

NEVADA STUDENT ALLIANCE (NSA)

Agenda

April 13, 2015

4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Carson City-WNC Dini 105

Elko-GBC LCSL 122

Henderson- NSC DAW 218

Las Vegas-CSN CHEY 2638

UNLV SCS 102

Reno-System Administration, Room 134

ROLL CALL: Mrs. Stephanie Prevost, Truckee Meadows Community College, SGA (NSA Chair)
Ms. Sharon Young, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, GPSA (NSA Vice Chair)
Mr. Elias Benjelloun, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, CSUN
Ms. RJ Boyajian, University of Nevada, Reno, GSA
Mr. David Cortez-Lopez, Nevada State College, NSSA
Mr. Timothy Hoover, Western Nevada College, ASWN
Ms. Megan Johnson, Desert Research Institute, GRAD
Mr. William McCurdy, College of Southern Nevada, ASCSN

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE AGENDA AND PUBLIC MEETING

NOTE: Below is an agenda of all items scheduled to be considered. Notification is hereby provided that items on the agenda may be taken out of the order presented, two or more agenda items may be combined for consideration, and an agenda item may be removed from the agenda or discussion relating to an item on the agenda may be delayed at any time.

In accordance with NRS 241.020(6), supporting materials that are submitted to the Nevada System of Higher Education (NSHE) Office of Academic and Student Affairs will be made

1. ROLL CALL

NSA Chair Stephanie Prevost will take roll call of members and ask guests to introduce themselves so their names may be recorded in the minutes.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

INFORMATION

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In accordance with Attorney General Opinion No. 00-047, as restated in the Attorney General's Open Meeting Law Manual, the NSA Chair may prohibit comment if the content of that comment is a topic that is not relevant to, or within the authority of, the NSA, or if the content is willfully

5. AB 148 RESOLUTION FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

At the March 5, 2015 NSA meeting a motion was passed to oppose Assembly Bill 148, currently under consideration by the Nevada Legislature. NSA Lobbyist Umram Osambela will present for approval by the Alliance a formal resolution that details said opposition.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

Request is made for the approval of the minutes for NSA meetings held on March 5 and 6, 2015.

7. CSN EXCESS CREDIT FEE WORKSHOP INFORMATION

ASCSN President William McCurdy and ASCSN Secretary Nierada Nititadukul will provide an update to NSA members on an Excess Credit Fee Workshop held with CSN administrators on February 24, 2015.

8. STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT TRANSITIONS INFORMATION

NSA members will share with the group the timing for student body president elections and the date those newly elected take office on each of the NSHE campuses.

9. NEW BUSINESS INFORMATION

Items for consideration at future meetings may be suggested. Any discussion of an item under "New Business" is limited to description and clarification of the subject matter of the item, which may include the reasons for the request.

10. PUBLIC COMMENT INFORMATION

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UNR, Clark Administration, University of Nevada, Reno, Reno, NV 89557

WNC, Bristlecone Building Lobby, 2201 W. College Parkway, Carson City, NV 89703

System Administration, 4300 S. Maryland Parkway, Las Vegas, NV 89119

System Administration, 2601 Enterprise Road, Reno, NV 89512

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ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 2—ASSEMBLYMAN HAMBRICK

PREFILED DECEMBER 19, 2014

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

SUMMARY—Authorizes possession of a weapon in a vehicle that is on the property of certain educational entities or child care facilities in certain circumstances. (BDR 15-75)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: No.

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

1 ~~[(e)]~~ (f) “Trefoil” has the meaning ascribed to it in
2 NRS 202.350.
3 ~~[(f) “Vehicle” has the meaning ascribed to “school bus” in~~
4 ~~NRS 484A.230.]~~

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AN ACT relating to education; increasing the number of credit hours required for certain students to be eligible for the Governor Guinn Millennium Scholarship; revising the amount of money which a student who is eligible for the Governor Guinn Millennium Scholarship may receive per semester; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

1 Existing law establishes the Governor Guinn Millennium Scholarship Program
2 to provide money to certain students for secondary education and the criteria for
3 eligibility for such a scholarship. Such criteria includes a requirement that a student
4 be enrolled in a certain number of credit hours in a community college or other
5 eligible institution. (NRS 386.926, 396.930) Sections 1 and 2 of this bill increase,
6 over a period of 2 years beginning on July 1, 2015, the number of credit hours in
7 which a community college student must be enrolled to be eligible for a
8 Millennium Scholarship. The number of credit hours is increased from 6 credit
9 hours to 9 credit hours beginning July 1, 2015, and is increased to 12 credit hours
10 beginning on July 1, 2016, and continuing thereafter. Existing law further limits the
11 total amount of money that a student may receive from a Millennium Scholarship to
12 not more than the cost of 12 semester credits per semester and a total amount of not
13 more than \$10,000. (NRS 396.934) Sections 3, 4 and 5 of this bill increase the
14 amount of money that a student may receive from a Millennium Scholarship for a
15 semester to not more than the cost of 13 semester credits per semester beginning
16 July 1, 2015, 14 semester credits per semester beginning July 1, 2016, and 15
17 semester credits per semester beginning July 1, 2017, and continuing thereafter, but
18 the total cumulative maximum amount of money that such a student may receive
19 remains unchanged at \$10,000.

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1 (b) Other criteria that students must meet,
2 to be eligible for Millennium Scholarships.

3 4. In awarding Millennium Scholarships, the Board of Regents
4 shall enhance its outreach to students who:

5 (a) Are pursuing a career in education or health care;

6 (b) Come from families who lack sufficient financial resources
7 to pay for the costs of sending their children to an eligible
8 institution; or

9 (c) Substantially participated in an antismoking, antidrug or
10 antialcohol program during high school.

11 5. The Board of Regents shall establish a procedure by which
12 an applicant for a Millennium Scholarship is required to execute an
13 affidavit declaring the applicant's eligibility for a Millennium
14 Scholarship pursuant to the requirements of this section. The
15 affidavit must include a declaration that the applicant is a citizen of
16 the United States or has lawful immigration status, or that the
17 applicant has filed an application to legalize the applicant's
18 immigration status or will file an application to legalize his or her
19 immigration status as soon as he or she is eligible to do so.

20 **Sec. 2.** NRS 396.930 is hereby amended to read as follows:

21 396.930 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsections 2 and
22 3, a student may apply to the Board of Regents for a Millennium
23 Scholarship if the student:

(a) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (e) of s.9()-240j10.9591 0 0 .4

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1 (2) A 3.10 grade point average on a 4.0 grading scale, if the
2 student was a member of the graduating class of 2005 or 2006; or

3 (3) A 3.25 grade point average on a 4.0 grading scale, if the
4 student was a member of the graduating class of 2007 or a later
5 graduating class; and

6 (e) Is enrolled in at least:

7 (1) ~~Nine~~ Twelve semester credit hours in a community
8 college within the System;

9 (2) Twelve semester credit hours in another eligible
10 institution; or

11 (3) A total of 12 or more semester credit hours in eligible
12 institutions if the student is enrolled in more than one eligible
13 institution.

14 2. The Board of Regents:

15 (a) Shall define the core curriculum that a student must complete
16 in high school to be eligible for a Millennium Scholarship.

17 (b) Shall designate the courses in which a student must earn the
18 minimum grade point averages set forth in paragraph (d) of
19 subsection 1.

20 (c) May establish criteria with respect to students who have been
21 on active duty serving in the Armed Forces of the United States to
22 exempt such students from the 6-year limitation on applications that
23 is set forth in subparagraph (2) of paragraph (b) of subsection 1.

