



# SESSION SPOTLIGHT

## March 26, 2021

We are quickly approaching the midpoint of the Legislative Session. We are continually seeing an extension in legislative deadlines. As we mentioned [previously](#), the final deadline for legislators to submit their bills was originally extended to March 22nd. This deadline was extended once again, so new bills are being submitted daily. The next major date we are tracking is April 9th, when all bills must pass the committee in the house they were introduced.

### Senate Committee on Education

On Monday, the Senate Committee on Education heard [presentations](#) on SB182 and SB226. SB182 would require all physical education instruction to include activities which are scientifically shown to reduce obesity. SB226 allows students in career and technical education to apply for grants to cover the costs of obtaining licenses that were obtained in high school. It also would allow students to transfer their CTE program credits between state schools.

During Wednesday's meeting, Senators Heidi Seevers Gansert and Ben Kieckhefer [presented](#) SB272 which creates the Nevada Educator Corps, or a database of tutors. The Nevada Department of Education would be responsible for creating the database of tutors who would be available for public schools to utilize during in-person instruction or online. All of the bills discussed this week by the Senate still had many unanswered questions about their impact and will most likely be further amended if they are to survive the upcoming deadlines.

### Assembly Committee on Education

On [Tuesday](#), the Assembly Committee on Education considered three bills. First, AB67, which would modify the system of restorative justice currently used in schools. Second, AB194, which would create new timelines and guidance regarding the appeal process for student expulsions or suspensions. And third, Assemblywoman Selena Torres presented AB195, the English Language Learners' (ELL) Bill of Rights. This legislation changes the policies for ELL students, providing new progress tracking and monitoring for district staff who support these students as well as provide a bill of rights to the parents of ELL students in their native language.

On [Thursday](#), the Committee heard three more bills, AB262, AB265 and AB319. AB262 would grant in-state tuition for Native American students, even if they are coming from out-of-state. AB265 allows more educators to enter administrative roles by changing requirements for alternative routes to licensure. AB319 allows the College of Southern Nevada to enter into a pilot program with CCSD that would target underserved students for dual enrollment credit courses.

## Want to Learn More?

Nevada's State Legislative website is more than just a place where you can find your Legislator's email address or find out what bills are being heard. In fact, the site, run by the Legislative Council Bureau (LCB), is considered by most to be an essential tool for anyone interested in Nevada and its robust history. So what sort of interesting things can you find when you visit [www.leg.state.nv.us](http://www.leg.state.nv.us)?

- The legislative history of every session going back to 1985. This includes specific bills, their sponsors, and even those who were in support or in opposition. For many of these sessions, they even provide the testimony that was given. So if you do ever testify on a bill, know that LCB will archive your comments and you will always be a part of Nevada's rich history.
- The law library allows you to search all current statutes and any regulations that are currently in place.
- The website lets you watch any archived hearing going back to the 2013 Legislative Session.
- The website also lets you view lobbyist information, visit the online gift shop, and search for the name and contact information of your legislator.
- Under the FYI section, you can view hot topics of the day, or learn where to go if you need help with Nevada's government. They even have an Oral History Project, that tells the story of Nevada through the words and recordings of important figures throughout the state's history.

So, whether you are new to the legislative process or are a lifetime resident of Nevada, there is always something to learn by visiting the legislature's website.

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

### [Current Scheduled Meetings for the Week of March 29, 2021](#)

The "[Calendar of Meetings](#)" on the Nevada Legislature website provides up to date information regarding meetings.

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