Senate Bill No. 500–Committee on Finance

CHAPTER.....

AN ACT relating to education; ensuring sufficient funding for K-12 public education for the 2025-2027 biennium; apportioning the State Education Fund for the 2025-2027 biennium; authorizing certain expenditures; making appropriations relating to base per pupil funding, weighted funding and other educational purposes; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

EXPLANATION – Matter in ***bolded italics*** is new; matter between brackets ~~[omitted material]~~ is material to be omitted.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. 1. The total public support for school districts, charter schools and university schools for profoundly gifted pupils for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 is an estimated average of $13,889 per pupil.

2. As used in this section, "total public support" includes all money appropriated directly for the support of the public schools in this State, including, without limitation, the statewide base per pupil funding amount, adjusted base per pupil funding, additional weighted funding and all money appropriated for a specific program or purpose in support of the public schools, and all other money projected to be received for the support of the public schools from taxes, fees and other revenues authorized by state law, excluding any money provided by the Federal Government directly to a public school or school district or otherwise provided on a one-time basis in response to an emergency.

Sec. 2. 1. The total public support for school districts, charter schools and university schools for profoundly gifted pupils for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 is an estimated average of $13,963 per pupil.

2. As used in this section, "total public support" includes all money appropriated directly for the support of the public schools in this State, including, without limitation, the statewide base per pupil funding amount, adjusted base per pupil funding, additional weighted funding and all money appropriated for a specific program or purpose in support of the public schools, and all other money projected to be received for the support of the public schools from taxes, fees and other revenues authorized by state law, excluding any money provided by the Federal Government directly to a public

school or school district or otherwise provided on a one-time basis in response to an emergency.

Sec. 3. 1. There is hereby appropriated from the State General Fund to the Pupil-Centered Funding Plan Account in the State Education Fund the following sums:

For the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 ..... $1,396,505,764
For the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 ..... $1,376,804,316

2. The Legislature declares that the money appropriated by this section is sufficient, when combined with other money reasonably available for this purpose, to fund the operation of the public schools in this State for kindergarten through grade 12 for the next ensuing biennium for the population reasonably estimated for that biennium.

3. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 4, the money appropriated by subsection 1 must be:

(a) Expended in accordance with the allotment, transfer, work program and budget provisions of NRS 353.150 to 353.246, inclusive; and

(b) Work-programmed for the 2 separate fiscal years of the 2025-2027 biennium, as required by NRS 353.215.

4. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, transfers to and from allotments must be allowed and made in accordance with NRS 353.215 to 353.225, inclusive, after separate consideration of the merits of each request. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection 4 of NRS 353.220, the approval of the Interim Finance Committee is not required for any request for the revision of a work program for such money.

5. The money appropriated by subsection 1 is available for both Fiscal Year 2025-2026 and Fiscal Year 2026-2027 and may be transferred from one fiscal year to the other with recommendation and approval of the Governor without approval of the Interim Finance Committee.

Sec. 4. 1. Expenditure from or transfer to the Pupil-Centered Funding Plan Account in the State Education Fund of $4,359,915,395 from money in the State Education Fund that was not appropriated from the State General Fund is hereby authorized during Fiscal Year 2025-2026.

2. Expenditure from or transfer to the Pupil-Centered Funding Plan Account in the State Education Fund of $4,416,907,000 from money in the State Education Fund that was not appropriated from the State General Fund is hereby authorized during Fiscal Year 2026-2027.

3. The money authorized to be expended or transferred by subsections 1 and 2 must be expended or transferred in accordance with the allotment, transfer, work program and budget provisions of NRS 353.150 to 353.246, inclusive. Transfers to and from allotments must be allowed and made in accordance with NRS 353.215 to 353.225, inclusive, after separate consideration of the merits of each request.

Sec. 5. 1. For each respective school district, the Department of Education shall transfer from the Pupil-Centered Funding Plan Account in the State Education Fund the following sums for food services and transportation for pupils and any other similar service for Fiscal Year 2025-2026:

	Food Services	Transportation
Carson City	$334,457	$2,868,747
Churchill	$0	$1,665,797
Clark	$0	$135,130,854
Douglas	$0	$3,977,265
Elko	$350,372	$5,601,775
Esmeralda	$49,284	$328,550
Eureka	$399,223	$434,259
Humboldt	$4,765	$2,016,344
Lander	$15,558	$400,471
Lincoln	$66,961	$635,350
Lyon	$0	$5,367,830
Mineral	$200,104	$388,223
Nye	$0	$4,888,451
Pershing	$26,439	$918,038
Storey	$23,002	$547,375
Washoe	$0	$25,630,842
White Pine	$29,539	$1,312,803

