ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 430–ASSEMBLYWOMAN BUSTAMANTE ADAMS

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Referred to Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections

SUMMARY—Creates the interim Nevada Task Force on Retirement Security. (BDR S-1035)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.

Effect on the State: No.

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

AN ACT relating to retirement security; creating the Nevada Task Force on Retirement Security to conduct a comprehensive examination during the 2017-2018 legislative interim of the retirement security of residents of Nevada; prescribing the powers and duties of the Task Force; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

This bill creates the Nevada Task Force on Retirement Security, consisting of nine members, to conduct a comprehensive examination during the 2017-2018 legislative interim of the retirement security of residents of Nevada, including, without limitation, the causes, extent and consequences of any retirement insecurity in this State. The costs of the Task Force will be paid only from gifts, grants and donations received by the Task Force. The Task Force is required to submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the Legislative Counsel Bureau on or before September 1, 2018.

WHEREAS, A 2011 survey conducted by the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) found that many residents of Nevada delay or fail to plan for retirement because they do not know who to trust when investing their money, lack the financial resources necessary to obtain assistance from a professional financial advisor and feel overwhelmed by the process of planning for retirement; and

WHEREAS, In 2015, the National Institute on Retirement Security reported that approximately one-half of the employees





working for private employers in the United States have access to an employer-sponsored retirement plan, leaving more than 50 million Americans without access, including, according to 2014 data from the AARP Policy Institute, 57 percent of the employees in this State who work for private employers; and

WHEREAS, According to recent studies, less than 20 percent of American workers contribute to Individual Retirement Accounts (IRAs), an investment method which requires individuals to make their own investing decisions; and

WHEREAS, Many employees find it difficult to save for a secure retirement without access to a retirement savings plan that provides guidance about making investment choices; and

WHEREAS, Several states have created, and many states are exploring, a state-sponsored retirement savings plan to provide employees who work for private employers the structure and support to save for a secure retirement; now, therefore,

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

Section 1. 1. The Nevada Task Force on Retirement Security is hereby created. The Task Force consists of the following nine members:

- (a) Three members of the Senate, two of whom are appointed by the Majority Leader of the Senate and one of whom is appointed by the Minority Leader of the Senate;
- (b) Three members of the Assembly, two of whom are appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly and one of whom is appointed by the Minority Leader of the Assembly; and
- (c) Three members representing the interests of retirees, employees working for private employers and companies involved in the financial management of retirement savings plans in this State, which may include, without limitation, a person with expertise in human resources, an employee of the Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation or an officer of a nonprofit organization or private company operating in the financial industry in this State, who are appointed as follows:
 - (1) One member appointed by the Governor;
- (2) One member appointed by the Majority Leader of the Senate; and
 - (3) One member appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly.
- The membership of the Task Force must, to the extent practicable, be representative of the age distribution and demographic profile of the general population of this State, as reported by the United States Census Bureau.





- 2. A vacancy occurring in the membership of the Task Force must be filled in the same manner as the original appointment.
- 3. At its first meeting, the members of the Task Force shall elect a Chair and a Vice Chair from among the members who are Legislators.
- 4. The members of the Task Force serve without compensation or per diem allowance. A member may receive reimbursement for travel expenses if sufficient money collected pursuant to subsection 7 or 8 for the Task Force to carry out its duties is available.
- 5. The Task Force shall hold its first meeting by not later than September 1, 2017, and shall meet at least four times.
- 6. The Task Force shall consult with and solicit input from persons and entities with expertise in matters relevant to the Task Force in carrying out its duties pursuant to this section.
- 7. The Task Force may apply for any available grants and accept any gifts, grants or donations, including, without limitation, administrative support, to assist the Task Force in carrying out its duties pursuant to this section.
- 8. The Task Force shall select an organization which is exempt from taxation pursuant to 26 U.S.C. § 501(c)(3) to serve as the fiscal agent of the Task Force. As fiscal agent, that organization may accept money from private persons and entities and expend such money for the expenses incurred by the Task Force in carrying out its duties pursuant to this section.
- 9. The Task Force shall conduct an examination of the status of the retirement security of the residents of this State, including, without limitation, the causes, extent and consequences of any retirement insecurity in this State. The study must include, without limitation:
- (a) A review of current employer-sponsored and individual retirement plans commonly available to persons engaged in private employment in this State;
 - (b) An estimation of the average amount of money a resident of this State has saved by the age of retirement, as evidenced by money held in savings accounts, pensions and other financial resources commonly used to support retirees in this State;
 - (c) A review of expert recommendations regarding the amount of money needed to comfortably support a retiree and his or her family or dependents in this State for the duration of his or her retirement; and
 - (d) Consideration of a retirement savings plan for employees in the private sector that pools money from the employees of more than one private employer in a single trust, is portable, includes options for retirement in the case of disability and invests and





maintains assets in such a manner as to achieve the long-term goal of retirement security for the employees invested in the plan.

- 10. On or before September 1, 2018, the Task Force shall submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for transmittal to the 80th Session of the Legislature.
- 11. The Task Force shall carry out the duties of this section only to the extent that money is available to do so from private persons and entities, including, without limitation, gifts, grants and donations.
- **Sec. 2.** As soon as practicable after the effective date of this act but not later than July 1, 2017, the Governor, the Majority Leader and Minority Leader of the Senate, and the Speaker and Minority Leader of the Assembly shall appoint the members of the Nevada Task Force on Retirement Security as prescribed by section 1 of this act.
- **Sec. 3.** 1. This act becomes effective upon passage and approval for the purpose of appointing, pursuant to section 2 of this act, the members to the Nevada Task Force on Retirement Security created by section 1 of this act, and on July 1, 2017, for all other purposes.
 - 2. This act expires by limitation on June 30, 2019.





