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## August 23, 2022 Notice of Intent to Act Upon a Regulation

Notice of Hearing for the Adoption of Regulations of the Nevada State Board of Education as proposed in LCB File #R020-22

The Nevada Department of Education will hold a public hearing at 1:00 P.M. on Tuesday, August 23, 2022 at the following locations: Nevada Department of Education Offices, 700 East Fifth Street, Board Room, Carson City and 2080 East Flamingo Road, Room 114, Las Vegas, Nevada. The purpose of the hearing is to receive comments from all interested persons regarding the amendment of regulations pertaining to Chapter 392 of the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) pursuant to the Nevada Revised Statue 392.4609.

The following information is provided pursuant to the requirements of Nevada Revised Statute (NRS) 233B.0603:

- 1. The need and the purpose of the proposed regulations and/or amendments: In accordance with NRS 392.4609, the Nevada Department of Education is instructed to adopt any regulations:
  - "necessary to carry out the provisions of NRS 392.4601 to 392.472, inclusive, including, without limitation, regulations which establish timelines for the purposes of subsection 1 of NRS 392.4671.
  - The board of trustees of each school district and the governing body of each charters school or university school for profoundly gifted pupils, as applicable, shall adopt a policy for appealing the suspension or expulsion of a pupil enrolled in the school district, charter school or university school, as applicable..."
- 2. Description of the proposed regulation, or the subjects and issues involved: This regulation is necessary to establish certain requirements relating to the discipline of pupils; and providing other matters properly relating thereto
- 3. The revised text of the proposed regulation is attached to this notice.
- **4.** Estimated economic effect of the regulation on the business which it is to regulate and on the **public:** There is no economic effect of the regulation on the business that it regulates and no impact on the public.
- **5. Methods used by the agency in determining the impact on a small business:** Small business are not impacted by this regulation.

- 6. The estimated cost to the agency for enforcement of the proposed regulation: No costs.
- 7. Description and citation of duplicative or overlapping regulations of other state or local governmental agencies: There is no duplication or overlap of regulations of state or local government agencies.
- **8.** Is the regulation required by federal law? This regulation is not required pursuant to federal law.
- 9. Does the regulation include provisions more stringent than a federal regulation regarding the same activity? There is no federal law affecting or overlapping the proposed regulations.
- **10.** Does the proposed regulation establish a new fee or increase an existing fee? The proposed regulations do not establish a new fee nor increase an existing fee of the regulating agency.

A copy of all materials relating to the proposed regulation may be obtained at the hearing, on the Nevada Department of Education webpage, by contacting the Nevada Department of Education, via email at NVBoardED@doe.nv.gov by telephone at (775)687-9224 or in person at the Nevada Department of Education, 700 E. Fifth Street Carson City, Nevada 89701. Persons wishing to comment upon the proposed action of the State Board of Education may provide in-person testimony, submit written comment to the State Board of Education via email at NVBoardED@doe.nv.gov or submit their comments, data, views, or arguments in written form to the State Board of Education, Nevada Department of Education, 700 E. Fifth Street Carson City, Nevada 89701. Comments may be submitted via email leading up to and for the duration of the hearing, and those submitted via mail must be received by the Department on or before August 22, 2022. A record of all submitted comments will be retained, and the Department of Education will proceed to consider any public comment received.

This notice and the text of the proposed regulation has been sent to all persons on the agencies mailing list for administrative regulations and the State Board of Education, and posted on the Nevada Department of Education's website at <a href="https://doe.nv.gov">https://doe.nv.gov</a>, Nevada's Public Notice site at <a href="https://notice.nv.gov">https://doe.nv.gov</a>, the Nevada State Legislature's webpage at <a href="https://leg.state.nv.us">https://leg.state.nv.us</a>, available in the State of Nevada Register of Administrative Regulations pursuant to NRS 233B.0653, and physically posted at the Nevada Department of Education Offices. Copies of this notice will also be emailed and/or mailed to members of the public upon request.

**Notice required by NRS 233B.064:** Upon adoption of any regulation, the agency, if requested to do so by an interested person, either before adoption or within 30 days thereafter, will issue a concise statement of the principal reasons for and against its adoption and incorporate therein its reason for overruling the consideration urged against its adoption.

### PROPOSED REGULATION OF

#### THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

#### **LCB File No. R020-22**

March 29, 2022

EXPLANATION - Matter in *italics* is new; matter in brackets [omitted material] is material to be omitted.

AUTHORITY: § 1, section 8 of Assembly Bill No. 194, chapter 196, Statutes of Nevada 2021, at page 924 (NRS 392.4609).

