

NEVADA GIRLS STATE
SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 10

Memorializes the 2017 session of the Nevada Legislature to enact legislation that will mandate that Nevada students in grades K through 12 are given yearly reading comprehension exams to ensure their reading comprehension skills meet grade level standards.

WHEREAS, Students unable to comprehend written material, which, according to the *Reno Gazette Journal*, amounts to nearly 21 percent or 500,000 Nevada students, will struggle in every class, in which reading is a factor; and

WHEREAS, Issues with reading comprehension will be much easier to correct when caught early on, as opposed to being left until later in life, when the issue may be an even larger problem; and

WHEREAS, Many workforce positions require some degree of reading comprehension skills, making it likely that those who do not receive assistance with reading comprehension will have difficulties finding gainful employment; and

WHEREAS, Test will be standardized statewide, and may be designed privately, though the final exam will be subject to approval by the Nevada Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, The test will be implemented in schools no later than two years after the date of enactment; and

WHEREAS, Should students without learning impairments fail to meet grade level standards, they will be required to receive tutoring and/or complete a supplementary reading course; and

WHEREAS, Once struggling students have completed required instruction, they will be re-tested to assess improvement, and to ensure grade level standards are now being met; therefore be it

RESOLVED BY THE GIRLS STATE OF NEVADA assembled in Carson City on July 1, 2016, that the 2017 session of the Nevada Legislature is hereby memorialized to enact legislation to mandate the administration of yearly reading comprehension examinations for Nevada students.