

Legislative Update

CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Saturday, May 23, 2015

With only 10 days left in the session, everyone is in high gear and working long hours. There are no meetings tomorrow (Sunday), but it is probably the last day until sine die without legislative activity. Friday's major deadline brought numerous floor sessions, marked by lengthy and unpredictable recesses. Around midnight, both houses announced they agreed that the second house deadline would be extended until 6 a.m. The Senate finished its business and adjourned at 1:31 a.m.; the Assembly adjourned about 30 minutes later.

Two bills on our list died yesterday: AB117 (school bus rental) and AB312 (a PERS bill).

The next deadline is on Wednesday, May 27 when bills that have been designated as "exempt" must emerge from committee. We expect another busy week as those bills are scheduled for hearings.

Highlights from Week 16:

MONDAY, MAY 18

Assembly Committee on Education

- ~ **SB405** – The bill that would double funding for Zoom Schools was heard. Districts presented information about how existing Zoom funding is used and discussed the effectiveness of the program.
- ~ **Work session**
 - o **SB391** – Amend and Do Pass

TUESDAY, MAY 19

Assembly Committee on Ways and Means

- ~ **AB221** requires the Department of Education and school districts to develop a "data Dictionary" to post the types of data collected on students.
- ~ **AB299** – The Assembly Committee on Ways and Means heard AB299, a bill that will allow for the creation of Military Charter Schools. The bill was heavily revised from its original form and will focus mainly on expanding the Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps.
- ~ **SB474** – The Great Teachers and Leaders bill was once again supported by numerous education advocates who recognize this bill will provide teachers and administrators with opportunities for professional development.
- ~ **Work Session**
 - o **SB429** – Do Pass

Assembly Committee on Education

- ~ **SB432** creates the designation of Victory Schools and authorizes services for schools serving a high percentage of students living in poverty. Victory Schools will be designated by the Department of Education. An amendment proposed by Assemblywoman Dina Neal would allow school districts to submit a letter of intent by the August 15 deadline, allowing districts access to the funds at the beginning of the school year while giving additional time to develop the full implementation plan for each school.
- ~ **Work Session**
 - o **SB391** – Read By 3 – Amend and Do Pass
 - o **SB405** – Zoom Schools – Do Pass

WEDNESDAY, MAY 20

Assembly Education

- ~ **Work Session**
 - o **SB474** - Great Teaching and Leading Fund – Amend and Do Pass

THURSDAY, MAY 21

Senate Committee on Finance

- ~ **Work Session**
 - **SB491** – Harbor Master – Amend and Do Pass

Assembly Committee on Education

- ~ **SB332**
- ~ **Work Session**
 - **SB432** - Victory schools – Amend and Do Pass
 - **SB463** – Student data privacy – Reconsidered; Amend and Do Pass

Senate Education

- ~ **SB92** – The intent of this bill, sponsored and presented by Lieutenant Governor Mark Hutchison, is to ensure students have access to the best teachers. The bill also has language that was formerly in SB77, creating Turnaround Schools, incorporated into it.

FRIDAY, MAY 22

Assembly Ways and Means

- ~ **SB503** expands Breakfast after the Bell programs to schools with 70% or more of their students qualifying for the Free and Reduced Price Breakfast program. The bill was supported by school districts and the Department of Education and opposed by NPRI. The Committee suspended the rule of waiting 24 hours to vote on a measure and passed the bill.
- ~ **Work Session**
 - **AB221** – Data Dictionary – Amend and Do Pass
 - **SB460** – Alternative framework for certain schools – Amend and Do Pass
 - **SB509** – Charter school revisions – Amend and Do Pass

Coming Up:

To keep current about hearings that are scheduled (and sometimes rescheduled) during the session, it's important to utilize the "Calendar of Meetings" link on the Nevada Legislature website (www.leg.state.nv.us). There you will find the most accurate list of committee meeting dates and times as well as the bills scheduled to be heard.

Upcoming Meetings May 23 – 29, 2015

Bill #	Description	Sponsors	Status/Location	Next Meeting Title	Next Meeting Date
AB197	Establishes certain requirements for the operation of seasonal or temporary recreation programs. (BDR 38-506)	Diaz, Swank, Carrillo, Elliot Anderson, Benitez-Thompson, Bustamante Adams, and Neal	Ways and Means	Assembly Committee on Ways and Means	5/23/2015 10:00 AM
AB332	Makes various changes concerning government purchasing and bidding. (BDR 28-256)	Kirkpatrick, Benitez-Thompson, Carlton, and Hickey	Ways and Means	Assembly Committee on Ways and Means - - Work Session Item	5/23/2015 10:00 AM
AB388	Revises provisions governing certain leaves of absence for military duty for public officers and employees. (BDR 23-180)	Paul Anderson, Kirkpatrick, and Armstrong	Ways and Means	Assembly Committee on Ways and Means	5/23/2015 10:00 AM
AB410	Revises the membership of certain boards and commissions of the Executive Department of the State Government. (BDR 28-741)	Swank	Ways and Means	Assembly Committee on Ways and Means	5/23/2015 10:00 AM

