



Highlights from Week Nine

Monday, April 3

On Monday, the Assembly Committee on Education heard four bills, AB292, AB331, AB451, and AB484.

AB292 requires schools to notify parents prior to an interview regarding a bullying allegation. CCSD opposed the bill because this requirement would interfere with a school's ability to meet the timelines for bullying investigations outlined in existing law.

AB331 is a bill that creates the Nevada System of Community Colleges. This bill is quite controversial, as it would separate Nevada's current community colleges from the Nevada System of Higher Education into one of their own.

AB451 requires a member of the board of trustees of a school district to complete six hours of professional development in the Open Meeting Law, employee-management relations, Nevada's K-12 system, ethics, the prevention of violence in schools, financial management, and fiduciary responsibility. The bill received support from school districts, trustees, and the Nevada Association of School Boards.

Finally, the Committee also heard AB484, another bill related to higher education, which revises provisions relating to the Commission on Postsecondary Education.

Tuesday, April 4

The Assembly Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections heard ACR8, a bill that creates an interim study concerning all of the reporting requirements placed on public education. There was no opposition to the bill.

The Senate Committee on Education heard SB391, a bill that would create the Nevada Promise Scholarship. The Nevada Promise Scholarship would be created specifically for students looking to attend community college. CCSD supported the bill during the hearing.

The Committee also passed the following bills during a work session on Tuesday:

- SB20 – CCSD's bill related to teacher licensure.
- SB213 – Revises provisions relating to education.
- SB301 – Revises provisions relating to education.

Wednesday, April 5

The Assembly Committee on Education met for nearly six hours on Wednesday as they considered several important bills including AB103, AB348, AB432, AB447, and AB482 and held a work session for three other bills.

AB103, presented by Assemblywoman Dina Neal, eliminates the Achievement School District created by AB448 during the 2015 legislative session. The bill was supported and opposed by many. Those in support included CCSD, Nevada school districts, principals, and parents.

The Committee also heard AB348, a bill that governs the courses of instruction on sex education. The bill received plenty of support and opposition due to the controversial nature of the subject. CCSD opposed the bill based on the requirement for an opt-out provision, where a child would participate in the instruction unless their parent requested otherwise, rather than the current active consent that requires parents to sign a permission slip.

Chairman Thompson presented AB432, which delays the implementation of the Achievement School District, and discussed possible amendments to the bill that would change the current requirements. CCSD supported the bill but requested that the amendments also include removing the requirement to provide facilities at no cost.

AB447, also presented by Chairman Thompson, revises provisions relating to Victory schools and continues the program for the next biennium. CCSD supported the bill and requested that an amendment to include districts in the selection of schools be included in the language.

Finally, the last bill of the evening, AB482, was presented by the Nevada Department of Education which revises provisions relating to programs of career and technical education.

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- AB64 – revises requirements for receipt of a standard high school diploma for pupils with disabilities.
- AB127 – revises provisions relating to emergencies in schools.
- AB484 – revises provisions relating to the Commission on Postsecondary Education.

Thursday, April 6

On Thursday, the Senate Committee on Natural Resources heard SB418. This bill establishes a method for annually evaluating school bus fleets, ranking them based on certain criteria involving emissions and developing policies and procedures to apply for funding to replace or repower those eligible school buses in an effort to reduce emissions. CCSD supported this bill as our transportation department is dedicated to providing safe, timely, and quality services in a cost-efficient and environmentally friendly way.

The Senate Committee on Education heard three bills including SB322, SB467, and SB518. SB322 requires an exam for all students in the subject of civics and student must score at least 60 percent in order to graduate. CCSD is working with the bill sponsor to remove this high stakes aspect of the bill.

SB467 codifies the requirements of the Nevada Ready 21 program which funds one-to-one technology in middle schools. The bill expands the pilot program that began in 2015 by providing additional options for device types and contracts for professional development.

The final bill of the evening, SB518, changes account numbers for categorical funds in the K-12 budget.

Friday, April 7

On Friday, the Senate Committee on Judiciary heard SB278, a bill proposed by Senator Tick Segerblom. This bill will allow a person who holds a valid registry identification card to not be prohibited from engaging or assisting in the medical use of marijuana while on the property of an assisted living facility, a facility for hospice care, a hospital, or a school. For a variety of reasons, including this being a violation of federal law, CCSD opposed this bill.

