

**LEGISLATIVE EDUCATION STUDY COMMITTEE  
BILL ANALYSIS**

**Bill Number:** HB 420a

**50th Legislature, 1st Session, 2011**

**Tracking Number:** .184629.1

**Short Title:** West Las Vegas High School License Plates

**Sponsor(s):** Representative Richard D. Vigil

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**AS AMENDED**

The House Transportation and Public Works Committee amendment designates the West Las Vegas School District, rather than the West Las Vegas Schools Education Foundation, as the recipient of revenues from the sales of West Las Vegas High School license plates (see “Original Substantive Issues,” below).

**Original Bill Summary:**

HB 420 adds a new section to the *Motor Vehicle Code* to:

- provide for a special vehicle registration plate with a logo designed to represent support for the West Las Vegas Public Schools; and
- impose a fee of \$35 for the issuance and renewal of this plate:
  - with \$10 appropriated to the Taxation and Revenue Department (TRD) to defray the cost of making and issuing the special registration plate; and
  - the remaining \$25 appropriated to the West Las Vegas Schools Education Foundation.

**Fiscal Impact:**

HB 420 does not contain an appropriation.

**Fiscal Issues:**

According to the Legislative Finance Committee (LFC) Fiscal Impact Report:

- TRD estimates that, based on past experience with similar special plates, approximately 100 new plates would be issued in the first few years, with about 100 renewals increasing to 200 annual renewals in subsequent years;
- HB 420 provides for continuing appropriations from the assessed plate fee; and
- the LFC is concerned that including continuing appropriation language (or earmarks) in the statutory provisions for newly created funds reduces the ability of the Legislature to establish spending priorities.

### **Original Substantive Issues:**

Although HB 420 directs \$25 of the proceeds from sales of the license plates to the West Las Vegas Schools Education Foundation, according to the Superintendent of the West Las Vegas Public Schools, the school board has never created such an entity and the foundation does not currently exist.

### **Background:**

According to the Department of Motor Vehicles website, currently the following types of special registration plates are available, with corresponding fees for each type:

- personalized: \$17 annually;
- horseless carriage: \$10 initial, \$5 renewal every five years;
- amateur radio operator: additional \$3 over standard fee;
- collegiate: \$37 additional over standard fee annually;
- Children's Trust Fund: \$42;
- firefighter: \$27 one-time;
- military: fee varies, average \$15;
- National Guard: free;
- Share with Wildlife: \$27 initial plus \$12 over standard fee annually;
- Fraternal Order of Police: \$27 one-time;
- emergency medical technician: \$27 one-time; and
- handicap: no charge specified.

### **Related Bills:**

HB 114 *Albuquerque Public Schools License Plate*  
HB 418 *Golf Tourism License Plates*  
HB 476 *Future Farmers of America License Plates*  
SB 92 *Air Medal Recipient License Plates*  
SB 130 *Lea County Energyplex License Plates*  
SB 140 *Blood Donor Recognition License Plates*  
SB 302 *Registration Plate for Disabled Veterans*  
SB 350 *Special Girl Scout Registration Plate*  
SB 412 *Permanent Registrations & License Plates*  
SB 482 *License Plates for Tribes & Local Governments*