

# **SB 98**

# **Interim Study**

**Commission on School Funding**

September 25, 2023

# Interim Study

SB 98(7): The Commission on School Funding . . . shall conduct an interim study concerning school funding. The study must include in the following:

# Small District Funding

- Methods to enable small school districts to acquire capital and engage in building improvement and modernization projects, including without limitation:
  - The creation of a revolving fund to make loans to small school districts;
  - The allocation of additional funding to the Nevada State Infrastructure Bank and implementation of changes to statute or regulation as necessary to permit the Nevada State Infrastructure Bank to provide financial assistance to smaller school districts; and
  - Financial assistance through the Municipal Bond Bank pursuant to NRS 350A.010 to 350A.210, inclusive.

# Teacher Pipeline

- The number of teachers graduating from institutions of higher education in this State each year relative to the number of teacher positions sought to be filled by school districts in this State each year.

# Teacher and Support Personnel Compensation

- The classification and compensation of teachers and support personnel at public schools in this State and whether insufficient compensation is contributing to the difficulty in attracting and retaining teachers and support personnel at public schools.

# Law Changes to Sales and Property Tax Structures

- Recommendations for changes to the laws governing sales and use tax and property tax to fully fund public schools in this State at an optimal level of funding.

# Interim Study Due Date

- The Commission shall submit a report of its findings on or before November 15, 2024.

# Academic Progress Review

- AB400(23)(f) & SB98(4.5)(f): Review the academic progress made by pupils in each public school since the implementation of the Pupil-Centered Funding Plan, including, without limitation, any changes to the academic progress of such pupils as the result of any additional money provided to each school by the Pupil-Centered Funding Plan.



# Achievement Metrics

- I. The rate of graduation of pupils from high school by type of diploma;
- II. The performance of pupils on standardized examinations in math, reading and science;
- III. The number of credentials or other certifications in fields of career and technical education earned by pupils;
- IV. The number of pupils who earn a passing score on an advanced placement examination.
- V. The number of pupils who earn a passing score on an international baccalaureate examination;

# Achievement Metrics Continued

- VI. The percentage of pupils in each school who lack a sufficient number of credits to graduate by the end of their 12<sup>th</sup> grade year;
- VII. The percentage of pupils in each school who drop out;
- VIII. The number of pupils who enroll in higher education upon graduation;
- IX. The number of pupils who enroll in a vocational or technical school or apprenticeship training program;
- X. The attendance rate for pupils;
- XI. The number of violent acts by pupils and disciplinary actions against pupils; and
- XII. Any other metric prescribed by the Commission.**

# Improvement Metrics

- I. The literacy rate for pupils in first, third and fifth grades;
- II. The number of pupils in elementary school who were promoted to the next grade after testing below proficient in reading in the immediately preceding school year, separated by grade level and by level of performance on the relevant test;
- III. The number of schools that employ a licensed teacher designated to serve as a literacy specialist pursuant to NRS 388.159 and the number of schools that fail to employ and designate such a licensed teacher; and
- IV. Any other metric prescribed by the Commission.**

# Hiring and Retaining Staff Metrics

- I. The rate of vacancies in positions for teachers, support staff and administrators;
- II. The attendance rate for teachers;
- III. The retention rate for teachers;
- IV. The number of schools and classrooms within each school in which the number of pupils in attendance exceeds the designated capacity for the school or classroom;
- V. The number of classes taught by a substitute teacher for more than 25 percent of the school year; and
- VI. Any other metric prescribed by the Commission.**

# Expectation Metrics

- I. The results of an annual survey of satisfaction of school employees;
- II. The results of an annual survey of satisfaction of pupils, parents or legal guardians of pupils and graduates, and;
- III. Any other metric prescribed by the Commission.**

# Commission Appropriation

- AB400(93)(1): There is hereby appropriated from the State General Fund to the Department of Education the sum of \$1,000,000 for the cost of supporting the operations of the Commission on School Funding and completion of reports.
- SB98(6): There is hereby appropriated from the State General Fund to the Commission on School Funding created by NRS 387.1246 the sum of \$500,000 for the cost of conducting the studies required.