

Outline of Key Legislative Bills for Workforce (79th legislative session)

Governor's Office and NDE Workforce Bills

SB 19: Dual Credit bill. Signed by the Governor May 24, 2017, effective January 1, 2018.

Was originally introduced by Governor Sandoval during his State of the State address. This bill directly supports the Governor's 2017 workforce reform agenda, as his vision to put all Nevadans, regardless of age or circumstance, on a career pathway toward success. This legislation will expand dual enrollment opportunities for all Nevada students by minimizing cost barriers, institutional obstacles, and other challenges that may be preventing students from pursuing dual credit coursework.

AN ACT relating to education; prescribing the requirements for a pupil to enroll in a dual credit course; providing that the State Board of Education must not unreasonably limit the number of dual credit courses in which a pupil may enroll; requiring the board of trustees of each school district to provide written notice identifying the dual credit courses available to pupils enrolled in the district; requiring each school district and charter school to enter into a cooperative agreement with one or more community colleges, state colleges and universities to provide dual credit courses to pupils enrolled in the school district or charter school; providing that an academic plan for a pupil who is enrolled in a dual credit course must include certain information; providing that a pupil who successfully completes a program of workforce development must be allowed to apply any credit received for the completion of the program toward the total number of credits required for a related credential, certificate or degree; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

SB 66: Connecting young adults to the workforce. Signed by Governor on June 15, 2017. NDE working with the Governor's Office and OWINN, using a systemic approach to the Governor's Workforce Development: Coordination, Alignment and Communication.

AN ACT relating to education; removing the limitation on the amount of credit a pupil may earn for successful completion of certain work programs; authorizing the board of trustees of a school district, the governing body of a charter school or a nonprofit organization to apply for a grant of money from the Department of Education to develop and implement certain work-based learning programs; requiring the board of trustees of a school district and the governing body of a charter school that offers a work-based learning program to biennially prepare and submit a report concerning the manner in which the program has been carried out; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

SB 69: Nevada's occupation licensing boards. Signed by the Governor June 9, 2017, effective July 1, 2017. Was sponsored by the Office of the Governor and was part of his workforce development initiative. SB69 makes substantial changes to existing law and will help ensure Nevada's occupational licensing boards are not acting as an improper barrier to workforce entry.

AN ACT relating to state government; requiring certain regulatory bodies to adopt regulations governing the issuance of a license by endorsement to a natural person who holds a comparable license issued by the District of Columbia or any state or territory of the United States and meets certain other requirements; prohibiting the appointment as a member of a regulatory body of a person who has served as a member for 12 years or more under certain circumstances; revising provisions relating to the payment of fees for legal services on a contingent basis; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

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AB 7: K-12 Workforce alignment. Signed by the Governor June 9, 2017, effective in parts starting July 1, 2017. Part of the Governor's Workforce alignment. NDE working with NSHE and OWINN using a systemic approach to the Governor's Workforce Development: Coordination, Alignment and Communication.

AN ACT relating to education; revising certain references and terms in conformance with revisions to federal law; revising requirements for a plan to improve the achievement of pupils enrolled in a public school; repealing provisions requiring certain schools to carry out a process for peer review of a plan to improve the achievement of pupils enrolled in a school in accordance with federal law; requiring the State Board of Education to establish criteria for assessments that may be used to determine pupil achievement; revising provisions governing the count of pupils for purposes of calculating basic support; requiring the State Board to adopt regulations regarding end-of-course finals; revising the requirements for receipt of a standard high school diploma; providing for the creation of a college and career ready high school diploma; requiring a public awareness campaign concerning high school diplomas and endorsements to be conducted to the extent that money is available; revising provisions governing the annual reports of accountability prepared by the State Board and each school district; revising provisions governing evaluations of the overall performance of teachers and paraprofessionals; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

AB 482: Workforce bill concerning technical education. Signed by the Governor May 19, 2017, effective May 19, 2017 for regulations and January 1, 2018, for all other purposes.

Under AB482, grants will be awarded according to criteria adopted by the Board of Education upon recommendations from the State's Industry Sector Councils. This bill expands the flexibility of the Department of Education to award CTE grants to programs of instruction in emerging industries and better align Nevada's growing workforce with the jobs of the new Nevada economy.

