

Nevada Educator Code of Ethics Advisory Group Statutory Authority and Scope of Work

The statutory authority and scope of work of this body derive from [Assembly Bill 124](#) from the 79th (2017) Legislative Session, as detailed below.

Section 4, subsection 1 of AB 124 creates the Nevada Educator Code of Ethics Advisory Group and specifies who is eligible for membership. The Advisory Group is directed, at its first meeting, to elect a Chair from among its members. The group must meet at least quarterly, and may meet at other times upon the call of the Chair.

Section 5 of AB 124 directs the Advisory Group to:

- Study codes of ethics and best practices that have been established in other states.
- Make recommendations to COPS for the adoption of a code of ethics for educators in this State. Such a code of ethics must address, without limitation:
 1. Responsibility to the profession of education;
 2. Responsibility for professional competence;
 3. Responsibility to pupils;
 4. Responsibility to the school community;
 5. The responsible and ethical use of technology, including, without limitation, electronic communication.
- Develop strategies to carry out a code of ethics which may include, without limitation, recommending the adoption of regulations by the State Board of Education or COPS, or recommending legislation to revise provisions of law.
- Review courses offered by the Nevada System of Higher Education and other educational institutions and qualified providers which provide training to teachers on ethical responsibilities to determine whether the material is adequate to inform teachers of the requirements included in any proposed code of ethics that is established.
- Provide any recommendations deemed necessary and appropriate for improvements to a course described above to the institutions or providers offering that course, and provide a copy of such recommendations to the Governor, the State Board of Education, COPS, and the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau.
- Study the cost of professional development for teachers, administrators, paraprofessionals, and other educational personnel, the use and availability of regional training programs, and any federal funding available for such professional development.

Pursuant to Section 6 of AB 124, on or before July 1, 2018, and on or before December 1, 2018, the Advisory Group shall prepare a report on its status in carrying out the duties described above. This report must include, without limitation, any recommendations which the Advisory Group has made and any response to such recommendations.

The Advisory Group's statutory authority expires by limitation on June 30, 2019.