

# Education savings account challenge costs Nev. \$545K

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Nevada taxpayers will spend more than half a million dollars to defend the state's contested education savings account program.

The total price tag reached \$545,000 on Tuesday as the state Board of Examiners voted 2-0 to approve a \$125,000 extension to a contract with the out-of-state law firm Bancroft PLLC, led by former U.S. Solicitor General Paul Clement.

Since October, Clement has assisted the state attorney general's office in crafting its defense of Senate Bill 302, which authorizes a voucher-style program for parents to spend per-pupil state funds on private school tuition.

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