24 (d) Shall establish criteria with respect to students who have a
25 documented physical or mental disability or who were previously
26 subject to an individualized education program under the
27 Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, 20 U.S.C. §§ 1400 et
28 seq., or a plan under Title V of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, 29
29 U.S.C. §§ 791 et seq. The criteria must provide an exemption for
30 those students from:

31 (1) The 6-year limitation on applications that is set forth in
32 subparagraph (2) of paragraph (b) of subsection 1 and subparagraph
33 (3) of paragraph (c) of subsection 1 and any limitation applicable to
34 students who are eligible pursuant to subparagraph (1) of paragraph
35 (b) of subsection 1.

36 (2) The minimum number of credits prescribed in paragraph
37 (e) of subsection 1.

38 (e) Shall establish criteria with respect to students who have a
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1 Regents shall provide for the designation of upper and lower
2 division courses for the purposes of this paragraph.

3 (b) If he or she is enrolled in a state college within the System,
4 including, without limitation, a summer academic term, \$60 per
5 credit for which the student is enrolled, or the amount of money that
6 is necessary for the student to pay the costs of attending the state
7 college that are not otherwise satisfied by other grants or
8 scholarships, whichever is less.

9 (c) If he or she is enrolled in another eligible institution,
10 including, without limitation, a summer academic term, \$80 per
11 credit for which the student is enrolled, or the amount of money that
12 is necessary for the student to pay the costs of attending the
13 university that are not otherwise satisfied by other grants or
14 scholarships, whichever is less.

15 (d) If he or she is enrolled in more than one eligible institution,
16 including, without limitation, a summer academic term, the amount
17 authorized pursuant to paragraph (a), (b) or (c), or a combination
18 thereof, in accordance with procedures and guidelines established by
19 the Board of Regents.

20 ↪ In no event may a student who is eligible for a Millennium
21 Scholarship receive more than the cost of ~~12~~ 13 semester credits
22 per semester pursuant to this subsection.

23 2. No student may be awarded a Millennium Scholarship:

24 (a) To pay for remedial courses.

25 (b) For a total amount in excess of \$10,000.

26 3. A student who receives a Millennium Scholarship shall:

27 (a) Make satisfactory academic progress toward a recognized
28 degree or certificate, as determined by the Board of Regents
29 pursuant to subsection 8; and

30 (b) If the student graduated from high school after May 1, 2003,
31 maintain:

32 (1) At least a 2.60 grade point average on a 4.0 grading scale
33 for each semester during the first year of enrollment in the Governor
34 Guinn Millennium Scholarship Program.

35 (2) At least a 2.75 grade point average on a 4.0 grading scale
36 for each semester during the second year of enrollment in the
37 Governor Guinn Millennium Scholarship Program and for each
38 semester during each year of enrollment thereafter.

39 4. A student who receives a Millennium Scholarship is
40 encouraged to volunteer at least 20 hours of community service for
41 this State, a political subdivision of this State or a charitable
42 organization that provides service to a community or the residents of
43 a community in this State during each year in which the student
44 receives a Millennium Scholarship.

- 1 5. If a student does not satisfy the requirements of subsection 3
- 2 during one semester of enrollment, excluding a summer academic
- 3 term, he or she is not eligible for the Millennium Scholarship for the
- 4 succeeding semester of enrollment. If such a student:
- 5 (a) Subsequently satisfies the requirements of subsection 3 in a
- 6 semester in which he or she is not eligible for the Millennium
- 7 Scholarship, the student is eligible for the Millennium Scholarship
- 8 for the student's next semester of enrollment.
- 9 (b) Fails a second time to satisfy the requirements of subsection
- 10 3 during any subsequent semester, excluding a summer academic
- term, the student is no longer eligible for a Millennium Scholarship.

1 (2) At least a 2.75 grade point average on a 4.0 grading scale
2 for each semester during the second year of enrollment in the
3 Governor Guinn Millennium Scholarship Program and for each
4 semester during each year of enrollment thereafter.

5 4. A student who receives a Millennium Scholarship is
6 encouraged to volunteer at least 20 hours of community service for
7 this State, a political subdivision of this State or a charitable
8 organization that provides service to a community or the residents of
9 a community in this State during each year in which the student
10 receives a Millennium Scholarship.

11 5. If a student does not satisfy the requirements of subsection 3
12 during one semester of enrollment, excluding a summer academic
13 term, he or she is not eligible for the Millennium Scholarship for the
14 succeeding semester of enrollment. If such a student:

1 (a) Criteria for determining whether a student is making
2 satisfactory academic progress toward a recognized degree or
3 certificate for purposes of subsection 7.

4 (b) Procedures to ensure that all money from a Millennium
5 Scholarship awarded to a student that is refunded in whole or in part
6 for any reason is refunded to the Trust Fund and not the student.

7 (c) Procedures and guidelines for the administration of a
8 Millennium Scholarship for students who are enrolled in more than
9 one eligible institution.

10 **Sec. 5.** NRS 396.934 is hereby amended to read as follows:
11 396.934 1. Except as otherwise provided in this section,

1 or certificate, as determined by the Board of Regents pursuant to
2 subsection 8. The Millennium Scholarship must be administered by
3 the eligible institution as other similar scholarships are administered
4 and may be used only for the expenditures authorized pursuant to
5 subsection 6. If a student is enrolled in more than one eligible
6 institution, the Millennium Scholarship must be administered by the
7 eligible institution at which the student is enrolled in a program of
8 study leading to a recognized degree or certificate.

9 8. The Board of Regents shall establish:

10 (a) Criteria for determining whether a student is making
11 satisfactory academic progress toward a recognized degree or
12 certificate for purposes of subsection 7.

13 (b) Procedures to ensure that all money from a Millennium
14 Scholarship awarded to a student that is refunded in whole or in part
15 for any reason is refunded to the Trust Fund and not the student.

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 150—ASSEMBLYMEN STEWART,
CARRILLO; FLORES AND NELSON

FEBRUARY 13, 2015

Referred to Committee on Education

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SENATE BILL NO. 215—SENATORS FORD, KIHUEN, SPEARMAN,
ATKINSON, PARKS; DENIS, MANENDO AND WOODHOUSE SPONSORS

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THOMPSON, ELLIOT, ANDERSON, CARLTON, THOMPSON,
ARAUJO, BUSTAMANTE, ADAMS, CARRILLO, DIAZ, FLORES,
JOINER, MUNFORD, NEAL, OHRENSCHALL, SPIEGEL,
SPRINKLE AND SWANK

Referred to Committee on Education

SUMMARY—Makes various changes relating to student loans.
(BDR 18-933)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: Yes.

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

AN ACT relating to student loans; requiring the Director of the

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

1 Section 2 of this bill requires the Director of the Department of Business and
2 Industry to develop and carry into effect a program under which residents of this
3 State may obtain loans to refinance certain loans for educational expenses. To pay
4 the cost of the program, section 3 of this bill authorizes the Director to issue or
5 request the issuance of revenue bonds in the manner provided by the State
6 Securities Law.

7 Section 4 of this bill requires the Director to compile and make available to the
8 public information about the rates of interest and repayment requirements and
9 policies of private lending institutions that regularly make student loans to residents
10 of this State. Section 4 also requires that those institutions be ranked according to
11 the rate of interest charged for such loans and the degree to which their repayment
12 requirements and policies are determined to be more favorable or less favorable to
13 borrowers.

14 Section 5 of this bill requires the Director to prepare informational material
15 relating to student loans for students and prospective students of postsecondary
16 educational institutions. Section 5 requires that a copy of this material be provided
17 by each institution of the Nevada System of Higher Education and each
18 postsecondary educational institution licensed by the Commission on
19 Postsecondary Education to each person who applies for admission to the
20 institution.