2. For each respective school district, charter school and university school for profoundly gifted pupils, the Department of Education shall transfer from the Pupil-Centered Funding Plan Account in the State Education Fund the following sums which may be used for local funding for pupils with disabilities for Fiscal Year 2025-2026:

Carson City	$6,741,119
Churchill	$2,215,685
Clark	$453,025,801
Douglas	$5,428,400
Elko	$6,815,778

Esmeralda	$44,620
Eureka	$200,000
Humboldt	$3,147,883
Lander	$828,068
Lincoln	$0
Lyon	$11,959,030
Mineral	$110,574
Nye	$12,987,281
Pershing	$0
Storey	$55,048
Washoe	$70,479,875
White Pine	$1,129,956
Charter Schools, combined	$24,608,056
University Schools, combined	$52,268

3. The statewide base per pupil funding amount for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 is $9,416 per pupil.

4. For each respective school district, the adjusted base per pupil funding amount for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 is:

Carson City	$10,119
Churchill	$10,766
Clark	$9,501
Douglas	$10,622
Elko	$11,658
Esmeralda	$31,441
Eureka	$35,764
Humboldt	$11,596
Lander	$14,100
Lincoln	$17,166
Lyon	$11,491
Mineral	$16,481
Nye	$11,424
Pershing	$15,293
Storey	$24,307
Washoe	$9,708
White Pine	$15,055

5. For each charter school or university school for profoundly gifted pupils, the statewide base per pupil funding amount for each pupil enrolled full-time in a program of distance education provided by such a school in Fiscal Year 2025-2026 is $9,416. For each charter school or university school for profoundly gifted pupils which provides in-person instruction in each of the respective counties, the adjusted base per pupil funding amount for Fiscal Year

2025-2026, before application of the appropriate attendance area adjustment and cost adjustment factor, is $9,416.

6. The Department of Education shall determine the final adjusted base per pupil funding amount for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 for a charter school or university school for profoundly gifted pupils by applying the appropriate attendance area adjustment and cost adjustment factor for the location of the charter school or university school within a county to the amount established by subsection 5 for the county in which the charter school or university school is located.

7. The additional weighted funding for each pupil estimated to be enrolled in a public school in each respective category for Fiscal Year 2025-2026, expressed as a multiplier to the statewide base per pupil funding amount, is:

For English learners	0.45
For at-risk pupils	0.35
For gifted and talented pupils	0.12

8. For each respective school district, charter school and university school for profoundly gifted pupils, the Department of Education shall transfer from the Pupil-Centered Funding Plan Account in the State Education Fund the following sums for additional weighted funding at the levels established by subsection 7 for Fiscal Year 2025-2026:

	English Learners	At-Risk Pupils	Gifted and Talented Pupils
Carson City	$3,305,034	$728,331	$322,029
Churchill	$483,044	$286,718	$0
Clark	$164,522,907	$137,341,591	$6,142,279
Douglas	$682,193	$474,569	$133,331
Elko	$2,834,703	$1,489,619	$42,937
Esmeralda	$17,401	$8,386	$0
Eureka	$10,213	$1,198	$0
Humboldt	$834,733	$349,335	$0
Lander	$165,252	$260,354	$0
Lincoln	$33,898	$135,120	$0
Lyon	$2,271,151	$1,281,996	$67,795
Mineral	$144,066	$141,712	$0
Nye	$1,597,433	$893,112	$0
Pershing	$122,880	$92,278	$0
Storey	$13,777	$13,777	$0

	English Learners	At-Risk Pupils	Gifted and Talented Pupils
Washoe	$28,541,936	$14,504,015	$1,462,125
White Pine	$63,558	$395,474	$0
Charter Schools, combined	$27,050,440	$6,614,302	$1,684,719
University Schools, combined	$0	$0	$0

9. Pursuant to the expression of legislative intent in subsection 3 of NRS 387.121, the Esmeralda, Eureka and Storey County school districts may each reapportion money received pursuant to subsections 4 and 8 in a manner similar to the apportionment of such money in the fiscal year ending on June 30, 2020, to ensure that each pupil in the district receives a reasonably equal educational opportunity.

Sec. 6. 1. For each respective school district, the Department of Education shall transfer from the Pupil-Centered Funding Plan Account in the State Education Fund the following sums for food services and transportation for pupils and any other similar service for Fiscal Year 2026-2027:

	Food Services	Transportation
Carson City	$334,457	$2,868,747
Churchill	$0	$1,665,797
Clark	$0	$135,130,854
Douglas	$0	$3,977,265
Elko	$350,372	$5,601,775
Esmeralda	$49,284	$328,550
Eureka	$399,223	$434,259
Humboldt	$4,765	$2,016,344
Lander	$15,558	$400,471
Lincoln	$66,961	$635,350
Lyon	$0	$5,367,830
Mineral	$200,104	$388,223
Nye	$0	$4,888,451
Pershing	$26,439	$918,038
Storey	$23,002	$547,375
Washoe	$0	$25,630,842
White Pine	$29,539	$1,312,803