The Senate Committee on Government Affairs considered SB493, a bill that changes the exclusion from a bargaining unit for administrators from a salary threshold to certain titles. CCSD suggested an amendment that will allow those excluded from the bargaining unit to participate in the same benefit plans as those that remain members.

Want to Learn More?

The Nevada Legislature is quickly approaching its next deadline, “First House Passage.” The flurry of hearings will come quick and notification may come just a day (or even hours) before a bill will be heard in order to get as many bills through as possible. Unless a bill is exempt, if the Committee does not pass it out by Friday, April 14th, it is considered dead.

But what does exempt really mean?

Exempt bills are bills that require more than just a single committee passage. Mostly, bills become exempt because they require some financial backing from the state. Since budgets have not been determined, these exempt bills are not held to the usual deadlines and may be moved at the pleasure of the body whenever it chooses. Leadership has the ultimate decision regarding which bills are exempt, so this designation can be more about politics than anything else.

One final note regarding legislation and the fate of bills beyond a deadline: no bill is ever truly dead. The Legislature provides numerous opportunities to revive bills through amendments or emergency measures. In fact, the Legislature is allowing up to 20 emergency measures this session. So if that bill you are tracking finds its fate of failing a deadline, keep working. It is never over until the final gavel drops and it's time for the Nevada Legislature to Sine Die.

Coming Up:

Scheduled Meetings for education bills during the Week of April 10, 2017

Bill #	Description	Sponsors	Meeting Title	Date
AB139	Provides for the voluntary establishment of a program of dual language immersion in certain public elementary schools. (BDR 34-442)	Education	Assembly Committee on Ways and Means	4/10/17 8:00 AM
AB362	Revises provisions relating to educational personnel. (BDR 34-1144)	Tolles, Watkins and Gansert	Assembly Committee on Judiciary	4/10/17 8:00 AM
AB461	Designates the third week of January as Peace Week in the State of Nevada. (BDR 19-1037)	Thompson	Assembly Committee on Government Affairs	4/10/17 8:00 AM
SB155	Makes an appropriation for educational leadership training programs. (BDR S-1)	Farley	Senate Committee on Finance	4/10/17 8:00 AM
SB300	Makes an appropriation to the Clark County School District for a program of peer assistance and review of teachers. (BDR S-4)	Education	Senate Committee on Finance	4/10/17 8:00 AM
AB156	Authorizes public and private schools to obtain and use an albuterol inhaler in certain circumstances. (BDR 40-581)	Yeager	Assembly Committee on Health and Human Services	4/10/17 11:45 AM
AB77	Revises provisions related to teachers and other educational personnel. (BDR 34-253)	Education	Assembly Committee on Education	4/10/17 3:15 PM
AB110	Revises provisions governing education. (BDR 34-327)	Education	Assembly Committee on Education	4/10/17 3:15 PM
AB202	Revises provisions relating to the Silver State Opportunity Grant Program. (BDR 34-722)	Joiner	Assembly Committee on Education	4/10/17 3:15 PM
AB212	Prohibits the use of pupil achievement data to evaluate employees of a school district. (BDR 34-693)	Fumo, Brooks, Woodhouse, Segerblom and Manendo	Assembly Committee on Education	4/10/17 3:15 PM
AB312	Revises provisions relating to the statewide performance evaluation system for certain educational personnel. (BDR 34-960)	Miller, Spiegel, Ohrenschall, Carrillo and Segerblom	Assembly Committee on Education	4/10/17 3:15 PM

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AB320	Revises provisions relating to the statewide performance evaluation system. (BDR 34-1016)	Frierson and Fumo	Assembly Committee on Education	4/10/17 3:15 PM
AB351	Establishes program of grants to be used by teachers to make payments on educational loans. (BDR 34-653)	Fumo	Assembly Committee on Education	4/10/17 3:15 PM
AB434	Makes appropriations for incentives for new teachers and teachers at Title I and underperforming schools. (BDR S-1033)	Frierson, Araujo and Benitez-Thompson	Assembly Committee on Education	4/10/17 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	4/10/17 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	4/10/17 3:15 PM
AB482	Revises provisions relating to programs of career and technical education. (BDR 34-1093)	Education	Assembly Committee on Education	4/10/17 3:15 PM
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	4/10/17 3:30 PM
SB497	Creates the Advisory Task Force on School Leader Management. (BDR S-332)	Legislative Operations and Elections	Senate Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections	4/10/17 3:30 PM
AB472	Establishes policies for reducing recidivism rates and improving other outcomes for youth in the juvenile justice system. (BDR 5-918)	Judiciary	Assembly Committee on Judiciary	4/11/17 8:00 AM