21 Section 6 of this bill requires the Director annually to compile and analyze
22 certain information relating to the average amount of indebtedness incurred for
23 student loans by students attending postsecondary educational institutions in this
State and nationally, and

1 determine whether a person ~~qualifies~~ ^{is eligible} for an unsecured personal
2 loan at a market rate of interest.

3 2. The rate of interest on loans made pursuant to the program
4 must be as low as practicable, but sufficient to pay the cost of the
5 program, including, without limitation, the repayment of bonds
6 issued pursuant to section 3 of this act, and provide an appropriate
7 reserve, as determined by the Director.

8 3. No loan may be made pursuant to the program to which
9 the provisions of 11 U.S.C. § 523(a)(8) are not applicable.

10 4. As used in this section, "qualified education loan" has the
11 meaning ascribed to it in 26 U.S.C. § 221(d)(1).

12 **Sec. 3.** 1. To pay the cost of the program created pursuant
13 to section 2 of this act, the Director may borrow money or
14 otherwise become obligated, and may provide evidence of those
15 obligations by issuing or requesting the State Board of Finance to
16 issue revenue bonds in the manner provided by the State Securities
17 Law.

18 2. Any bonds issued pursuant to this section and
19 administrative expenses related to the bonds are payable solely
20 from revenues pledged or available for their repayment. This
21 limitation must be plainly stated on the face of the bonds.

22 **Sec. 4.** 1. The Director shall identify each private lending
23 institution that regularly makes student loans to residents of this
24 State. For each such lending institution, the Director shall obtain
25 and analyze information relating to the rate of interest currently
26 charged by the lending institution and its repayment requirements
27 and policies as they relate to student loans available to residents of
28 this State.

29 2. Based upon the analysis of the information described in
30 subsection 1, the Director shall compile and maintain a list of the
31 private lending institutions identified by the Director, ranking
32 them as far as practicable according to the rate of interest charged
33 by each lending institution and the repayment requirements and
34 policies of each lending institution as they relate to student loans
35 available to residents of this State. Those lending institutions
36 charging a lower rate of interest and having repayment
37 requirements and policies that are determined by the Director to
38 be more favorable to borrowers ~~must~~ ^{shall} be ranked more highly than
39 competing lending institutions. The Director shall post the list
40 developed pursuant to this subsection on the Internet website of
41 the Department, identifying the five lending institutions that are
42 most highly ranked and the five lending institutions that are lowest
43 ranked. The Director shall update ~~the~~ ^{that} list not less frequently than
44 every 30 days.

1 Sec. 5. 1. The Director shall prepare informational
2 material for students or prospective students on the terms and
3 conditions of student loans and the responsibilities of a borrower
4 with respect to a student loan. The material must include
5 information about available repayment plans for student loans,
6 strategies for managing debt, options for the prepayment of
7 student loans and the consequences of defaulting on a student
8 loan.

9 2. Each institution of the Nevada System of Higher
10 Education and each postsecondary educational institution licensed
11 by the Commission on Postsecondary Education shall:

12 (a) Provide a copy of the material prepared by the Director
13 pursuant to this section to each person who applies for admission
14 to the educational institution;

15 (b) Obtain from each such person a written acknowledgment
16 of receipt of the material;

17 (c) Retain a copy of the acknowledgment in its records for not
18 less than 10 years; and

19 (d) Provide a copy of the acknowledgment, upon request, to
20 any private lending institution described in subsection 3.

21 3. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, a private
22 lending institution operating pursuant to a license or other
23 authority granted by the Commissioner of Financial Institutions,
24 an institution of the Nevada System of Higher Education or a
25 postsecondary educational institution licensed by the Commission
26 on Postsecondary Education shall not process an application for a
27 student loan or collect any fees for such an application until it has
28 requested and received a copy of the acknowledgment described in
29 subsection 2. If the application is approved and a loan is made, a
30 copy of the acknowledgment must be retained in the loan file. The
31 provisions of this subsection do not apply to a federally funded,
32 federally insured or federally guaranteed student loan for which
33 counseling is required by 20 U.S.C. § 1092.

34 Sec. 6. 1. On or before January 15 of each year, each
35 institution of the Nevada System of Higher Education and each
36 postsecondary educational institution licensed by the Commission
37 on Postsecondary Education shall prepare and submit to the
38 Director a report setting forth the average amount of indebtedness
39 incurred for student loans during the last preceding calendar year
40 by students attending the educational institution.

41 2. The Director shall:

42 (a) Compile and analyze the information reported pursuant to
43 subsection 1 to determine the statewide average amount of
44 indebtedness incurred for student loans during the last preceding

1 calendar year by students attending the institutions described in
2 subsection 1;

3 (b) Compare the amount determined pursuant to paragraph
4 (a) to the national average amount of indebtedness incurred for
5 student loans during the last preceding calendar year by students
6 attending postsecondary educational institutions in the United
7 States;

8 (c) Compare the amount determined pursuant to paragraph (a)
9 to the statewide average amount of indebtedness incurred for
10 student loans during the last preceding calendar year by students
11 attending postsecondary educational institutions in the state with
12 the lowest ratio of statewide average amount of indebtedness
13 incurred for student loans to the lowest quintile of per capita
14 income during that year; and

15 (d) On or before March 15 of each year, prepare and submit a
16 report of the results of the analysis required by paragraph (a) and
17 the comparisons required by paragraphs (b) and (c) to:

18 (1) The Governor; and

19 (2) The Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for
20 transmittal to the Legislature.

21 Sec. 7. NRS 232.505 is hereby amended to read as follows:
22 232.505 As used in NRS 232.505 to 232.845, inclusive,
23 sections 2 to 6, inclusive, of this act, unless the context requires
24 otherwise:

25 1. "Department" means the Department of Business and
26 Industry.

27 2. "Director" means the Director of the Department.

28 3. "Postsecondary educational institution" or "educational
29 institution" means a postsecondary educational institution as
30 defined in NRS 394.099. The term also includes any public school,
31 college or university described in that section.

32 4. "Private lending institution" or "lending institution"
33 means any private entity that itself or through an affiliate makes
34 available student loans to pay for or finance the expenses of
35 attending a postsecondary educational institution.

36 5. "Student loan" means a loan issued by a private lending
37 institution or a postsecondary educational institution to pay for or
38 finance the expenses of attending a postsecondary educational
39 institution.

40 Sec. 8. NRS 232.520 is hereby amended to read as follows:
41 232.520 The Director:

42 1. Shall appoint a chief or executive director, or both of them,
43 of each of the divisions, offices, commissions, boards, agencies or
44 other entities of the Department, unless the authority to appoint such
45 a chief or executive director, or both of them, is expressly vested in

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- 1 their statutory powers and duties, as they adopt and enforce
 - 2 regulations, execute agreements, purchase goods, services or
 - 3 equipment, prepare legislative requests and lease or use office space.
- (c) Define the responsibilities of any person designated to carry

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- 1 (b) Postsecondary educational institution or other entity which is
2 authorized to employ one or more agents in this State shall file with
3 the Administrator a surety bond in the amount of \$10,000 or in a
4 greater amount determined by the Commission for the period of the
5 agent's permit.
- 6 (c) Postsecondary educational institution that poses a financial
7 risk to the students who are enrolled in the institution, as determined
8 by the Commission, shall file with the Administrator a surety bond
9 in the amount of \$10,000 or in a greater amount determined by the
10 Commission for a period that the Commission determines is
11 appropriate.
- 12 (d) Postsecondary educational institution that files for a change

1 4. A license or an agent's permit is suspended by operation of
2 law when the institution or agent is no longer covered by a surety
3 bond as required by this section. The Administrator shall give the
4 institution or agent, or both, at least 20 days' written notice before
5 the release of the surety, to the effect that the license or permit will
6 be suspended by operation of law if another surety bond is filed
7 in the same manner and amount as the bond being terminated.