AN ACT relating to education; revising provisions relating to the use of state money for programs of career and technical education; requiring representatives of industry sector councils to make recommendations on the awarding of certain grants; revising provisions relating to the proportion of the total amount of state money a school district or charter school may receive for programs of career and technical education; requiring the Executive Officer of the State Board for Career and Technical Education to designate certain program professionals; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

AB 64: High school diploma standards, workforce bill. Signed by the Governor May 22, 2017, effective July 1, 2017. Was sponsored by the Nevada Department of Education and expands support and resources for student with disabilities, particularly learning disabilities, who earn "adjusted diplomas" pursuant to an individualized education plan (IEP). This bill enables new processes for students with disabilities to earn standard diplomas which is significant because many post-graduation opportunities treat "adjusted" diplomas differently than standard diplomas.

AN ACT relating to education; prescribing the criteria for receipt of a standard high school diploma for a pupil with a disability; prescribing the criteria for receipt of an alternative diploma for a pupil with a significant cognitive disability; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

AB 511: Millennium Scholarship Fund. Signed by the Governor June 8, 2017, effective June 8, 2017.

Is an Executive Agency budget bill and was introduced during Governor Sandoval's State of the State address. AB511 provides \$20 million to keep the promise of the Millennium Scholarship for Nevada students.

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AN ACT making an appropriation to the Millennium Scholarship Trust Fund; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

SB 241: Workforce bill concerning the STEM Program. Signed by the Governor on May 24, 2017, effective May 24, 2017 for regulations and July 1, 2018 for all other matters.

Recognizing students who have attained a high level of proficiency in STEM programs.

AN ACT relating to education; providing for the establishment of the State Seal of STEM Program to recognize pupils who have attained a high level of proficiency in science, technology, engineering and mathematics; providing for the establishment of the State Seal of STEAM Program to recognize pupils who have attained a high level of proficiency in science, technology, engineering, the arts and mathematics; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Governor's Office/DETR bills:

SB 516: Improving workforce coordination and alignment and enhancing workforce data while expanding apprenticeships. Creating the Office of Workforce Innovation in the Office of Governor. Signed by the Governor on June 15, 2017. Becomes effective July 1, 2017.

AN ACT relating to employment; creating the Office of Workforce Innovation within the Office of the Governor; establishing the duties of the Office and the Executive Director of the Office; revising the membership, procedures and duties of the State Apprenticeship Council; revising the qualifications, requirements and duties of the State Director of Apprenticeship; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

SB 458: Abolishing the P-20W Advisory Council. Signed by the Governor on June 9, 2017, effective July 1, 2017. Creating the P-20W Advisory Committee and moves the oversight of the system to OWINN.

AN ACT relating to education; abolishing the P-20W Advisory Council; creating the P-20W Research Data System Advisory Committee; prescribing the membership and duties of the Committee; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

AB 484: Postsecondary Education bill. Signed by the Governor on June 9, 2017, effective July 1, 2017.

This bill moves the Commission on Postsecondary Education from the Department of Education to DETR. This is a workforce alignment bill.

AN ACT relating to education; revising provisions relating to the accreditation of postsecondary educational institutions; revising the composition of the Commission on Postsecondary Education; providing a penalty; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

AB 510: VR appropriations bill. Signed by the Governor on June 5, 2017, effective June 5, 2017.

This makes an appropriation of funds for VR to complete the RAISON case management system. This will help in compliance, functionality and efficiency for Nevada's workforce for persons with disabilities.

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AN ACT making appropriations to the Bureau of Services to Persons Who Are Blind or Visually Impaired of the Rehabilitation Division of the Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation and the Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation of the Rehabilitation Division of the Department for the enhancement of client information systems; authorizing the expenditure of certain money by those Bureaus for the same purposes; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

DETR bills:

AB 20: Vocational Rehabilitation (“VR”) bill. Signed by the Governor on May 22, 2017, effective July 1, 2017. Clean up bill for Vocational Rehabilitation.