2. For each respective school district, charter school and university school for profoundly gifted pupils, the Department of Education shall transfer from the Pupil-Centered Funding Plan

Account in the State Education Fund the following sums which may be used for local funding for pupils with disabilities for Fiscal Year 2026-2027:

Carson City	$6,741,119
Churchill	$2,215,685
Clark	$453,025,801
Douglas	$5,428,400
Elko	$6,815,778
Esmeralda	$44,620
Eureka	$200,000
Humboldt	$3,147,883
Lander	$828,068
Lincoln	$0
Lyon	$11,959,030
Mineral	$110,574
Nye	$12,987,281
Pershing	$0
Storey	$55,048
Washoe	$70,479,875
White Pine	$1,129,956
Charter Schools, combined	$24,608,056
University Schools, combined	$52,268

3. The statewide base per pupil funding amount for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 is $9,486 per pupil.

4. For each respective school district, the adjusted base per pupil funding amount for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 is:

Carson City	$10,195
Churchill	$10,846
Clark	$9,572
Douglas	$10,701
Elko	$11,745
Esmeralda	$31,442
Eureka	$35,765
Humboldt	$11,682
Lander	$14,205
Lincoln	$17,294
Lyon	$11,577
Mineral	$16,604
Nye	$11,509
Pershing	$15,407
Storey	$24,308

Washoe	$9,781
White Pine	$15,167

5. For each charter school or university school for profoundly gifted pupils, the statewide base per pupil funding amount for each pupil enrolled full-time in a program of distance education provided by such a school in Fiscal Year 2026-2027 is $9,486. For each charter school or university school for profoundly gifted pupils which provides in-person instruction in each of the respective counties, the adjusted base per pupil funding amount for Fiscal Year 2026-2027, before application of the appropriate attendance area adjustment and cost adjustment factor, is $9,486.

6. The Department of Education shall determine the final adjusted base per pupil funding amount for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 for a charter school or university school for profoundly gifted pupils by applying the appropriate attendance area adjustment and cost adjustment factor for the location of the charter school or university school within a county to the amount established by subsection 5 for the county in which the charter school or university school is located.

7. The additional weighted funding for each pupil estimated to be enrolled in a public school in each respective category for Fiscal Year 2026-2027, expressed as a multiplier to the statewide base per pupil funding amount, is:

For English learners	0.45
For at-risk pupils	0.35
For gifted and talented pupils	0.12

8. For each respective school district, charter school and university school for profoundly gifted pupils, the Department of Education shall transfer from the Pupil-Centered Funding Plan Account in the State Education Fund the following projected sums for additional weighted funding at the levels established by subsection 7 for Fiscal Year 2026-2027, subject to adjustment based on updated weighted pupil counts with approval of the Interim Finance Committee:

	English Learners	At-Risk Pupils	Gifted and Talented Pupils
Carson City	$3,329,674	$733,762	$324,429
Churchill	$486,645	$288,856	$0
Clark	$165,749,485	$138,365,522	$6,188,072
Douglas	$687,279	$478,107	$134,325

	English Learners	At-Risk Pupils	Gifted and Talented Pupils
Elko	$2,855,836	$1,500,725	$43,257
Esmeralda	$17,401	$8,386	$0
Eureka	$10,213	$1,198	$0
Humboldt	$840,956	$351,940	$0
Lander	$166,484	$262,295	$0
Lincoln	$34,150	$136,128	$0
Lyon	$2,288,084	$1,291,553	$68,301
Mineral	$145,140	$142,768	$0
Nye	$1,609,342	$899,771	$0
Pershing	$123,795	$92,966	$0
Storey	$13,777	$13,777	$0
Washoe	$28,754,726	$14,612,148	$1,473,026
White Pine	$64,033	$398,423	$0
Charter Schools, combined	$27,252,109	$6,663,618	$1,697,280
University Schools, combined	$0	$0	$0

9. Pursuant to the expression of legislative intent in subsection 3 of NRS 387.121, the Esmeralda, Eureka and Storey County school districts may each reapportion money received pursuant to subsections 4 and 8 in a manner similar to the apportionment of such money in the fiscal year ending on June 30, 2020, to ensure that each pupil in the district receives a reasonably equal educational opportunity.