8 5. If any student is entitled to a refund from an institution
9 pursuant to any provision of NRS 394.383 to 394.560, inclusive,
10 and section 9 of this act the surety shall provide indemnification.

11 Sec. 12. NRS 394.510 is hereby amended to read as follows:

12 394.510 1. The Commission may impose an administrative
13 fine of not more than \$10,000 against a licensee, revoke a license, or
14 make a license conditional after its issuance, if the Commission
15 reasonably believes that the holder has violated the provisions of
16 NRS 394.383 to 394.560, inclusive, and section 9 of this act or
17 regulations adopted pursuant to those sections, or has failed to
18 comply with a lawful order of the Commission. The Administrator
19 shall notify the institution of the reasons for the action by certified
20 mail to its last known address, 20 days before the meeting of the
21 Commission at which the action will be considered.

22 2. If the Commission revokes a license, the institution shall
23 cease its operations and granting degrees and shall refund to each
24 enrolled student the cost of the student's current course or program.

25 3. The Administrator may impose an administrative fine of not
26 more than \$10,000 against an institution or agent, revoke an agent's
27 permit, or make a permit conditional after its issuance, if the
28 Administrator reasonably believes that the holder has violated the
29 provisions of NRS 394.383 to 394.560, inclusive, and section 9 of
30 this act or regulations adopted pursuant thereto. Before action is
31 taken, the Administrator shall notify the holder by certified mail of
32 facts or conduct that warrant the impending action and advise the
33 holder that if a hearing is desired must be requested within 10
34 days after receipt of the notice letter. If no hearing is requested
35 within the prescribed period the action becomes final.

36 4. If an agent is fined or the agent's permit is revoked or
37 conditions imposed, the Administrator shall notify, by certified
38 mail, the institution the agent represented in addition to the agent
39 and any other parties to any hearing.

40 Sec. 13. NRS 394.520 is hereby amended to read as follows:

41 394.520 1. Until 1 year after the last date of attendance or
42 date on which the damage occurred, whichever is later, a person
43 claiming damage as a result of any act by a postsecondary
44 educational institution or its agent, or both, that is a violation of
45 NRS 394.383 to 394.560, inclusive, and section 9 of this act or

1 regulations adopted pursuant thereto, may file with the
2 Administrator a verified complaint against the institution, its agent,
3 or both. The complaint must set forth the alleged violation and
4 contain other information as required by regulations of the
5 Commission. A complaint may also be filed by a Commissioner or
6 the Attorney General or initiated by the Administrator.

7 2. The Administrator shall investigate any verified complaint
8 and may, at his or her discretion, attempt to effectuate a settlement
9 by arbitration, mediation or negotiation. The Administrator may also
10 consult with the applicable accrediting body to resolve the
11 complaint. If a settlement cannot be reached, the Administrator shall
12 render a decision and notify each party of the decision and the
13 reasons for it by certified mail to his or her last known address.
14 Either party may request a hearing before the Commission by
15 notifying the Administrator by certified mail within 15 days after
16 the decision was mailed to the party. The hearing must be held at the
17 next meeting of the Commission in the geographical area convenient
18 to the parties. If a hearing is not requested, the decision of the
19 Administrator is final.

20 3. If, after consideration of all the evidence presented at a
21 hearing, the Commission finds that a postsecondary educational
22 institution or its agent, or both, is guilty of the violation alleged in
23 the complaint, it shall issue and the Administrator shall serve upon
24 the institution or agent, or both, an order to cease and desist from the
25 violation. If the Commission finds the institution has substantially
26 failed to furnish the instruction or services agreed upon in the
27 agreement to enroll, it shall order the institution to make full
restitution to the student of all money paid plus, at the

- 1 2. Except as otherwise limited by subsection 3, the money in
2 the Account may be used to indemnify any student or enrollee who
3 has suffered damage as a result of:
- 4 (a) The discontinuance of operation of a postsecondary
5 educational institution licensed in this state; or
6 (b) The violation by such an institution of any provision of NRS
7 394.383 to 394.560, inclusive, and section 9 of this act or the
8 regulations adopted pursuant thereto.
- 9 3. If a student or enrollee is entitled to indemnification from a
10 surety bond pursuant to NRS 394.480, the bond must be used to
11 indemnify the student or enrollee before any money in the Account
12 may be used for indemnification.
- 13 4. In addition to the expenditures made for indemnification
14 pursuant to subsection 2, the Administrator may use the money in
15 the Account to pay extraordinary expenses incurred to investigate
16 claims for indemnification or resulting from the discontinuance of
17 the operation of a postsecondary educational institution licensed in
18 this state. Money expended pursuant to this subsection must not
19 exceed, for each institution for which indemnification is made, 15
20 percent of the total amount expended for indemnification pursuant
21 to subsection 2 or \$100, whichever is less.
- 22 5. No expenditure may be made from the Account if the
23 expenditure would cause the balance in the Account to fall below
24 \$10,000.
6. Interest and income earned on the money in the Account,

- 1 loans, and the monthly payment that will be required to pay that
 - 2 indebtedness; and
- (d) Current interest rates and repayment plans for student

TEXT OF REPEALED SECTIONS

385.102 Higher Education Student Loan Program: "Institution of higher education" defined. As used in NRS 385.104, "institution of higher education" means an educational institution which:

1. Admits as regular students only persons having received a certificate of graduation from high school, or the recognized equivalent of such a certificate, or those approved by the Superintendent of Public Instruction for training at a vocational-technical level;
2. Is authorized to provide a program of education beyond high school;
3. Awards a bachelor's degree or a 2-year degree or certificate of graduation or a certificate of completion of a program beyond high school;
4. Is an institution with full approval of the State of Nevada or the United States Department of Education; and
5. Has recognized accreditation.

385.104 Higher Education Student Loan Program: Establishment; use of money; policies and regulations of State Board.

1. The Higher Education Student Loan Program is hereby established.
2. Money available for the Higher Education Student Loan Program must be used to provide loans to further the educational goals of Nevada residents who are admitted to and attending institutions of higher education.
3. The State Board shall establish policies and may adopt regulations for the administration of the Higher Education Student Loan Program.

385.106 Higher Education Student Loan Program: Administration; powers of State Board.

1. The Superintendent of Public Instruction may administer the Higher Education Student Loan Program and may consult with any public officer or private person in the State who may have an interest in higher education or in the Program. The Superintendent of Public Instruction shall notify the State Board at least 30 days in advance if the Superintendent intends to stop administering the Program.

2. After receiving notice from the Superintendent of Public Instruction that he or she intends to stop administering the Program, but before the Superintendent actually stops administering it, the State Board, with the concurrence of the Governor, shall designate another public agency or private nonprofit organization to administer the Program in a manner which ensures continued access to the Program by postsecondary schools in this State, including all of the institutions of the Nevada System of Higher Education. The designation may authorize assumption of any reserves or liability accruing to an agency or organization engaged in administering the Program or the guarantee of student loans.

3. If the Superintendent of Public Instruction administers the Program, the State Board may:

(a) Negotiate and accept federal and other money appropriated and available to insure loans for student educational purposes under the Program.

(b) Negotiate and enter into subagreements with other agencies as it deems proper for the administration and conduct of the Program.

(c) Accept gifts, grants and contributions from any source that will facilitate and assist the higher education of Nevada residents.