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SB470	Revises provisions governing the release of information relating to children. (BDR 5-347)	Judiciary	Senate Committee on Judiciary	4/11/17 1:00 PM
ACR7	Directs the Legislative Commission to conduct an interim study concerning property taxes. (BDR R-1049)	Neal	Assembly Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections	4/11/17 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	4/11/17 1:30 PM
AB485	Makes various changes relating to school buses. (BDR 43-36)	Transportation	Assembly Committee on Transportation	4/11/17 3:15 PM
SB86	Requires the provision of instruction in cursive handwriting to pupils enrolled in elementary school. (BDR 34-200)	Gustavson	Senate Committee on Education	4/11/17 3:30 PM
SB108	Revises requirements for the instruction in American government that is taught to pupils in public high schools. (BDR 34-523)	Education	Senate Committee on Education	4/11/17 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	4/11/17 3:30 PM
SB164	Authorizes a school district to lease school buses or vehicles belonging to the school district in certain circumstances. (BDR 34-668)	Farley	Senate Committee on Education	4/11/17 3:30 PM
SB166	Establishes a program to survey pupils enrolled in public schools concerning the use and abuse of alcohol and drugs. (BDR 34-795)	Farley, Woodhouse and Spearman	Senate Committee on Education	4/11/17 3:30 PM
SB213	Revises provisions relating to education. (BDR 34-583)	Gansert, Roberson, Kieckhefer and Benitez-Thompson	Senate Committee on Education	4/11/17 3:30 PM
SB248	Revises provisions relating to pupils with disabilities. (BDR 34-328)	Education	Senate Committee on Education	4/11/17 3:30 PM

Bill #	Description	Sponsors	Meeting Title	Date
SB343	Requires the Office of Economic Development to collect and report information related to gender equality in the workplace. (BDR 18-990)	Farley and Harris	Senate Committee on Revenue and Economic Development	4/11/17 3:30 PM
SB369	Revises provisions relating to public schools. (BDR 34-971)	Ford, Woodhouse, Spearman, Denis and Segerblom	Senate Committee on Education	4/11/17 3:30 PM
SB390	Extending and revising the Zoom schools program for the 2017-2019 biennium. (BDR S-788)	Denis, Woodhouse, Diaz and Thompson	Senate Committee on Education	4/11/17 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	4/11/17 3:30 PM
SB425	Revises provisions governing the partial abatement of taxes levied on certain property. (BDR 32-1008)	Revenue and Economic Development	Senate Committee on Revenue and Economic Development	4/11/17 3:30 PM
SB430	Eliminates the Achievement School District. (BDR 34-793)	Education	Senate Committee on Education	4/11/17 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	4/11/17 3:30 PM
SJR14	Proposes to amend the Nevada Constitution to revise certain provisions relating to property taxes. (BDR C-1123)	Revenue and Economic Development	Senate Committee on Revenue and Economic Development	4/11/17 3:30 PM
AB120	Revises provisions relating to school construction. (BDR 34-779)	Daly	Assembly Committee on Government Affairs	4/12/17 8:00 AM
AB409	Revises provisions relating to the subject area of reading. (BDR 34-988)	Education	Assembly Committee on Education	4/12/17 3:15 PM
AB491	Revises provisions relating to the education of children in foster care. (BDR 34-718)	Education	Assembly Committee on Education	4/12/17 3:15 PM

Bill #	Description	Sponsors	Meeting Title	Date
SB303	Requires an audit of certain performance assessments conducted in public schools. (BDR S-306)	Woodhouse, Ford, Manendo, Denis, Parks and Carlton	Senate Committee on Finance	4/13/17 8:00 AM

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