



SESSION SPOTLIGHT

April 1, 2017

On Monday, March 27, the Nevada Legislature introduced over 170 new bills before the midnight deadline and many of those bills, as you can see on our list for next week, have already been scheduled for hearings.

Also this past week, students from CCSD high schools traveled to Carson City and met with legislators, sat in on floor sessions in both the Senate and the Assembly, and attended hearings. They also ran into CCSD's Superintendent Pat Skorkowsky!



Highlights from Week Eight

Monday, March 27

On Monday, the Assembly Committee on Education heard two bills, AB16 regarding the Nevada System of Higher Education's (NSHE) Cooperative Extension program and AB275 on non-instructional support programs presented by Assemblywoman Ellen Spiegel and Communities in Schools.

Tuesday, March 28

The Senate Committee on Education heard two bills, SB107 and SB386, on Tuesday. SB107 requires school districts to offer a course of study in ethnic studies and requires all students take the course in order to graduate. CCSD is working with the sponsor on amendments to the bill. SB386 addresses student discipline in school and on school buses. While CCSD supports the intent of the bill, we remain concerned about ensuring that students are able to get to school.

Wednesday, March 29

The Assembly Committee on Government Affairs held a hearing on AB406, a bill addressing school construction. The bill does many things, including, decreasing the amount for a project to meet prevailing wage requirements. The bill also attempts to reform the Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR) provisions in the state. CCSD is closely watching this bill and its affect on the current school building program.

The Assembly Committee on Education heard AB400, a bill that establishes ownership by teachers of all instructional materials they create rather than the school district that employs them. The bill also creates a centralized depository for all instructional material to be operated by the Nevada Department of Education.

On Wednesday evening, there was a joint hearing of the Committees on Education to hear AB469 on the reorganization of the Clark County School District. The leaders of each house, Speaker Jason Frierson, Minority Leader Paul Anderson, Majority Leader Aaron Ford and Minority Leader Michael Roberson, presented the bill. AB469 codifies the regulations that were developed over the past year by the Advisory Committee to Reorganize the Clark County School District and adopted by the State Board of Education.

Thursday, March 30

The Senate Committee on Education held a work session on Thursday and approved the following bills:

- SB49 - revises funding provisions for special education students
- SB132 - requires individual graduation plans for high school students who are off track
- SB167 - creates a grant program for gardens in schools

- SB224 - requires cameras in nonverbal, special education classrooms
- SB241 - creates requirements for STEM and STEAM seals to go on high school diplomas
- SB242 - revises provisions related to the state's college savings program
- SB247 - reduces the number of days' notice districts need to provide the public before changing policies
- SB303 - requires an audit of assessments given to students
- SB457 - provides college credit for military education, training, and experience.

Want to Learn More?

At times, it can feel like the Nevada Legislature has its own language. For years the Nevada Legislature has existed and rules have been created to ensure the work is done as efficiently as possible. With these rules comes a vernacular that may seem strange or foreign. For veterans to the legislative process, the vocabulary needed to navigate through the 120 days may seem like second nature, but for someone new to the process, they must quickly catch up or get left behind.

Luckily, the Legislative Council Bureau has put together an index of legislative terminology that covers the majority of terms you will come across while participating in the legislative process. The list is not exhaustive but it is a great tool to refer to should you come across a question while attending a hearing or floor session. You can find the Legislative Terminology at the following link: <https://www.leg.state.nv.us/Division/Research/publications/LegManual/2017/AppF.pdf>.

Coming Up:

Scheduled Meetings for the Week of April 3, 2017

Bill #	Description	Sponsors	Next Meeting Title	Date
AB423	Requires the Nevada Commission for Women to collect and report information related to gender equality in the workplace. (BDR 18-1047)	Miller	Assembly Committee on Government Affairs	4/3/17 8:00 AM
SB289	Requires certain policies of health insurance to cover services provided by an out-of-network physician. (BDR 57-675)	Hardy	Senate Committee on Commerce, Labor and Energy	4/3/17 8:00 AM
SB436	Prohibits certain discriminatory designs for prescription drug benefits in health benefit plans. (BDR 57-996)	Commerce, Labor and Energy	Senate Committee on Commerce, Labor and Energy	4/3/17 8:00 AM