385.107 Higher Education Student Loan Program: Higher Education Student Loan Fund. If the Superintendent of Public Instruction administers the Higher Education Student Loan Program:

1. The money available for the Program must be deposited in the State Treasury for credit to the Higher Education Student Loan Fund which is hereby created as a special revenue fund.

2. Each expenditure from this Fund must be paid as other claims against the State are paid.

385.108 Higher Education Student Loan Program: Withdrawals; records. If the Superintendent of Public Instruction administers the Higher Education Student Loan Program, the Superintendent shall:

1. Certify to the State Controller all withdrawals for purposes of the Program. The State Controller shall then issue a warrant to the State Treasurer in the amount of the certification. The State Treasurer shall disburse that amount in accordance with the warrant.

2. Use the money received for the Higher Education Student Loan Program for that Program.

3. Establish and maintain such records for the Program as are required by good accounting practices.

- 1 (1) After May 1, 2000, but not later than May 1, 2003; or
- 2 (2) After May 1, 2003, and, except as otherwise provided in
- 3 paragraphs (c), (d) and (f) of ~~sub~~section 2, not more than 6 years
- 4 before the student applies for the Millennium Scholarship;
- 5 (c) Does not satisfy the requirements of paragraph (b) and:
- 6 (1) Was enrolled as a pupil in a public or private high school
- 7 in this State with a class of pupils who were regularly scheduled to
- 8 graduate after May 1, 2000;
- 9 (2) Received his or her high school diploma within 4 years
- 10 after he or she was regularly scheduled to graduate; and
- 11 (3) Applies for the Millennium Scholarship not more than 6
- 12 years after he or she was regularly scheduled to graduate from high
- 13 school;
- (d) ~~[Maintained]~~ ubsection 2, not more. Tf

1 (d) Shall establish criteria with respect to students who have a
2 documented physical or mental disability or who were previously
3 subject to an individualized education program under the
4 Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, 20 U.S.C. §§ 1400 et
5 seq., or a plan under Title V of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, 29
6 U.S.C. §§ 791 et seq. The criteria must provide an exemption for
7 those students from:

8 (1) The 6-year limitation on applications that is set forth in
9 subparagraph (2) of paragraph (b) subsection 1 and subparagraph
10 (3) of paragraph (c) of subsection 1 and any limitation applicable to
11 students who are eligible pursuant to subparagraph (1) of paragraph
12 (b) of subsection 1.

13 (2) The minimum number of credits prescribed in paragraph
14 (e) of subsection 1.

15 (e) Shall establish criteria with respect to students who have a
16 parent or legal guardian on active duty in the Armed Forces of the
17 United States to exempt such students from the residency
18 requirement set forth in paragraph (a) of subsection 1 or
19 subsection 3.

20 (f) Shall establish criteria with respect to students who have
21 been actively serving or participating in a charitable, religious or
22 public service assignment or mission to exempt such students from
23 the 6-year limitation on applications that is set forth in subparagraph
24 (2) of paragraph (b) of subsection 1. Such criteria must provide for
25 the award of Millennium Scholarships to those students who qualify
26 for the exemption and who otherwise meet the eligibility criteria to
27 the extent that money is available to award Millennium Scholarships
28 to the students after all other obligations for the award of
29 Millennium Scholarships for the current school year have been
30 satisfied.

31 3. Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (c) of subsection
32 1, for students who did not graduate from a public or private high
33 school in this State and who, except as otherwise provided in
34 paragraph (e) of subsection 2, have been residents of this State for at
35 least 2 years, the Board of Regents shall establish:

36 (a) The minimum score on a standardized test that such students
37 must receive; or

38 (b) Other criteria that students must meet,
39 to be eligible for Millennium Scholarships.

40 4. In awarding Millennium Scholarships, the Board of Regents
41 shall enhance its outreach to students who:

42 (a) Are pursuing a career in education or health care;

43 (b) Come from families who lack sufficient financial resources
44 to pay for the costs of sending their children to an eligible
45 institution; or

1 (c) Substantially participated in an antismoking, antidrug or
2 antialcohol program during high school.
3 5. The Board of Regents shall establish a procedure by which
4 an applicant for a Millennium Scholarship is required to execute an
5 affidavit declaring the applicant's eligibility for a Millennium
6 Scholarship pursuant to the requirements of this section. The
7 affidavit must include a declaration that the applicant is a citizen of
8 the United States or has lawful immigration status, or that the
9 applicant has filed an application to legalize the applicant's
10 immigration status or will file an application to legalize his or her
11 immigration status as soon as he or she is eligible to do so.
12 Sec. 2. This act becomes effective on July 1, 2015.

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SENATE BILL NO. 227—~~SENATORS~~ KIECKHEFER,
KIHUEN; AND WOODHOUSE

MARCH 9, 2015

Referred to Committee on Education

SUMMARY—Creates the Silver Star Opportunity Grant Program.
(BDR 34-216)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: ~~Contains~~ Appropriation not included
in Executive Budget.

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17 Section 7 of this bill requires the Board of Regents to submit a biennial report
18 on the Program to the Legislature. The report must include information regarding:
19 (1) the number of grants awarded under the Program; (2) the average amount of
20 each grant; and (3) the percentage of students awarded grants who remained in
21 school and who eventually earned a degree or certificate.

22 Finally, section 9 of this bill includes appropriations from the State General
23 Fund to the Board of Regents for the award of grants in the amount of \$5 million
24 per year for Fiscal Years 2015-2016 and 2016-2017.

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

1 Section 1. Chapter 396 of NRS is hereby amended by adding
2 thereto the provisions set forth as sections 2 to 7, inclusive, of this
3 act.

4 Sec. 2. As used in sections 2 to 7, inclusive, of this act, unless
5 the context otherwise requires, "Program" means the Silver State
6 Opportunity Grant Program created by section 3 of this act.

7 Sec. 3. 1. The Silver State Opportunity Grant Program is
8 hereby created for the purpose of awarding grants to eligible
9 students to pay for a portion of the cost of education at a
10 community college or state college within the System.

11 2. The Board of Regents shall administer the Program.

12 3. In administering the Program, the Board of Regents shall
13 for each semester, subject to the limit of money available for this
14 purpose, award a grant to each eligible student to pay for a portion
15 of the cost of education at a community college or state college
16 within the System.

17 4. To be eligible for a grant awarded under the Program, a
18 student must:

19 (a) Be enrolled, or accepted to be enrolled, during a semester
20 in at least 15 credit hours at a community college or state college
21 within the System;

22 (b) Be enrolled in a program of study leading to a recognized
23 degree or certificate;

24 (c) Demonstrate proficiency in English and mathematics
25 sufficient for placement into college-level English and
26 mathematics courses pursuant to regulations adopted by the Board
27 of Regents for such placement;

28 (d) Be a bona fide resident of the State of Nevada for the
29 purposes of determining pursuant to NRS 396.540 whether the
30 student is assessed a tuition charge; and

31 (e) Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid
32 provided for by 20 U.S.C. § 1090.

33 Sec. 4. 1. For each eligible student, the Board of Regents
34 or a designee thereof shall:

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1 to this section must not be construed to require a student to seek or
2 obtain employment as a condition of eligibility for a grant under
3 the Program.

4 (b) Determination of the family contribution to the cost of
5 education must be based on the family resources reported in the
6 Free Application for Federal Student Aid submitted by the student.

7 (c) Determination of the federal contribution to the cost of
8 education must be equal to the total amount that the student and
9 his or her family are expected to receive from the Federal
10 Government as grants.