Sec. 7. The measure to be used for the purposes of determining whether a pupil is an "at-risk pupil" pursuant to subsection 1 of NRS 387.1211 for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 is the Graduation Related Analytic Data (GRAD) score within the Infinite Campus System used by the Department of Education. If the State Board of Education adopts a regulation prescribing a different measure:

1. Such a regulation may not become effective before Fiscal Year 2026-2027; and

2. If the regulation would result in an increase in the number of pupils receiving additional weighted funding as at-risk pupils:

(a) The Department of Education shall identify adjustments in the proportion of money transferred by subsection 8 of section 6 of this act to each respective school district, charter school and university school for profoundly gifted pupils which are necessary

to reflect updated weighted pupil counts and, with approval of the Interim Finance Committee, adjust such transfers accordingly; and

(b) The multiplier for at-risk pupils identified in subsection 7 of section 6 of this act must be reduced proportionally to ensure that no additional money beyond the total amount of money transferred by subsection 8 of section 6 of this act in each fiscal year is necessary to fund such additional weighted funding.

Sec. 8. 1. There is hereby appropriated from the State General Fund to the Account for State Special Education Services created by NRS 388.5243 for the support of pupils with disabilities the following sums:

For the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 ..... $257,566,256
For the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 ..... $262,431,514

2. Expenditure of $2,000,000 in both Fiscal Year 2025-2026 and Fiscal Year 2026-2027 from money in the Account for State Special Education Services created by NRS 388.5243 that was not appropriated from the State General Fund is hereby authorized for expenditure for the support of pupils with disabilities.

3. The Department of Education shall transfer from the Account for State Special Education Services created by NRS 388.5243 the following sums for pupils with disabilities:

For the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 ..... $256,066,256
For the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 ..... $260,931,514

4. The money transferred pursuant to subsection 3 must be used only to fund the school districts, charter schools and university schools for profoundly gifted pupils for the enrollment of pupils with disabilities in accordance with the statewide multiplier calculated by the Department of Education pursuant to subsection 1 of NRS 387.122.

5. The Department of Education shall transfer from the Account for State Special Education Services created by NRS 388.5243 the following sums for pupils with disabilities:

For the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 ..... $1,500,000
For the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 ..... $1,500,000

6. The money transferred pursuant to subsection 5 must be used only to fund the school districts, charter schools and university schools for profoundly gifted pupils for the enrollment of pupils with disabilities in accordance with the funding multiplier calculated by the Department of Education pursuant to subsection 2 of NRS 387.122.

7. The Department of Education may transfer from the Account for State Special Education Services created by NRS 388.5243 the following sums for pupils with disabilities:

For the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 ..... $2,000,000
For the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 ..... $2,000,000

8. Any money transferred pursuant to subsection 7 must be used only to carry out the purposes of subsection 4 of NRS 388.5243.

9. Any remaining balance of the sums transferred pursuant to subsections 3 and 5 for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 and Fiscal Year 2026-2027 must not be committed for expenditure after June 30 of each fiscal year and must be reverted to the State General Fund on or before September 18, 2026, and September 17, 2027, for each fiscal year respectively.

Sec. 9. 1. There is hereby appropriated from the State General Fund to the Other State Education Programs Account in the State General Fund the following sums:

For the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 ..... $162,436,046
For the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 ..... $162,436,046

2. The money appropriated by subsection 1 must be expended in accordance with the allotment, transfer, work program and budget provisions of NRS 353.150 to 353.246, inclusive. Transfers to and from allotments must be allowed and made in accordance with NRS 353.215 to 353.225, inclusive, after separate consideration of the merits of each request.

3. The Department of Education shall transfer from the Other State Education Programs Account the sum of $19,260,398 for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 and $19,260,398 for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 for distribution by the Superintendent of Public Instruction to school districts for the support of courses which are approved by the Department of Education as meeting the course of study for an adult standard high school diploma as approved by the State Board of Education. In each fiscal year of the 2025-2027 biennium, the sum transferred must be allocated among the various school districts in accordance with a plan or formula developed by the Department of Education to ensure that the money is distributed equitably and in a manner that permits accounting for the expenditures of school districts.

4. The Department of Education shall, not later than November 1, 2025, and November 1, 2026, provide a written report to the Governor, the Joint Interim Standing Committee on Education and the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau that describes, for the immediately preceding fiscal year, each expenditure made from the amount transferred pursuant to subsection 3 or pursuant to subsection 3 of section 8 of chapter 147, Statutes of Nevada 2023, at

page 731, as applicable, and the performance results of the participants in the Adult High School Diploma program.

5. Any remaining balance of the allocations made pursuant to subsection 3 for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 must be added to the money received by the school districts for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 and may be expended as that money is expended. Any remaining balance of the allocations made pursuant to subsection 3 for Fiscal Year 2026-2027, including any such money added from the previous fiscal year, must not be committed for expenditure after June 30, 2027, and must be reverted to the State General Fund on or before September 17, 2027.

