



To: Hon. Assembly Committee on Ways and Means
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Subject: Assembly Bill 49

Background

Assembly Bill 49 seeks to eliminate certain barriers to enhancing the education workforce by allowing school districts to put personnel to work on a provisional basis for up to one year, pending full licensure by the Nevada Department of Education. The bill passed unanimously from the Committee on Education with no opposition.

Bill Summary

Sec. 1 Allows school districts to provisionally hire accredited teachers from other states on a provisional basis for a period of one year while they pursue licensure from the Department of Education.

Sec. 2

1. Makes technical corrections to the Career and Technical Education licensure process to ease the process for applicants without lowering the standards to receive a license.
2. Allows for the provisional hire of school social workers and school nurses who are already licensed by their respective licensing boards.
3. Allows for the provisional hire of school counselors who are otherwise qualified.

Sec. 2.3 Language requested by the Department of Education to eliminate a dual-approval process wherein certain regulations of the Commission on Professional Standards in Education must be approved by the State Board of Education.

Sec. 3 Requires the Department of Education to credit licensure fees to substitute teachers who apply for full licensure. Given that NDE uses licensure fees to administer the licensure program, this provision generates a fiscal note from the Department.

Sec. 4 Conforming changes consistent with Sec. 2.

Proposed Amendment(s)

Delete Section 3 in its entirety.

While this remains a laudable policy goal, it is clear with the current state of the Nevada budget, that such a provision may make life easier for a potential applicant, it would create new challenges to the state. Removing this measure would eliminate the bill's financial impact, thereby requiring no allocations in the budget.