11 Sec. 6. In addition to any direct legislative appropriation
12 from the State General Fund, the Board of Regents may accept
13 gifts, grants, bequests and donations to fund grants awarded
14 under the Program.

15 Sec. 7. On or before February 1 of each odd-numbered year,
16 the Board of Regents shall submit to the Director of the
17 Legislative Counsel Bureau for transmittal to the next regular
18 session of the Legislature a written report on the Program which
19 must include, without limitation, information regarding:

20 1. The number of students during the immediately preceding
21 school year who were awarded grants under the Program.

22 2. The average amount of each grant awarded under the
23 Program for the immediately preceding school year.

24 3. The success of the Program, including, without limitation,
25 information regarding the percentage of students awarded grants
26 since the creation of the Program who have remained enrolled at
27 a community college or state college within the System and the
28 percentage of students awarded grants since the creation of the
29 Program who have been awarded a degree or certificate.

30 Sec. 8. The provisions of subsection 1 of NRS 218D.380 do
31 not apply to any provision of this act which adds or revises a
32 requirement to submit a report to the Legislature.

33 Sec. 9. There is hereby appropriated from the State General
34 Fund to the Board of Regents of the University of Nevada for the
35 award of grants pursuant to the Silver State Opportunity Grant
36 Program created by section 3 of this act:

37 For the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 \$5,000,000

38 For the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 \$5,000,000

39 Sec. 10. Any balance of the sums appropriated by section 9 of
40 this act remaining at the end of the respective fiscal years must not
41 be committed for expenditure after June 30 of the respective fiscal
42 years by the Board of Regents of the University of Nevada or any
43 entity to which money from the appropriation is granted or
44 otherwise transferred in any manner, and any portion of the
45 appropriated money remaining must not be spent for any purpose

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1 after September 16, 2016, and September 15, 2017, respectively, by
2 either the Board of Regents of the University of Nevada or the entity
3 to which the money was subsequently granted or transferred,
4 and must be reverted to the State General Fund on or before
5 September 16, 2016, and September 15, 2017, respectively.

THE NEVADA STUDENT ALLIANCE
OF THE NEVADA SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION
April 13, 2015

A Resolution Supporting Nevada Senate Bill 227 of the 78th Legislative Session,
Which Creates the Silver State Opportunity Grant Program

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

1 Section 1. Chapter 248 of NRS is hereby amended by adding
2 thereto a new section to read as follows:

3 The sheriff of each county may, within the limits of available
4 money, provide to persons who are authorized to carry concealed
5 firearms pursuant to the provisions of NRS 202.3653 to 202.369,
6 inclusive, information concerning instructors and organizations
7 that offer courses in firearm safety which focus on issues relating
8 to firearm safety in an educational environment.

9 Sec. 2. NRS 62C.060 is hereby amended to read as follows:

10 62C.060 1. If a child is taken into custody for an unlawful act
11 that involves the possession, use or threatened use of a firearm, the
12 child must not be released before a detention hearing is held
13 pursuant to NRS 62C.040.

14 2. At the detention hearing, the juvenile court shall, if the child
15 was taken into custody for:

16 (a) Carrying or possessing a firearm while on the property of the
17 Nevada System of Higher Education, a private or public school or
child care facility, or while in a ve

1 evidence obtained from sources or by means that are independent of
2 the statements made by the child to the qualified professional during
3 the evaluation.

4 5. As used in this section, "child care facility" has the meaning
5 ascribed to it in paragraph (a) of subsection 6 of NRS 202.265.

6 Sec. 3. NRS 202.265 is hereby amended to read as follows:

7 202.265 1. Except as otherwise provided in this section, a
8 person shall not carry or possess a ~~firearm~~
9 Nevada System of Higher Education, a private or public school or
10 child care facility, or while in a vehicle of a private or public school
11 or child care facility:

- 12 (a) An explosive or incendiary device;
- 13 (b) A dirk, dagger or switchblade knife;
- 14 (c) A nunchaku or trefoil;
- 15 (d) A blackjack or billy club or metal knuckles;
- 16 (e) A pistol, revolver or other firearm; or
- 17 (f) Any device used to mark any part of a person with paint or
18 any other substance.

19 2. Any person who violates subsection 1 is guilty of a gross
20 misdemeanor.

21 3. This section does not prohibit the possession of a weapon

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1 of 1,000 or more that is located on the property of the Nevada
2 System of Higher Education.

3 5. The provisions of paragraph (b) of subsection 3 do not
4 prohibit:

5 (a) A permittee who is a judge from carrying a concealed
6 firearm in the courthouse or courtroom in which the judge presides
7 or from authorizing a permittee to carry a concealed firearm while in
8 the courtroom of the judge and while traveling to and from the
9 courtroom of the judge.

10 (b) A permittee who is a prosecuting attorney of an agency or
11 political subdivision of the United States or of this State from
12 carrying a concealed firearm while he or she is on the premises of a
13 public building.

14 (c) A permittee who is employed in the public building from
15 carrying a concealed firearm while he or she is on the premises of
16 the public building.

17 (d) A permittee from carrying a concealed firearm while he or
18 she is on the premises of the public building if the permittee has
19 received written permission from the person in control of the public
20 building to carry a concealed firearm while the permittee is on the
21 premises of the public building.

22 ~~[5.]~~ 6. A person who violates subsection 2 or 3 is guilty of a
23 misdemeanor.

24 ~~[6.]~~ 7. As used in this section:

25 (a) "Child care facility" has the meaning ascribed to it in
paragraph (a) of subsection ~~[5.]~~ 6 of NRS 202.265.1 t TD (j)Tj /T(81 46442.4j /2

1 Sec. 6. NRS 396.110 is hereby amended to read as follows:
2 396.110 1. The Board of Regents may prescribe rules for:

- 3 (a) Its own government; and
4 (b) The government of the System.

5 2. The Board of Regents shall prescribe rules for the granting
6 of permission to carry or possess a weapon pursuant to NRS
7 202.265. The rules prescribed by the Board of Regents pursuant to
8 this subsection:

9 (a) Must allow a person to carry a concealed firearm if the
10 person is authorized to carry a concealed firearm pursuant to the
11 provisions of NRS 202.3653 to 202.369, inclusive.

12 (b) Must not require a person who is authorized to carry a
13 concealed firearm pursuant to the provisions of NRS 202.3653 to
14 202.369, inclusive, to obtain permission to carry a concealed
15 firearm.

16 (c) Except as otherwise provided in paragraphs (a) and (b),
17 must provide for the storage of firearms in dormitories,
18 apartments and other facilities for housing that are located on the
19 property of the System.

20 (d) Must include provisions concerning the carrying of a
21 concealed firearm in a parking area that is located on the property
22 of the System during any period in which the parking area is used
23 or available for use by persons attending an event described in
24 subsection 4 of NRS 202.3673, or on any other property of the
25 System which is set aside for, or otherwise used or available for
26 use by, persons to park or gather before attending an event
27 described in subsection 4 of NRS 202.3673.

28 → Any rules prescribed by the Board of Regents before, on or
29 after July 1, 2015, that are inconsistent with the provisions of this
30 subsection are void.

31 Sec. 7. This act becomes effective on July 1, 2015.

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SENATE BILL NO. 399—SENATORS DENIS, WOODHOUSE,
KIHUEN, FORD; AND SEGERBLOM

MARCH 17, 2015

JOINT SPONSORS ASSEMBLYMEN THOMPSON,
CARRILLO AND SWANK

Referred to Committee on Education

SUMMARY—Creates the Nevada Boost Grant Program.
(BDR 34-890)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.