A REGULATION relating to education; establishing certain requirements relating to the discipline of pupils; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

## **Legislative Counsel's Digest:**

Existing law requires the Department of Education to adopt various regulations relating to the behavior and discipline of pupils. (Section 8 of Assembly Bill No. 194, chapter 196, Statutes of Nevada 2021, at page 924 (NRS 392.4609)) Existing law requires the board of trustees of each school district and the governing body of each charter school and university school for profoundly gifted pupils to adopt a policy allowing a pupil or, if the pupil is under 18 years of age, the parent or legal guardian of the pupil to appeal the suspension or expulsion of the pupil. The policy must provide, without limitation, that: (1) the board of trustees of the school district or the governing body of the charter school or university school, or a designee, as applicable, may authorize the suspension or expulsion of a pupil within the timeline established by the Department; (2) the board of trustees of the school district or the governing body of the charter school or university school, or a designee, as applicable, is required to notify the pupil and the parent or legal guardian of the pupil, as applicable, of the suspension or expulsion, of the right to appeal the suspension or expulsion and information on the appeal policy; (3) the pupil or the parent or legal guardian of the pupil, as applicable, is authorized to appeal the suspension or expulsion within the timeline established by the Department; and (4) the board of trustees of the school district or the governing body of the charter school or university school, or a designee, as applicable, is required to schedule a hearing on an appeal within the timeline established by the Department. (Section 5 of Assembly Bill No. 194, chapter 196, Statutes of Nevada 2021, at page 923 (NRS 392.4671)) Existing law requires each school district, charter school and university school, as applicable, to provide an education in the least restrictive environment possible to a pupil who is suspended or expelled and is appealing the suspension or expulsion or a pupil who is being considered for suspension or expulsion. (NRS 388A.495 and 388C.150, as amended by sections 2 and 3 of Assembly Bill No. 194, chapter 196, Statutes of Nevada 2021, at pages 921 and 922; section 6 of Assembly Bill No. 194, chapter 196, Statutes of Nevada 2021, at page 924 (NRS 392.4673)) This regulation establishes: (1) requirements for proper notification to a pupil and the parent or legal guardian of the pupil, if the pupil is less than 18 years of age, of the policy to appeal a suspension or expulsion; (2) a 5-day timeline for a pupil or, if the pupil is less than 18 years of age, the parent or legal guardian of the pupil to appeal the suspension or expulsion; (3) a 5-day timeline for a hearing to be scheduled upon receipt of such an appeal; (4) the method for determining whether a pupil who is suspended or expelled or is being considered for suspension or expulsion may be considered for temporary alternative placement; and (5) that education services are required to be provided to the pupil to prevent the pupil from losing academic credit or being disengaged from school during the period the pupil is suspended or expelled.

- **Section 1.** Chapter 392 of NAC is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:
- 1. If a pupil is suspended or expelled from a public school, the board of trustees of the school district or the governing body of the charter school or university school for profoundly gifted pupils in which the pupil is enrolled or the designee of the board of trustees or governing body, as applicable, shall provide, on the same day that the pupil is suspended or expelled, a notice of the policy for appealing a suspension or expulsion of a pupil adopted by the board of trustees or governing body, as applicable, pursuant to section 5 of Assembly Bill No. 194, chapter 196, Statutes of Nevada 2021, at page 923 (NRS 392.4671), to the pupil and the parent or legal guardian of the pupil, if the pupil is less than 18 years of age. A notice provided pursuant to this subsection must:
- (a) Include information regarding the timelines for appealing the suspension or expulsion, as applicable, pursuant to subsection 2;
- (b) Be written clearly and in a manner that allows the pupil and the parent or legal guardian of the pupil, if the pupil is less than 18 years of age, to understand each provision of the policy; and
  - (c) To the extent practicable, be provided in as many languages as possible.
- 2. Not later than 5 school days after receiving notification of the suspension or expulsion of the pupil pursuant to section 5 of Assembly Bill No. 194, chapter 196, Statutes of Nevada

- 2021, at page 923 (NRS 392.4671), the pupil or the parent or legal guardian of the pupil, if the pupil is less than 18 years of age, may file an appeal pursuant to the policy adopted by the board of trustees of the school district or the governing body of the charter school or university school for profoundly gifted pupils, as applicable, pursuant to section 5 of Assembly Bill No. 194, chapter 196, Statutes of Nevada 2021, at page 923 (NRS 392.4671).
- 3. Not later than 5 school days after receiving notification of an appeal of a suspension or expulsion made pursuant to the policy adopted pursuant to section 5 of Assembly Bill No. 194, chapter 196, Statutes of Nevada 2021, at page 923 (NRS 392.4671), the board of trustees of the school district or the governing body of the charter school or university school for profoundly gifted pupils or the designee of the board of trustees or governing body, as applicable, must schedule a hearing.
- 4. A pupil who is suspended or expelled or is being considered for suspension or expulsion:
- (a) May be considered for temporary alternative placement pursuant to NRS 392.4645 if, in the judgment of the principal after consideration of the seriousness of the acts which were the basis for the discipline of the pupil:
- (1) The temporary alternative placement will serve as the least restrictive environment possible, pursuant to section 6 of Assembly Bill No. 194, chapter 196, Statutes of Nevada 2021, at page 924 (NRS 392.4673); and
  - (2) The pupil does not pose a serious threat to the safety of the school.
- (b) Must be provided education services to prevent the pupil from losing academic credit or becoming disengaged from school during the period of suspension or expulsion.
  - 5. As used in this section:

- (a) "Expel" or "expulsion" has the meaning ascribed to it in section 12 of Assembly Bill No. 67, chapter 384, Statutes of Nevada 2021, at page 2329 (NRS 392.4603).
- (b) "Principal" means the lead administrator of a public school, including, without limitation, such an administrator who is referred to by another title.
- (c) "Suspend" or "suspension" means the disciplinary removal of a pupil from the school in which the pupil is currently enrolled for more than 2 school days and not more than one school semester.