

School construction bill passes Nev. Senate

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The Nevada Senate passed a bill that would pave the way for new school construction across the state Monday, while ending Nevada's long-standing practice of paying prevailing wages on state-sponsored construction projects.

The bill, Senate Bill 119, would allow an extension of bond rollover funds from property taxes for school districts to keep pace with the need for new schools and major repairs on existing schools. Nevada's two urban school districts – Clark and Washoe counties – are either in dire need of major renovation projects or new schools.

Although Democrats and Republicans both acknowledge the need for funding school construction, the passage of the bill was on strict party lines.

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