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AB313	Enacts provisions governing geolocation information. (BDR 52-886)	Wheeler, Oscarson and Hambrick	Assembly Committee on Commerce and Labor	4/3/17 1:30 PM
AB359	Exempts certain persons who enter into contracts or agreements with the State of Nevada or a political corporation or subdivision of the State from certain provisions relating to contractors. (BDR 54-643)	Thompson	Assembly Committee on Commerce and Labor	4/3/17 1:30 PM
AB292	Revises provisions relating to bullying and cyber-bullying in public schools. (BDR 34-916)	Carrillo, Fumo, Ohrenschall, Joiner and Manendo	Assembly Committee on Education	4/3/17 3:15 PM
AB331	Creates the Nevada System of Community Colleges. (BDR 34-28)	Hansen	Assembly Committee on Education	4/3/17 3:15 PM
AB451	Requires a member of the board of trustees of a school district to complete certain training for professional development. (BDR 34-1032)	Frierson and Benitez-Thompson	Assembly Committee on Education	4/3/17 3:15 PM
AB484	Revises provisions relating to the Commission on Postsecondary Education. (BDR 34-912)	Education	Assembly Committee on Education	4/3/17 3:15 PM
AB206	Revises provisions relating to the renewable portfolio standard. (BDR 58-746)	Brooks, Frierson, Yeager, McCurdy II and Watkins	Assembly Committee on Commerce and Labor, Subcommittee on Energy	4/3/17 4:00 PM
AB151	Provides for the certification of law enforcement dispatchers. (BDR 23-767)	Carlton	Assembly Committee on Government Affairs	4/4/17 8:00 AM
AB264	Revises provisions governing equipment used by the State to reduce the use of paper. (BDR 18-565)	Swank, Ratti, Manendo and Parks	Assembly Committee on Government Affairs	4/4/17 8:00 AM

Bill #	Description	Sponsors	Next Meeting Title	Date
AB337	Revises provisions governing termination of the employment of members of the National Guard. (BDR 36-1134)	Elliot Anderson	Assembly Committee on Government Affairs	4/4/17 8:00 AM
AB393	Sets forth legislative findings and declarations concerning certain changes in zoning and development standards. (BDR S-1157)	Ohrenschall, Carlton, Carrillo, Edwards and Manendo	Assembly Committee on Government Affairs	4/4/17 8:00 AM
SB306	Revises provisions relating to offenders. (BDR 16-298)	Ford, Parks, Cancela, Atkinson and Farley	Senate Committee on Judiciary	4/4/17 1:00 PM
AB272	Revises provisions relating to elections. (BDR 24-851)	Frierson, Benitez-Thompson, Diaz, Carlton and Flores	Assembly Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections	4/4/17 1:30 PM
AB392	Revises provisions concerning certain communications relating to elections. (BDR 23-85)	Oscarson	Assembly Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections	4/4/17 1:30 PM
AB403	Revises various provisions relating to governmental administration. (BDR 17-573)	Daly, Frierson, Diaz, Benitez-Thompson and Araujo	Assembly Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections	4/4/17 1:30 PM
ACR8	Directs the Legislative Commission to create an interim study concerning reports relating to public education. (BDR R-337)	Legislative Operations and Elections	Assembly Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections	4/4/17 1:30 PM
SB20	Revises provisions relating to educational personnel. (BDR 34-342)	Education	Senate Committee on Education	4/4/17 3:30 PM
SB143	Requires each public school in a school district to establish and maintain a school library. (BDR 34-59)	Harris	Senate Committee on Education	4/4/17 3:30 PM
SB154	Creates the Program to Develop Leadership Skills for Elementary School Pupils. (BDR 34-819)	Hammond	Senate Committee on Education	4/4/17 3:30 PM

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SB213	Revises provisions relating to education. (BDR 34-583)	Gansert, Roberson, Kieckhefer and Benitez-Thompson	Senate Committee on Education	4/4/17 3:30 PM
SB301	Revises provisions relating to education. (BDR 34-550)	Education	Senate Committee on Education	4/4/17 3:30 PM
SB386	Revises provisions relating to progressive discipline and on-site review of disciplinary decisions. (BDR 34-1137)	Woodhouse, Denis, Segerblom, Ford and Spearman	Senate Committee on Education	4/4/17 3:30 PM
SB391	Provides for awards of scholarships by community colleges in the Nevada System of Higher Education. (BDR 34-815)	Denis, Cancela, Woodhouse, Segerblom, Ford, Thompson, Diaz and McCurdy II	Senate Committee on Education	4/4/17 3:30 PM
SB419	Exempts and proposes to exempt sales of certain durable medical equipment, oxygen delivery equipment and mobility enhancing equipment from sales and use taxes and analogous taxes. (BDR 32-325)	Hardy	Senate Committee on Revenue and Economic Development	4/4/17 3:30 PM
SB458	Revises provisions relating to the development and operation of the statewide longitudinal data system. (BDR 34-331)	Finance	Senate Committee on Education	4/4/17 3:30 PM
SB459	Revises provisions relating to the class-size reduction program. (BDR 34-330)	Finance	Senate Committee on Education	4/4/17 3:30 PM
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	Assembly Committee on Taxation	4/4/17 4:00 PM