6. The money appropriated by subsection 1 to finance specific programs as outlined in this subsection is available for both Fiscal Year 2025-2026 and Fiscal Year 2026-2027 and may be transferred from one fiscal year to the other with the approval of the Interim Finance Committee upon the recommendation of the Governor as follows:

(a) A total of $3,927,708 in both Fiscal Year 2025-2026 and Fiscal Year 2026-2027 for the Jobs for Nevada's Graduates Program. Of the total transferred in Fiscal Year 2025-2026 and Fiscal Year 2026-2027 pursuant to this paragraph, an amount up to $314,293 in Fiscal Year 2025-2026 and $314,293 in Fiscal Year 2026-2027 may only be allocated by the Department of Education to the Jobs for Nevada's Graduates Program for expenditure upon determination that federal or local revenues are not received as budgeted for the Jobs for Nevada's Graduates Program that would lead to program reductions.

(b) A total of $300,000 in both Fiscal Year 2025-2026 and Fiscal Year 2026-2027 to the Department of Education for transfer to the Leadership Institute of Nevada for the implementation and operation of educational leadership training programs. Expenditure of this money is contingent upon matching money being provided from sources other than the appropriation made by subsection 1. The Department of Education shall not distribute any money for the implementation and operation of educational leadership training programs until an equivalent amount of matching money has been committed.

7. Upon acceptance of the money transferred pursuant to paragraph (b) of subsection 6, the Leadership Institute of Nevada agrees to:

(a) Prepare and transmit a report to the Interim Finance Committee on or before September 18, 2026, that describes each expenditure made from the money transferred pursuant to paragraph

(b) of subsection 6 from the date on which the money was received by the Leadership Institute of Nevada through June 30, 2026;

(b) Prepare and transmit a final report to the Interim Finance Committee on or before September 17, 2027, that describes each expenditure made from the money transferred pursuant to paragraph (b) of subsection 6 from the date on which the money was received by the Leadership Institute of Nevada through June 30, 2027; and

(c) Upon request of the Legislative Commission, make available to the Legislative Auditor any of the books, accounts, claims, reports, vouchers or other records of information, confidential or otherwise, of the Leadership Institute of Nevada, regardless of their form or location, that the Legislative Auditor deems necessary to conduct an audit of the use of the money transferred pursuant to paragraph (b) of subsection 6.

8. Any remaining balance of the sums transferred pursuant to subsection 6 must not be committed for expenditure after June 30, 2027, by the entity to which the money is transferred or any entity to which such money is granted or otherwise transferred in any manner, and any portion of the transferred money remaining must not be spent for any purpose after September 17, 2027, and must be reverted to the State General Fund on or before September 17, 2027.

9. The Department of Education shall transfer from the Other State Education Programs Account the sum of $13,543,822 in Fiscal Year 2025-2026 and $13,543,822 in Fiscal Year 2026-2027 for the award of grants for programs of career and technical education pursuant to NRS 388.393.

10. Any remaining balance of the sums transferred pursuant to subsection 9 must not be committed for expenditure after June 30 of each fiscal year and must be reverted to the State General Fund on or before September 18, 2026, and September 17, 2027, for each fiscal year respectively.

11. The Department of Education shall transfer from the Other State Education Programs Account the sum of $462,725 for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 and $462,725 for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 for the award of grants to support public broadcasting in this State.

12. Any remaining balance of the sums transferred pursuant to subsection 11 must not be committed for expenditure after June 30 of each fiscal year by the entity to which the money is transferred or any entity to which such money is granted or otherwise transferred in any manner, and any portion of the transferred money remaining must not be spent for any purpose after September 18, 2026, and September 17, 2027, for each fiscal year respectively and must be

reverted to the State General Fund on or before September 18, 2026, and September 17, 2027, for each fiscal year respectively.

13. The Department of Education shall transfer from the Other State Education Programs Account the sum of $124,941,393 for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 and $124,941,393 for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 for distribution by the Department of Education to school districts to maintain salary increases for teachers and education support professionals approved by the Interim Finance Committee in accordance with chapter 530, Statutes of Nevada 2023, page 3535, disbursed monthly in amounts approximating one-twelfth of their respective yearly apportionments.

14. Of the sums transferred by subsection 13, the Department of Education shall distribute to the school districts specified in this subsection up to the following sums for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 and Fiscal Year 2026-2027:

School District	2025-2026	2026-2027
Carson City School District	$2,644,995	$2,644,995
Churchill County School District	$1,137,980	$1,137,980
Clark County School District	$86,902,945	$86,902,945
Douglas County School District	$2,265,571	$2,265,571
Elko County School District	$3,694,245	$3,694,245
Esmeralda County School District	$77,787	$77,787
Eureka County School District	$169,122	$169,122
Humboldt County School District	$1,346,510	$1,346,510
Lander County School District	$414,364	$414,364
Lincoln County School District	$436,139	$436,139
Lyon County School District	$3,114,106	$3,114,106
Mineral County School District	$275,801	$275,801
Nye County School District	$2,083,531	$2,083,531

School District	2025-2026	2026-2027
Pershing County School District	$380,939	$380,939
Storey County School District	$168,882	$168,882
Washoe County School District	$19,332,519	$19,332,519
White Pine County School District	$495,957	$495,957
TOTAL:	$124,941,393	$124,941,393

15. Any remaining balance of the sums transferred pursuant to subsection 13 for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 and Fiscal Year 2026-2027 must not be committed for expenditure after June 30 of each fiscal year and must be reverted to the State General Fund on or before September 18, 2026, and September 17, 2027, for each fiscal year respectively.

