

April 9, 2021

Today is a very important day in the Nevada Legislature. April 9th is the final day that all committees have to pass any bills out of their committee. If a bill does not get voted out of its committee by today, it is considered “dead,” with no possibility of becoming law. Due to the sheer volume of bills being presented to meet this deadline, we will provide brief summaries of each bill considered this week that we are monitoring, as well as those that have been passed by the education committees.

Senate Committee on Education

This week the Senate Committee on Education heard the following bills:

Monday's Meeting:

- **SB126:** Would require all schools to have a certified librarian on campus, as well as requiring the maintenance of a proper library facility.
- **SB210:** Requires the school district to provide an ongoing education program for children with serious emotional disturbances.
- **SB352:** Would allow paraprofessionals employed at schools to more easily obtain a teaching license.
- **SB354:** Requires the state to develop a statewide framework for restorative justice and also adds protections for homeless students..

Wednesday's Meeting:

- **SB120:** Makes general changes to the hiring of principals. Would reclassify new principals as “at-will,” meaning they are subject to greater scrutiny by the school district and board of trustees.

Friday's Meeting:

- **SB224:** Clarifies language within collective bargaining agreements as to the placement of employees in a surplus situation.

The Senate Committee on Education passed the following bills out of committee:

- **SB2:** CCSD Bill on educator efficiency
- **SB76:** Nevada Department of Education streamlining duties
- **SB102:** Revises age to begin kindergarten
- **SB126:** Librarians in schools
- **SB151:** Ratio of staff and recruitment plan
- **SB172:** Uniform dual credit programs
- **SB194:** State Seal of Civics
- **SB210:** Students in treatment centers
- **SB215:** Distance education plan
- **SB230:** Training on mental health

- **SB249**: Three mental health days for students
- **SB287**: Designating certain institutions as land grant universities
- **SB347**: Task force on sexual misconduct at higher education institutions
- **SB352**: Student teaching for support professionals
- **SB353**: Limits on assessments/exams
- **SB354**: Statewide restorative justice framework
- **SB363**: Charter school management

Assembly Committee on Education

The Assembly Committee on Education heard the following bills:

Tuesday's Meeting:

- **AB224**: Requires access to feminine hygiene products in bathroom facilities on school campuses.
- **AB235**: Would create annual programs for school districts to partner with Nevada higher education to educate students on filling out the Free Application For Student Aid (FAFSA).
- **AB266**: Creates a system of pupil-to-teacher ratios for school districts to aim to achieve, thereby reducing class sizes and placing greater emphasis on hiring new teachers.
- **AB353**: Expands the role and scope of Title IX protections in schools by creating a "climate survey" for sexual misconduct. The survey would include student demographics and attempts to more closely monitor sexual harassment/misconduct across Nevada public schools.
- **AB415**: Creates a Legislative study that would track the development of schools. Some metrics the bill emphasizes are: pupil and school outcomes, academic growth, and comparative studies about school ratings and performance.
- **AB418**: Sets up a system of exit surveys for employees at CCSD. The goal is to more accurately understand why trained staff may be pursuing other job opportunities and to hopefully reduce the number of staff leaving the district.

Thursday's Meeting:

- **AB56**: Creates a curriculum centered around instruction on the Holocaust and the history of genocide around the world for high school students.
- **AB371**: Establishes a system of accountability for incidents of discrimination based on race.

Friday's Meeting:

- No bills heard

The Assembly Committee on Education passed the following bills out of committee:

- **AB19**: Academic standards
- **AB56**: Curriculum standards for Holocaust and Armenian Genocide
- **AB195**: English Language Learner Bill of Rights
- **AB206**: Military enrollments
- **AB213**: Accessibility for scholarship applications
- **AB224**: Feminine hygiene products
- **AB225**: Accommodations for licensing exams
- **AB235**: FAFSA completion
- **AB257**: Governing indoor air quality standards
- **AB261**: Diversity in textbooks

- **AB262**: In-state tuition for Native American students
- **AB266**: Class size and evaluation
- **AB319**: CSN Dual credit pilot program
- **AB367**: Government and economics
- **AB371**: Accountability process for discrimination based on race
- **AB415**: Study on public school accountability
- **AB417**: Transportation investigations
- **AB418**: Exit surveys for licensed personnel

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No Committee Meetings Currently Scheduled for Next Week

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

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