AN ACT relating to persons with disabilities; revising provisions concerning the duties and employees of the Bureau of Services to Persons Who Are Blind or Visually Impaired and the Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation of the Rehabilitation Division of the Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation; prohibiting, under certain circumstances, the solicitation, disclosure, receipt or use of information concerning persons receiving services from the Division; authorizing the Division to adopt, amend and repeal certain policies; authorizing the denial of services to persons who are blind under certain circumstances; removing the designation of the Division as the designated state unit for the purpose of certain federal regulations governing vocational rehabilitation; prescribing the purposes for which certain money may be used; providing penalties; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

AB 483: Preferred Purchasing Program. Signed by the Governor on June 1, 2017, effective July 1, 2017. This bill moves the preferred purchasing program from VR to the Department of Administration, Purchasing Division.

AN ACT relating to state purchasing; transferring the administration of the Program to Encourage and Facilitate Purchases by Agencies of Commodities and Services From Organizations from the Rehabilitation Division of the Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation to the Purchasing Division of the Department of Administration; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Additional Workforce Bills

AB 327: Criminal History Record Sealing. Signed by the Governor June 5, 2017, effective October 1, 2017. Was sponsored by Assemblyman William McCurdy and authorizes a person who is dishonorably discharged from probation to apply to the court for record sealing and reduces the amount of time a person must wait before petitioning for record sealing.

AN ACT relating to criminal procedure; authorizing a person who was dishonorably discharged from probation to apply to a court for the sealing of records of criminal history relating to the conviction; establishing a rebuttable presumption that records of criminal history should be sealed in certain circumstances; revising various provisions relating to the filing of petitions for the sealing of records of criminal history; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

AB 384: Ban the Box. Signed by the Governor June 3, 2017, effective January 1, 2018.

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This bans the asking of criminal history of an applicant for state and local governments when they are under consideration for a position. Criminal history is checked after an offer of employment is made.

AN ACT relating to public employment; providing generally that the criminal history of an applicant or other qualified person under consideration for a position in the unclassified or classified service of the State may be considered only under certain circumstances; prohibiting the Administrator, when examining an applicant for a position in the classified service of the State, from considering the criminal history of the applicant; providing that, except in certain circumstances, the criminal history of a person may serve as the basis for the Administrator to refuse to certify an applicant or for rescission of a conditional offer of employment in the unclassified or classified service of the State only after consideration of certain factors relating to the criminal history of the person; providing for written notice to a person if the criminal history of the person is the basis for the Administrator's refusal to certify the person or for the rescission of a conditional offer of employment; establishing similar provisions relating to the consideration by the governing body of a county, incorporated city or unincorporated town of the criminal history of an applicant for employment by a county, incorporated city or unincorporated town; authorizing the filing of a complaint with the Nevada Equal Rights Commission under certain circumstances; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

SB 125: Criminal history records sealing. Signed by the Governor May 31, 2017, effective October 1, 2017. Was sponsored by Senator Aaron Ford and reduces the amount of time some individuals have to wait prior to petitioning a court to seal their records.

AN ACT relating to criminal records; revising provisions governing the sealing of the criminal records of a person; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

SB 391: Workforce bill awarding scholarships to certain students. Signed by the Governor June 8, 2017, effect for regulations on June 8, 2017 and July 1, 2017, for part and July 1, 2018 for part. Established the "Nevada Promise Scholarships" as sponsored by Senator Mo Denis. This is aligned with the Governor's vision of ensuring more of Nevada's students are on a path to a post-secondary credential or degree.

AN ACT relating to community colleges; authorizing community colleges in the Nevada System of Higher Education to award a scholarship to certain students who are enrolled in such colleges; requiring that a plan to improve the achievement of pupils include strategies to provide certain persons with information concerning the availability of such scholarships; making an appropriation; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

AB 192: 700 hour bill. Signed by the Governor May 27, 2017, effective May 27, 2017 and part on January 1, 2018. Integrated employment opportunities for people with Intellectual/developmental disabilities.

AN ACT relating to the state personnel system; revising provisions governing the temporary limited appointment of persons with disabilities by state agencies; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

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