

Assembly Bill 222— Creates the Teachers and Leaders Council of Nevada.

Summary of the Bill

- Requires the information maintained in the state automated system of accountability related to the results of pupil achievement to account for at least 50 percent, but not be used as the sole criterion, in evaluating the performance of an individual teacher, paraprofessional or other employee.
- Creates a Teachers and Leaders Council consisting of 15 members: Two ex-officio members, the Superintendent of Public Instruction and the Chancellor of the Nevada System of Higher Education or their designees; Four teachers in public schools appointed by the Governor from a list of nominees submitted by the Nevada State Education Association; Two administrators in public schools appointed by the Governor from a list of nominees submitted by the Nevada Association of School Administrators; One superintendent of schools of a school district appointed by the Governor from a list of nominees submitted by the Nevada Association of School Superintendents; Two persons who are members of boards of trustees of school districts and who are appointed by the Governor from a list of nominees submitted by the Nevada Association of School Boards; One representative of the regional training programs for the professional development of teachers and administrators appointed by the Governor from a list of nominees submitted by the Nevada Association of School Superintendents; One parent or legal guardian of a pupil enrolled in public school appointed by the Governor from a list of nominees submitted by the Nevada Parent Teacher Association; and two persons with expertise in the development of public policy relating to education appointed by the Superintendent of Public Instruction.
- Specifies that, after the initial terms, each appointed member of the Council serves a term of 3 years commencing on July 1 and may be reappointed to one additional 3-year term following his or her initial term. If any appointed member of the Council ceases to be qualified for the position to which he or she was appointed, the position shall be deemed vacant and the appointing authority shall appoint a replacement for the remainder of the unexpired term.
- Specifies that the Council shall elect a Chair from among its members and meet at least semiannually and may meet at other times upon the call of the Chair or a majority of the members of the Council. Nine members of the Council constitute a quorum.
- Specifies that the Department of Education shall provide administrative support to the Council.
- Outlines the major responsibilities of the Council to include: Make recommendations to the State Board concerning the adoption of regulations for establishing a statewide performance evaluation system for teachers and administrators employed by school districts by June 1, 2012; Develop and recommend to the State Board a plan, including duties and associated costs, for the development and implementation of the performance evaluation system by the Department and school districts; Consider the role of professional standards for teachers and administrators, as it determines appropriate, and develop a plan for recommending the adoption of such standards by the State Board.
- Requires the State Board to consider the recommendations made by the Council and to adopt regulations establishing a statewide performance evaluation system by June 1, 2013.
- Specifies that each school district shall implement a performance evaluation policy for teachers and administrators that complies with the system adopted through regulations by the State Board not later than the 2013-2014 school year.
- Changes to (NRS 391.3125, 391.3127) Specifies that the statewide performance evaluation system must require that an employee's overall performance is determined to be: Highly effective; Effective; Minimally effective; or Ineffective.
- Unless otherwise noted within the summary, the Act becomes effective on July 1, 2011.

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