Sec. 10. 1. Expenditure of $2,436,623 in both Fiscal Year 2025-2026 and Fiscal Year 2026-2027 from money in the Other State Education Programs Account that was not appropriated from the State General Fund is hereby authorized to provide stipends pursuant to the Incentivizing Pathways to Teaching Grant Program created by NRS 391A.705 in accordance with subsection 2. Upon request from the Department of Education, the Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation shall provide, from the Workforce Development budget account, reimbursement for the cost of providing stipends pursuant to the Program in accordance with subsection 2 up to $2,436,623 in Fiscal Year 2025-2026 and $2,436,623 in Fiscal Year 2026-2027.

2. The money authorized by subsection 1 and any other money appropriated or made available for this purpose to the Other State Education Programs Account for the Incentivizing Pathways to Teaching Grant Program must be used to provide stipends at a rate of up to $800 per week for up to 12 weeks.

Sec. 11. 1. There is hereby appropriated from the State General Fund to the Professional Development Programs Account the following sums:

For the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 ..... $7,667,393

For the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 ..... $7,667,393

2. The money appropriated by subsection 1 must be expended in accordance with the allotment, transfer, work program and budget provisions of NRS 353.150 to 353.246, inclusive. Transfers to and from allotments must be allowed and made in accordance with

NRS 353.215 to 353.225, inclusive, after separate consideration of the merits of each request.

Sec. 12. 1. Of the sums appropriated by subsection 1 of section 11 of this act, the Department of Education shall transfer to the school districts specified in this subsection the following sums for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 and Fiscal Year 2026-2027:

School District	2025-2026	2026-2027
Clark County School District	$4,030,407	$4,030,407
Elko County School District	$1,265,644	$1,265,644
Washoe County School District	$2,271,342	$2,271,342
TOTAL:	$7,567,393	$7,567,393

2. A school district that receives a transfer of money pursuant to subsection 1 shall serve as fiscal agent for the respective regional training program for the professional development of teachers and administrators. As fiscal agent, each school district is responsible for the payment, collection and holding of all money received from this State for the maintenance and support of the regional training program for the professional development of teachers and administrators and the Nevada Early Literacy Intervention Program established and operated by the applicable governing body.

3. Any remaining balance of the transfers made pursuant to subsection 1 for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 must be added to the money received by the school districts for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 and may be expended as that money is expended. Any remaining balance of the transfers made pursuant to subsection 1 for Fiscal Year 2026-2027, including any money added from the transfer for the previous fiscal year, must not be committed for expenditure after June 30, 2027, and must be reverted to the State General Fund on or before September 17, 2027.

Sec. 13. 1. Of the sums appropriated by subsection 1 of section 11 of this act, the Department of Education shall transfer to the Statewide Council for the Coordination of the Regional Training Programs created by NRS 391A.130 the sum of $100,000 in Fiscal Year 2025-2026 and $100,000 in Fiscal Year 2026-2027 for additional training opportunities for educational administrators in Nevada.

2. The Statewide Council shall use the money transferred pursuant to subsection 1:

(a) To disseminate research-based knowledge related to effective educational leadership behaviors and skills.

(b) To develop, support and maintain ongoing activities, programs, training and networking opportunities.

(c) For the purpose of providing additional training for educational administrators, including, without limitation, to pay:

(1) Travel expenses of administrators who attend the training program;

(2) Travel and per diem expenses for any consultants contracted to provide additional training; and

(3) Any charges to obtain a conference room for the provision of the additional training.

(d) To supplement and not replace the money that the school district or the regional training program would otherwise expend for the training of educational administrators as described in this subsection.

3. Any remaining balance of the transfer made pursuant to subsection 1 for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 must be added to the money received by the Statewide Council for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 and may be expended as that money is expended. Any remaining balance of the transfer made pursuant to subsection 1 for Fiscal Year 2026-2027, including any money added from the transfer for the previous fiscal year, must not be committed for expenditure after June 30, 2027, and must be reverted to the State General Fund on or before September 17, 2027.

