

Senate Bill No. 309–Senators Spearman, Manendo,
Parks; Goicoechea and Hammond

CHAPTER.....

AN ACT relating to mentoring programs; urging the Nevada System of Higher Education and various business organizations to establish mentoring programs; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

The Nevada System of Higher Education and various business organizations in this State, such as chambers of commerce, together possess human and other resources which could be used to establish mentoring programs for business entrepreneurs. This bill urges the Nevada System of Higher Education and business organizations in this State to so use their resources.

EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

WHEREAS, Mentors can be crucial to the success of new, aspiring or struggling business entrepreneurs by supporting the efforts of those entrepreneurs through teaching, training and consulting; and

WHEREAS, Mentors can help business entrepreneurs develop business plans, project growth and tackle tough issues; and

WHEREAS, A mentor can be one of the most valuable resources for a business entrepreneur seeking to start a business, grow a business or create jobs; and

WHEREAS, Many business organizations throughout this State are made up of Nevadans who have the expertise and willingness to serve as mentors for business entrepreneurs; and

WHEREAS, The Nevada System of Higher Education possesses the resources to identify aspiring business entrepreneurs, advertise mentoring programs and facilitate the matching of such entrepreneurs with people willing and able to serve as mentors; now, therefore,

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Legislature finds and declares that:

1. Mentoring programs are needed and valuable for the growth and development of business entrepreneurs and a robust business community in this State; and
2. The Legislature hereby urges the Nevada System of Higher Education and business organizations in this State, including,



without limitation, the chambers of commerce within the State of Nevada, to:

(a) Work together to establish mentoring programs:

(1) For the purpose of matching up mentors who are successful business entrepreneurs with new, aspiring or struggling business entrepreneurs in this State, especially those new, aspiring or struggling business entrepreneurs who are veterans, small business owners or minority business owners; and

(2) That allow a business to make a financial contribution to the Nevada System of Higher Education to support scholarship awards, based on a combination of merit and need, for students studying business that give the students both a financial award and an opportunity to work closely with the business that made the financial contribution for the award;

(b) Work together to consider and establish best practices for providing other mentoring programs, including, without limitation, a mentoring program that allows business students and graduates from any college or university to receive peer mentoring and training in management to turn business ideas into viable businesses; and

(c) Identify and reach out to other business organizations in this State to participate in and assist with establishing mentoring programs and providing mentors.

Sec. 2. This act becomes effective upon passage and approval.