12 other purpose. Section 5 of this bill requires the Board of Regents to adopt
13 regulations prescribing the procedures and standards for determining eligibility and
14 the methodology for calculating the financial need of a student. Section 6 of this
15 bill authorizes the Board of Regents to accept gifts, grants, bequests and donations
16 to fund grants awarded under the Program. Section 7 of this bill requires the Board
17 of Regents to submit a biennial report on the Program to the Legislature. The report
18 must include information regarding: (1) the number of grants awarded under the
19 Program; (2) the average amount of each grant; and (3) the percentage of students
20 awarded grants who remained in school who eventually earned a degree or
21 certificate. Finally, section 8 of this bill includes appropriations from the State
22 General Fund to the Board of Regents for the award of grants in the amount of
23 \$2,000,000 per year for Fiscal Years 2015-2016 and 2016-2017.

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

1 Section 1. Chapter 396 of NRS is hereby amended by adding
2 thereto the provisions set forth as sections 2 to 7, inclusive, of this
3 act.

4 Sec. 2. As used in sections 2 to 7, inclusive, of this act,
5 "Program" means the Nevada Boost Grant Program created by
6 section 3 of this act.

7 Sec. 3. 1. The Nevada Boost Grant Program is hereby
8 created for the purpose of awarding grants to eligible students to
9 pay for a portion of the cost of education at a community college
10 within the System.

11 2. The Board of Regents shall administer the Program.

12 3. In administering the Program, the Board of Regents,
13 subject to the limits of money available for this purpose, shall
14 award grants of not more than \$2,000 to each eligible student to
15 pay for a portion of the cost of each of the student's first two
16 semesters of education at a community college within the System.

17 4. To be eligible for a grant awarded under the Program for
18 his or her first semester, a student must:

19 (a) Be a resident of this State;

20 (b) Except as otherwise provided in subsection 5, be a graduate
21 from a public or private high school in Nevada;

22 (c) Have never previously enrolled in any public or private
23 college or university;

24 (d) Be enrolled, or accepted to be enrolled, during a semester
25 in at least 12 credit hours at a community college within the
26 System;

27 (e) Be enrolled in a program of study leading to a recognized
28 degree or certificate;

29 (f) Demonstrate proficiency in English and mathematics
30 sufficient for placement into college-level English and

- 1 mathematics courses pursuant to regulations adopted by the Board
2 of Regents for such placement; and
- 3 (g) Complete:
- 4 (1) The Free Application for Federal Student Aid provided
5 for by 20 U.S.C. § 1090, if eligible; or
- 6 (2) A form prescribed by the Board of Regents to determine
7 the amount of the student contribution and family contribution to
8 the cost of education of the student.
- 9 5. A person who graduated from high school in another state
10 may be eligible for a grant awarded under the Program if the
11 person:
- 12 (a) Has been a resident of Nevada for two years or more at the
13 time of application for a grant; and
- 14 (b) Meets all other requirements of subsection 4.
- 15 6. To be eligible for a grant awarded under the Program for
16 his or her second semester, a student must:
- 17 (a) Have been awarded a grant for his or her first semester
18 pursuant to subsection 4 or 5;
- 19 (b) Have made satisfactory academic progress as determined
20 by the Board of Regents during that first semester; and
- 21 (c) Be enrolled in at least 12 credit hours at a community
22 college within the System.
- 23 7. As used in this section, "resident" has the meaning
24 ascribed to it in NRS 361.040.
- 25 Sec. 4. 1. For each eligible student, the Board of Regents
26 or a designee thereof shall:
- 27 (a) Calculate the maximum amount of the grant which the
28 student is eligible to receive, up to a limit of \$2,000 per semester.
29 The maximum amount of such a grant must not exceed the
30 amount equal to the cost of education of the student minus the
31 amounts determined for the student contribution, family
32 contribution and federal contribution to the cost of education of
33 the student.
- 34 (b) Determine the actual amount of the grant which will be
35 awarded to each student, which amount must not exceed the
36 maximum amount calculated pursuant to paragraph (a), but
which may be a lesser amount if the Board of Regents or 56 Tm 0

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- 1 session of the Legislature a written report on the Program which
- 2 must include, without limitation, information regarding:
- 3 1. The number of students during the immediately preceding

SENATE BILL NO. 493—COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

(ON BEHALF OF THE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INTERIM
STUDY CONCERNING COMMUNITY COLLEGES)

MARCH 23, 2015

Referred to Committee on Education

SUMMARY—Establishes a program for awarding STEM
workforce challenge grants. (BDR 34-594)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: ~~Cont~~ Appropriation not included
in Executive Budget.

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

AN ACT relating to economic development; creating the STEM
Workforce Challenge Grant Fund; creating the Committee
to Oversee the STEM Workforce Challenge Grant Fund;
providing for the Committee to award grants from the
Fund to certain consortia of community colleges and state
colleges, nonprofit organizations and private businesses;
authorizing the Committee to award a grant only if 100
percent of the amount of the grant is matched; making an
appropriation; and providing other matters properly
relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

- 1 This bill establishes a program for awarding matching grants to support the
- 2 development and implementation of programs intended to enable this State to meet
- 3 the postsecondary education and skills training needs of industries which require
- 4 workers to be educated and skilled in the academic disciplines of science,
- 5 technology, engineering and mathematics, known as STEM industries.

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14 industries in this State. Any regional consortium of community colleges or state
15 colleges, nonprofit organizations and private businesses in a STEM industry
16 operating in this State may apply for a grant from the Fund. The Committee must
17 evaluate grant applications using criteria prescribed in section 9 and must grade the
18 applications on a points system. Applications providing for a community college or
19 state college to be the lead organization in the consortium must be awarded
20 additional points. Section 9 also provides additional criteria which the Committee
21 may consider when evaluating applications.

22 The Committee may award a grant from the Fund only if 100 percent of the
23 grant is matched by money provided by a combination of private businesses and
24 nonprofit organizations. A grant may be for not more than \$175,000 per year, and
25 not more than \$350,000 total, for a 2-year period.

26 Section 10 of this bill appropriates \$3,500,000 from the State General Fund to
27 the STEM Workforce Challenge Grant Fund.

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

1 Section 1. Chapter 396 of NRS is hereby amended by adding
2 thereto the provisions set forth as sections 2 to 9, inclusive, of this
3 act.

4 Sec. 2. As used in sections 2 to 9, inclusive, of this act, unless
5 the context otherwise requires, the words and terms defined in
6 sections 3, 4 and 5 of this act have the meanings ascribed to them
7 in those sections.

8 Sec. 3. "Committee" means the Committee to Oversee the
9 STEM Workforce Challenge Grant Fund created by section 8 of

1 education and skills training that matches the needs of labor
2 markets in this State, is critical to the continued economic
3 development of this State.

4 Sec. 7. 1. The STEM Workforce Challenge Grant Fund is
5 hereby created.

6 2. The Committee shall administer the Fund.

7 3. The Fund consists of:

8 (a) All money appropriated by the Legislature.

9 (b) All money received from any other source for the purposes
10 of the Fund.

11 4. The interest and income earned on the money in the Fund,
12 after deducting any applicable charges, must be credited to the
13 Fund.

14 5. The Fund is a continuing fund, and its money does not
15 revert to the State General Fund at any time.

16 Sec. 8. 1. The Committee to Oversee the STEM Workforce
17 Challenge Grant Fund is hereby created.

18 2. The Committee consists of the following seven members:

19 (a) Two members appointed by the Chancellor of the System.

20 (b) Two members appointed by the Executive Director of the
21 Office of Economic Development.

22 (c) Two members appointed by the Director of the Department
23 of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation.

