

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 234—ASSEMBLYMEN MUNFORD, HICKEY, DIAZ, THOMPSON, FLORES; ELLIOT ANDERSON, ARAUJO, BENITEZ-THOMPSON, BUSTAMANTE ADAMS, KIRKPATRICK, NEAL, OHRENSCHALL, SPRINKLE, SWANK AND WHEELER

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JOINT SPONSORS: SENATORS MANENDO, ATKINSON, DENIS, KIHUEN, FORD; HARRIS AND SPEARMAN

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Referred to Committee on Education

SUMMARY—Enacts provisions related to multicultural education. (BDR 34-102)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.  
Effect on the State: Yes.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

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AN ACT relating to education; requiring the State Board of Education to adopt a program of multicultural education for certain pupils; requiring certain licensed teachers to complete a course in multicultural education for renewal of their license; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**Legislative Counsel’s Digest:**

1     **Section 1** of this bill requires the State Board of Education to adopt a program  
2 of multicultural education and requires the board of trustees of each school district  
3 to ensure that the program is provided to pupils enrolled in grades 2 through 12.  
4     **Section 2** of this bill requires a licensed teacher who submits an application for  
5 renewal of his or her license on or after January 1, 2017, to submit proof of the  
6 completion of a course in multicultural education unless the teacher has previously  
7 completed such a course. **Section 2** also requires the Commission on Professional  
8 Standards in Education to prescribe the contents and credits required for such a  
9 course in multicultural education.

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THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN  
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1       **Section 1.** Chapter 389 of NRS is hereby amended by adding  
2 thereto a new section to read as follows:

3       1. *The State Board shall adopt regulations that prescribe a*  
4 *program of multicultural education, including, without limitation,*  
5 *information relating to contributions made by men and women*  
6 *from various racial and ethnic backgrounds.*

7       2. *The board of trustees of each school district shall ensure*  
8 *that the program prescribed pursuant to subsection 1 is provided*  
9 *to pupils enrolled in grades 2 to 12, inclusive, with particular*  
10 *emphasis for pupils enrolled in elementary school, middle school*  
11 *and junior high school.*

12       **Sec. 2.** Chapter 391 of NRS is hereby amended by adding  
13 thereto a new section to read as follows:

14       1. *Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, a licensed*  
15 *teacher who submits an application for renewal of his or her*  
16 *license to teach on or after January 1, 2017, shall submit with the*  
17 *application proof of the completion of a course in multicultural*  
18 *education.*

19       2. *A licensed teacher is not required to submit proof of the*  
20 *completion of a course in multicultural education pursuant to*  
21 *subsection 1 if the teacher has previously completed such a course*  
22 *and filed proof of the completion with the Superintendent of*  
23 *Public Instruction.*

24       3. *The Commission shall adopt regulations:*

25       (a) *That prescribe the required contents of a course in*  
26 *multicultural education which must be completed pursuant to this*  
27 *section;*

28       (b) *That prescribe the number of credits which must be earned*  
29 *by a licensed teacher in a course in multicultural education; and*

30       (c) *As otherwise necessary to carry out the requirements of this*  
31 *section.*

32       **Sec. 3.** On or before January 1, 2016, the Commission on  
33 Professional Standards in Education shall adopt regulations to carry  
34 out the provisions of section 2 of this act.

35       **Sec. 4.** The provisions of section 2 of this act apply to each  
36 licensed teacher in this State, regardless of the date on which his or  
37 her initial license was issued.

38       **Sec. 5.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2015.