Sec. 14. 1. There is hereby appropriated from the State General Fund to the Interim Finance Committee for allocation to the Department of Education for the Professional Development Programs Account the sum of $882,946 in Fiscal Year 2025-2026.

2. Money appropriated to the Interim Finance Committee by subsection 1 may be allocated to the Department of Education upon the determination of the Interim Finance Committee that sufficient supporting documentation has been submitted detailing the amount for collectively bargained salary and benefits increases for the fiscal year for which the allocation is being requested.

3. Any remaining balance of the appropriation made by subsection 1 must not be committed for expenditure after June 30, 2027, by the entity to which the appropriation is made and must be reverted to the State General Fund on or before September 17, 2027.

4. Any remaining balance of the sums allocated to the Department of Education pursuant to subsection 2 for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 and Fiscal Year 2026-2027 must not be committed for expenditure after June 30 of each fiscal year and must be reverted to the State General Fund on or before September 18, 2026, and September 17, 2027, for each fiscal year respectively.

Sec. 15. 1. There is hereby appropriated from the State General Fund to the 1/5 Retirement Credit Purchase Program Account in the State General Fund to purchase one-fifth of a year of retirement service credit pursuant to section 5 of chapter 8, Statutes of Nevada 2007, 23rd Special Session, at page 18, the following sums:

For the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 ..... $560,886
For the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 ..... $560,886

2. The money appropriated by subsection 1 is available for either fiscal year with the approval of the Interim Finance Committee upon the recommendation of the Governor. Any remaining balance of those sums must not be committed for expenditure after June 30, 2027, and must be reverted to the State General Fund on or before September 17, 2027.

Sec. 16. 1. There is hereby appropriated from the State General Fund to the Teach Nevada Scholarship Program Account created by NRS 391A.575 to award grants to universities, colleges and other providers of an alternative licensure program that are approved to award Teach Nevada Scholarships pursuant to NRS 391A.585 the following sums:

For the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 ..... $2,407,861
For the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 ..... $2,407,861

2. The money appropriated by subsection 1 must be expended in accordance with the allotment, transfer, work program and budget provisions of NRS 353.150 to 353.246, inclusive. Transfers to and from allotments must be allowed and made in accordance with NRS 353.215 to 353.225, inclusive, after separate consideration of the merits of each request.

3. Expenditure of $4,503,179 in Fiscal Year 2025-2026 and $4,450,005 in Fiscal Year 2026-2027 from money in the Teach Nevada Scholarship Program Account that was not appropriated from the State General Fund is hereby authorized to award grants to universities, colleges and other providers of an alternative licensure program that are approved to award Teach Nevada Scholarships pursuant to NRS 391A.585.

4. For the purposes of accounting and reporting, the sums authorized for expenditure by subsection 3 are considered to be expended before any appropriation made to the Teach Nevada Scholarship Program Account from the State General Fund.

Sec. 17. There is hereby appropriated from the State General Fund to the Nevada Teacher Advancement Scholarship Program Account created by NRS 391A.675 the sum of $323,628 for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 for the 25-percent disbursement to scholarship

recipients who meet the requirements of subsection 4 of NRS 391A.685 and for payments to a university, college or other provider of an alternative licensure program made pursuant to subsection 2 of NRS 391A.690.

Sec. 18. Expenditure of $323,628 in Fiscal Year 2026-2027 from money in the Nevada Teacher Advancement Scholarship Program Account created by NRS 391A.675 that was not appropriated from the State General Fund is hereby authorized for the 25-percent disbursement to scholarship recipients who meet the requirements of subsection 4 of NRS 391A.685 and for payments to a university, college or other provider of an alternative licensure program made pursuant to subsection 2 of NRS 391A.690.

Sec. 19. The State Controller is hereby directed to draw his or her warrant in the amount of $126,895,438 and transfer that sum from the Education Stabilization Account to the Pupil-Centered Funding Plan Account in Fiscal Year 2024-2025.

Sec. 20. The State Controller is hereby directed to draw his or her warrant in the amount of $115,701,395 and transfer that sum from the Education Stabilization Account in the State Education Fund to the Pupil-Centered Funding Plan Account in Fiscal Year 2025-2026.

Sec. 21. 1. Expenditure from or transfer to the Education Stabilization Account in the State Education Fund of $755,251,719 from money in the State Education Fund that was not appropriated from the State General Fund is hereby authorized during Fiscal Year 2025-2026.

2. Expenditure from or transfer to the Education Stabilization Account in the State Education Fund of $648,653,965 from money in the State Education Fund that was not appropriated from the State General Fund is hereby authorized during Fiscal Year 2026-2027.

3. The money authorized to be expended or transferred by subsections 1 and 2 must be expended or transferred in accordance with the allotment, transfer, work program and budget provisions of NRS 353.150 to 353.246, inclusive. Transfers to and from allotments must be allowed and made in accordance with NRS 353.215 to 353.225, inclusive, after separate consideration of the merits of each request.