AB412	Revises provisions relating to public financial administration. (BDR 31-963)	Kirkpatrick	Ways and Means	Assembly Committee on Ways and Means	5/23/2015 10:00 AM
AB445	Makes various changes relating to redevelopment. (BDR 22-1100)	Committee on Government Affairs	Ways and Means	Assembly Committee on Ways and Means	5/23/2015 10:00 AM
AB483	Makes various changes relating to the compensation of certain public school employees. (BDR 34-1198)	Committee on Ways and Means	Ways and Means	Assembly Committee on Ways and Means - - Work Session Item	5/23/2015 10:00 AM
AB485	Revises provisions governing the duties and structure of the Office of Science, Innovation and Technology. (BDR 18-1155)	Committee on Ways and Means	Ways and Means	Assembly Committee on Ways and Means - - Work Session Item	5/23/2015 10:00 AM
SB420	Revises provisions governing the executive staff of the Public Employees' Retirement System. (BDR 23-1176)	Committee on Finance	Ways and Means	Assembly Committee on Ways and Means	5/23/2015 10:00 AM
SB24	Revises provisions governing unemployment compensation. (BDR 53-383)	Committee on Commerce, Labor and Energy	Commerce and Labor	Assembly Committee on Commerce and Labor	5/23/2015 2:00 PM
SB133	Authorizes the reimbursement of teachers for certain out-of-pocket expenses. (BDR 34-118)	Roberson, Harris, Brower, Farley, and Lipparelli	Finance	Senate Committee on Finance	5/25/2015 10:00 AM
SB302	Establishes a program by which a child who receives instruction from a certain entity rather than from a public school may receive a grant of money in an amount equal to a certain percentage of the per-pupil amount apportioned to the resident school district of the child. (BDR 34-567)	Hammond	Finance	Senate Committee on Finance -- Work Session Item	5/25/2015 10:00 AM
SB508	Provides for long-term modernization of the Nevada Plan. (BDR 34-1184)	Committee on Finance	Finance	Senate Committee on Finance -- Work Session Item	5/25/2015 10:00 AM
SB332	Makes an appropriation to the Clark County School District to carry out a program of peer assistance and review of teachers. (BDR S-763)	Roberson, Ford, and Hammond	Education	Assembly Committee on Education -- Work Session Item	5/25/2015 2:00 PM
SB338	Revises provisions relating to safety in or at a public school. (BDR 34-870)	Senators Smith, Woodhouse, Ford, Kihuen, Parks, Atkinson, Denis, Manendo, and Spearman; Assemblymen Sprinkle, Araujo, Carrillo, Joiner, and Munford	Education	Assembly Committee on Education	5/25/2015 2:00 PM
SB413	Revises provisions relating to the state legislative process. (BDR 17-872)	Smith	Legislative Operations and Elections	Senate Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections -- Work Session Item	5/25/2015 3:30 PM
SB292	Revises provisions relating to certain civil actions involving negligence.	Roberson	Judiciary	Assembly Committee on Judiciary	5/26/2015 8:00 AM

	(BDR 3-954)				
SB103	Exempts certain persons from the modified business tax on financial institutions. (BDR 32-42)	Settelmeyer, and Denis	Taxation	Assembly Committee on Taxation	5/26/2015 1:30 PM
SB483	Revises provisions relating to governmental financial administration. (BDR 32-1182)	Committee on Revenue and Economic Development	Taxation	Assembly Committee on Taxation	5/26/2015 1:30 PM
AB234	Enacts provisions related to multicultural education. (BDR 34-102)	Assemblymen Munford, Hickey, Diaz, Thompson, Flores, Elliot Anderson, Araujo, Benitez-Thompson, Bustamante Adams, Joiner, Kirkpatrick, Neal, Ohrenschall, Sprinkle, Swank, and Wheeler; Senators Manendo, Atkinson, Denis, Kihuen, Ford, Harris, and Spearman	Education	Senate Committee on Education	5/26/2015 3:30 PM

Attachments

This update references the following materials which are attached to the email:

CCSD Legislation Status Report 05-23-15

Want to Learn More?

As we reach the end of the 2015 Legislative session, it is important to remember that the process of governing is inherently a people driven process. While it is the legislators themselves who are ultimately responsible to push the process forward, there are hundreds of dedicated people, rarely seen, who impact the outcome of the session. Each legislator has his or her own personal staff. This attaché schedules appointments, keeps the legislator's work organized, and assists with many other services. Additionally, each committee also has a support team, who makes sure the committee meetings run efficiently, prepare the materials needed, and provide support to lobbyists and constituents who are in attendance. They also prepare the minutes of the meetings.

The Legislative Council Bureau (LCB) may be the most important cog in the legislative process other than the legislators themselves. LCB has three primary segments – the Legal Division, the Fiscal Division and the Research Division. The Legal Division writes the actual language in the bills and ensures the legality of the bills. The Fiscal analysts prepare budgets at the direction of the legislature. The Research Analysts ensure the committee chairs and other legislators have access to accurate and current information on a wide variety of topics. In spite of the intense and stressful demands of a legislative session, these individuals remain professional and courteous as they assist legislators and ensure the work of the body is correctly done. Truly, without them and the historical knowledge they provide, the State would suffer.

The Nevada Legislature also requires police service to ensure everyone's safety, and workers who keep the legislative building a clean and historical museum that all Nevadan's can be proud of. This is another group of dedicated and friendly individuals. And finally, there are the constituents, lobbyists, and concerned citizens who help push and prod the process to its conclusion. Without all of these people, Nevada's government wouldn't exist. Getting the amount of work done in such a short time takes smart, dedicated people working together. This amalgamation truly is the embodiment of the state's founding vision of a citizen legislature.