24 (d) One member appointed by the Governor who is a
25 representative of a qualified nonprofit collaborative that is
26 qualified pursuant to NRS 701B.921.

27 3. If the Chancellor, Executive Director or Director appoints
28 himself or herself to serve on the Committee pursuant to
29 paragraph (a), (b) or (c) of subsection 2, as applicable, and is
30 unable to attend a meeting of the Committee, he or she may
31 authorize an alternate to attend the meeting on his or her behalf.

32 4. Each member of the Committee:

33 (a) Serves a term of 2 years;

34 (b) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (c), may be
35 reappointed by the appointing authority; and

36 (c) May not serve more than 2 consecutive terms.

37 5. A vacancy on the Committee must be filled by the
38 appointing authority in the same manner as the original
39 appointment.

40 6. At the first regular meeting of each odd-numbered year,
41 the members of the Committee shall elect a Chair and a Vice
42 Chair by majority vote who shall serve until the next Chair or Vice
43 Chair is selected. If a vacancy occurs in the Chair, the members of
44 the Committee shall elect a member to fill the vacancy to serve for
45 the unexpired term.

THE NEVADA STUDENT ALLIANCE
OF THE NEVADA SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION
April 13, 2015

A Resolution Opposing Nevada Assembly Bill 148 of the 70th Legislative Session,
Which Revises Provisions Governing Concealed Firearms.

Nevada System of Higher Education (NSHE) institutions are devoted to their missions of public education, and

WHEREAS, NSHE is committed to providing an orderly academic environment for learning that promotes the acquisition of knowledge and advancement ~~of the~~ exchange of ideas, and

WHEREAS, The preservation of this educational environment is an important objective for the NSHE and its institutions, and

WHEREAS,

NEVADA STUDENT ALLIANCE (NSA)

Minutes

March 5, 2015

7:30 a.m. to 8:15 a.m.

Frank H. Rogers Science & Technology Building

Room 181

Desert Research Institute

755 East Flamingo Road, Las Vegas

Chair Stephanie Prevost called the meeting to order at 7:39 a.m.

1. ROLL CALL

Members present: Mrs. Stephanie Prevost, Truckee Meadows Community College, SGA (NSA Chair)
Ms. Sharon Young, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, GPSA (NSA Vice Chair)
Mr. David Cortez Lopez, Nevada State College, NSCA Arrived at 7:49 a.m.
Mr. Timothy Hoover, Western Nevada College, ASWN
Ms. Megan Johnson,

Chair Prevost yielded the floor to Mr. Osambela to give an update on the latest legislation related bills being considered by the legislature.

AB 2 – deals with firearms in locked vehicles on NSHE campuses. Possibly a locked box. (Speaker Hambrick) Mr. Osambela asked members to take a position on the bill. President Sharon Young asked what measures would be taken if the weapons are stolen from the vehicle. Mr. Osambela responded that ammunition must be separate from the firearm. Individuals would need to advise police if there is a break in and it would be treated as stolen property.

AB 111/150 – both bills for the Millennium Scholarship. Mr. Osambela pointed out that the Alliance already voted on a position for SB 128. NSHE is still on the fence on these bills so he was not sure if the Alliance would want to take a position. Chair Prevost asked about the differences between the two bills. NSHE Director of Student Affairs Renee Davis explained that AB 111 is Senator Kirner's bill. It phases in a proposed increase in the per semester maximum funding level from 12 to 15 credits. AB 111 also raises the community college minimum from 6 to 12, phased in over two years. Ms. Davis also explained that Senator Woodhouse's bill (SB 128) is similar but raises the community college minimum to 9 while the credit maximum is not phased in, but the increase happens all at once. There was further discussion by the group about the reasons for multiple bills with the same or similar purposes. Ms. Denton explained that AB 150 seeks to create an alternate path for students to qualify for the Millennium scholarship through a test score, rather than high school GPA (NSHE would choose the test score.) This bill is not currently supported by NSHE, at least to Ms. Davis' knowledge. Vice Chair Young asked about NSHE's rationale for not supporting the bill. Mr. Osambela responded that he would check with Vice Chancellor Constance Brooks to be sure, but as he understands it NSHE would like to maintain status quo on Millennium eligibility requirements.

President David Cortez arrived at 7 :49 a.m.

Regarding AB 150, Ms. Davis said she thought that Umram was right and that in the past NSHE has opposed changes to initial eligibility requirements for the Millennium program from the point of view that it makes things confusing for families if there are multiple children who come in under different eligibility requirements. Ms. Davis also stated from her point of view there is also an equity issue with changing eligibility requirements 15 years into the program.

SB 195 – requires Millennium Scholarship recipients to perform community service. "Encouraged" was the original language and then the new bill adds the word "shall." It is confusing as proposed. The bill also moves the WICHE office under the Governor's Office. It also has a revision to state residency for tuition purposes for NSHE students. The proposal is to change from the concept of "matriculation" to "regular registration period." Ms. Davis pointed out that the regular registration period is generally earlier than the matriculation date, and the intent of the bill is not clear. Ms. Davis explained that NSHE was opposing the Millennium part of the bill at last word. She also said that she was in support of the WICHE office moving out from the NSHE umbrella, but she thought NSHE was neutral on where it moved to. Mr. Osambela said he would confer with Vice Chancellor Brooks and NSHE External Affairs Coordinator Omar Saucedo and report back to the Alliance.

Mr. Osambela also shared that he had spoken with Senator's staff, and they said the Senator is working on some bills that will affect financial aid at the federal level. Umram will disseminate when available.

President Megan Johnson asked Mr. Osambela if AB 148 (Assembly Bill) was being heard that day. Mr. Osambela confirmed it was and a lengthy discussion followed. The bill provides that individuals with CCW permits would be able to carry their weapons on campus as long as in good standing with permit. This is one of the more controversial bills that concerns high education. The group discussed whether campuses would be checking to see if permit holders carrying guns were in good standing. Mr. Osambela suggested the NSA take a stance on this bill, or at least be vigilant of the progress of the bill. The sentiment is that the bill is likely to pass unless students lobby strongly against it. Mr. Osambela suggested that the Alliance at least oppose the part of the bill that allows concealed carry at child care centers, UNR, CSN, TMCC all have child care centers on their campuses. Mr. Osambela said that the ASUN Senate voted to oppose AB 148, but the issue was hotly debated.

Chair Prevost asked Ms. Davis about planning a special meeting. She said they could have a meeting whenever it was convenient for the NSA, but would need time to post the agenda according to OML.

President William McCurdy arrived at 8:13 a.m. Quorum now present.

Vice Chair Young made a motion not to support AB 148 as it stands. President Cortez Lopez seconded the motion. Discussion ensued and Vice Chair Young expressed the concern that at minimum the bill needs provisions to ensure the safety of students and to ensure only those with permits in good standing would be allowed to carry on campus. President McCurdy said that those who have a CCW should be required to check in with campus police. President Cortez Lopez suggested that the bill should eliminate child care centers as places where weapons could be carried. President McCurdy was also concerned about the need to address the fiscal impact in regards to enforcement. Five members voted in favor, one opposed. Motion passed.

6. CSN EXCESS CREDIT FEE WORKSHOP INFORMATION

This item was deferred to the April meeting.

7. NEW BUSINESS INFORMATION

No new business was presented.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT INFORMATION

No public comment was presented.

Meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m. but reconvened immediately.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

President McCurdy made a motion to approve the minutes for December 4 and 5, 2014 and January 12 and February 9, 2015. President Johnson seconded the motion. President Cortez Lopez requested one correction to reflect he was present on December 4. Five members voted in favor to approve all minutes as revised, with one abstention. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:19 a.m.