Sec. 22. NRS 388.390 is hereby amended to read as follows:

388.390 If the board of trustees of a school district or the governing body of a charter school organizes a program of career and technical education in accordance with the regulations adopted by the State Board and the program has been approved by the Superintendent of Public Instruction, the school district or the

charter school is entitled to share in federal and state money available for the promotion of career and technical education in the amount determined by the Superintendent of Public Instruction, in accordance with NRS 388.390 to ~~[388.397,]~~ ***388.396,*** inclusive, and the regulations and policies of the State Board.

Sec. 23. NRS 391A.705 is hereby amended to read as follows:

391A.705 1. There is hereby created in the Department the Incentivizing Pathways to Teaching Grant Program to award grants to public and private universities and colleges in this State that offer an approved traditional pathway licensure program for the provision of ~~[tuition assistance and]~~ stipends to students of such programs who meet requirements established by the State Board pursuant to this section and NRS 391A.710.

2. A public or private university or college in this State that offers an approved traditional pathway licensure program is eligible to apply to the State Board for a grant to award ~~[tuition assistance and]~~ stipends to students who attend the university or college to complete such a program.

3. The State Board shall:

(a) Based on the amount of money appropriated by the Legislature for that purpose, establish the number of awards of ~~[tuition assistance and]~~ stipends that will be available pursuant to the Incentivizing Pathways to Teaching Grant Program each year based upon the amount of money available for the Program.

(b) Review all applications submitted pursuant to subsection 2 and, to the extent that money is available within the limits of legislative appropriations, award a grant of money in an amount determined by the State Board to a public or private university or college that offers an approved traditional pathway licensure program.

4. The State Board may prioritize the award of grants to a public or private university or college that demonstrates the university or college, as applicable, will provide ~~[tuition assistance and]~~ stipends to a greater number of students who:

(a) Are veterans of the Armed Forces of the United States or the spouses of such veterans;

(b) Intend to teach in public schools in this State which have the highest shortage of teachers; or

(c) Have been economically disadvantaged or belong to a racial or ethnic minority group.

5. A student may apply for ~~[tuition assistance and]~~ a stipend awarded pursuant to the Incentivizing Pathways to Teaching Grant Program from a public or private university or college that offers an

approved traditional pathway licensure program that receives a grant pursuant to the Incentivizing Pathways to Teaching Grant Program only if:

(a) The student attends or has been accepted to attend an approved traditional pathway licensure program at the university or college; and

(b) The student agrees to complete the requirements to obtain an endorsement to teach English as a second language or an endorsement to teach special education.

6. An application submitted by the student must identify the approved traditional pathway licensure program to be completed and the date by which the student must complete the program to finish on schedule.

7. The State Board may adopt any regulations necessary to carry out the provisions of this section and NRS 391A.710.

Sec. 24. NRS 391A.710 is hereby amended to read as follows:

391A.710 1. Each university or college that offers an approved traditional pathway licensure program in this State that is awarded a grant of money pursuant to NRS 391A.705 shall use the money to award ~~[tuition assistance and]~~ stipends pursuant to the Incentivizing Pathways to Teaching Grant Program to students who will attend the university or college with the intent to complete an approved traditional pathway licensure program. Such students may include ~~[:~~

~~(a) Students who are enrolled in their final three semesters of an approved traditional pathway licensure program; and~~

~~(b) Students]~~ ***students*** who are enrolled in their final clinical field experience of student teaching in an approved traditional pathway licensure program.

2. ~~[A student who is enrolled in his or her final three semesters of an approved traditional pathway licensure program may apply for tuition assistance.~~

~~3.]~~ A student who is enrolled in his or her final clinical field experience of student teaching in an approved traditional pathway licensure program may apply for a stipend.

~~[4.]~~ ***3.*** The student must:

(a) Agree to:

(1) Complete the approved traditional pathway licensure program for which he or she was awarded the ~~[tuition assistance or]~~ stipend; and

(2) Maintain employment as a teacher at a public school in this State for 5 consecutive school years immediately following

completion of the program unless the State Board waives this requirement for good cause shown.

(b) Meet any other requirements established by the State Board.

Sec. 25. Notwithstanding the provisions of NRS 218D.430 and 218D.435, a committee may vote on this act before the expiration of the period prescribed for the return of a fiscal note in NRS 218D.475. This section applies retroactively from and after May 18, 2025.

Sec. 26. NRS 388.397 is hereby repealed.

Sec. 27. 1. This section and section 19 of this act become effective upon passage and approval.

2. Sections 1 to 18, inclusive, and 20 to 26, inclusive, of this act become effective on July 1, 2025.

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