

NEVADA GIRLS STATE  
SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 1

Memorializes the 2015 session of the Nevada Legislature to enact legislation to implement a Nevadan Legislative Lottery Scholarship in order to provide post-secondary education to students.

WHEREAS, Scholarships will be awarded to all students graduating from a Nevadan high school, continuing on to secondary school in Nevada the next semester, with a maintained un-weighted GPA of 2.7 or higher; and

WHEREAS, Only 70.7% of Nevadan students graduate high school, more than 10% lower than the national average; and

WHEREAS, Only 50.8% of Nevadan students immediately attend college; and

WHEREAS, Nevada is one of only seven states without a form of a state lottery, despite the importance and prevalence of gambling in our state; and

WHEREAS, Due to gambling's existing stronghold in our state, implementing a state lottery would be a more seamless process; and

WHEREAS, Lotteries would only be sold through casino's in order to maintain business; and

WHEREAS, 100% of net profits after the prize money has been awarded would be allocated to post secondary education scholarships for those who qualify; and

WHEREAS, The lottery would function on a continual, rollover process with prize money awarded only when the correct lottery numbers are pulled; and

WHEREAS, The Nevada Legislative Lottery Scholarship would allow for a higher college attendance rate and high school graduation rate, enabling families who would otherwise be unable to pay for college to send their children to university; and

WHEREAS, An increase in college-educated Nevadans provides a stronger and more diversified economy and intellect; and

WHEREAS, 18.5% of people either without a high school diploma or with only a high school diploma are unemployed, almost triple the national unemployment average; and

WHEREAS, according to the Bureau of Labor, college graduates make an average of \$23,291 more a year compared to those with only a high school diploma; and

WHEREAS, states, such as New Mexico, have seen a radical increase in university attendance and success from many of those students; therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE GIRLS STATE OF NEVADA, assembled in Carson City on July 3, 2014 that the 2015 session of the Nevada Legislature is hereby memorialized to enact legislation to implement a Nevada Legislative Lottery Scholarship in order to provide post secondary education to all students that qualify.