Bill #	Description	Sponsors	Next Meeting Title	Date
AB280	Revises provisions relating to preferences in bidding for certain contracts for businesses based in this State. (BDR 27-1060)	Frierson, Carrillo, Monroe-Moreno, Sprinkle, Neal, Ford and Cannizzaro	Assembly Committee on Government Affairs	4/5/17 8:00 AM
AB404	Creates the Nevada Office of the Inspector General. (BDR 18-740)	Miller, McCurdy II and Benitez-Thompson	Assembly Committee on Government Affairs	4/5/17 8:00 AM
AB113	Requires an employer to make certain accommodations for a nursing mother. (BDR 40-7)	Spiegel	Assembly Committee on Health and Human Services	4/5/17 12:00 PM
AB176	Establishes certain requirements for the operation of seasonal or temporary recreation programs. (BDR 38-702)	Frierson	Assembly Committee on Health and Human Services	4/5/17 12:00 PM
AB236	Authorizes an agency which provides child welfare services to obtain the education records of certain pupils. (BDR 38-838)	Health and Human Services	Assembly Committee on Health and Human Services	4/5/17 12:00 PM
SB282	Revises provisions relating to peace officers. (BDR 23-539)	Segerblom	Senate Committee on Government Affairs	4/5/17 12:00 PM
AB103	Eliminates the Achievement School District. (BDR 34-691)	Neal	Assembly Committee on Education	4/5/17 3:15 PM
AB348	Revises provisions governing courses of instruction in sex education. (BDR 34-285)	Joiner	Assembly Committee on Education	4/5/17 3:15 PM
AB432	Delays the implementation of the Achievement School District. (BDR 34-1036)	Thompson	Assembly Committee on Education	4/5/17 3:15 PM
AB469	Provides for the reorganization of large school districts in this State. (BDR 34-986)	Frierson, Paul Anderson, Ford and Roberson	Assembly Committee on Education	4/5/17 3:15 PM

Bill #	Description	Sponsors	Next Meeting Title	Date
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	4/5/17 3:30 PM
SB394	Revises provisions relating to Medicaid managed care and required coverage provided by health insurers. (BDR 38-950)	Spearman, Segerblom, Denis, Manendo, Parks and Neal	Senate Committee on Health and Human Services	4/5/17 3:30 PM
SB361	Revises provisions related to domestic violence. (BDR 53-775)	Cannizzaro, Segerblom, Manendo, Ratti and Farley	Senate Committee on Judiciary	4/6/17 1:00 PM
AB104	Makes various changes relating to elections. (BDR 24-184)	Spiegel	Assembly Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections	4/6/17 1:30 PM
AB308	Revises provisions relating to legislative measures. (BDR 17-854)	Frierson, Araujo, Thompson, Diaz and Bustamante Adams	Assembly Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections	4/6/17 1:30 PM
SB415	Proposes to exempt sales of feminine hygiene products from sales and use taxes and analogous taxes. (BDR 32-631)	Cancela and Woodhouse	Senate Committee on Revenue and Economic Development	4/6/17 3:30 PM
SB487	Imposes an excise tax on sales of marijuana and related products by a retail marijuana store. (BDR 32-818)	Revenue and Economic Development	Senate Committee on Revenue and Economic Development	4/6/17 3:30 PM

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SB508	Imposes an excise tax on sales of marijuana and related products by a retail marijuana store. (BDR 32-976)	Revenue and Economic Development	Senate Committee on Revenue and Economic Development	4/6/17 3:30 PM
AB402	Proposes to exempt sales of feminine hygiene products and diapers from sales and use taxes and analogous taxes. (BDR 32-830)	Jauregui	Assembly Committee on Taxation	4/6/17 4:00 PM
SB378	Revises provisions relating to controlled substances. (BDR 14-559)	Judiciary	Senate Committee on Judiciary	4/7/17 1:00 PM
AB224	Revises provisions relating to persons with disabilities. (BDR 39-780)	Carrillo	Assembly Committee on Health and Human Services	4/7/17 11:45 PM
AB304	Revises provisions relating to autism. (BDR 38-363)	Health and Human Services	Assembly Committee on Health and Human Services	4/7/17 11:45 PM
AB305	Requires each public school to post a toll-free telephone number for a child abuse or neglect hotline. (BDR 34-362)	Health and Human Services	Assembly Committee on Health and Human Services	4/7/17 11:45 PM
AB408	Revises provisions relating to Medicaid and health insurance. (BDR 38-957)	Joiner, Spiegel, Bilbray-Axelrod, Fumo and Sprinkle	Assembly Committee on Health and Human Services	4/7/17 11:45 PM

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