarding fingerprints for volunteers at school. CCSD advocated to allow volunteers to submit recently cleared background checks and to remove restrictions for volunteers who don't have regular contact with students. Both of these changes are in the bill as proposed. This bill will be presented by Senator Seevers-Gansert Monday, February 25th at 1PM in Senate Education. As of right now, it is scheduled to be presented in room 2134 of the Legislative Building in Carson City and video-conferenced to room 4412E in the Grant Sawyer Building in Las Vegas.

The "[Calendar of Meetings](#)" on the Nevada Legislature Web site is always up to date.

### **Want to Learn More?**

Want to have your voice heard during the 2019 Legislative Session but can't attend a hearing in Carson City or at the Grant Sawyer Building in Las Vegas? There are some ways you can reach out to your legislators without having to visit in person:

1. Go to <https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/Legislator/A/Senate/> or <https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/Legislator/A/Assembly/> to get contact information for legislators in order to send an e-mail or letter with your thoughts on the issues!
2. If you don't know who your legislators are, visit <http://mapserve1.leg.state.nv.us/whoRU/>. Type in your address and you'll get a list of the senate, assembly, congressional and board of regents district you're in, as well as a link to the elected officials in those offices.
3. Use the "share your opinion" option on the Nevada Legislature website: <https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/Opinions/80th2019/>. There you can identify the bill number, indicate whether you are for or against it, and type in comments.

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