Assembly Bill No. 98–Assemblymen Bustamante Adams and Paul Anderson

CHAPTER.....

AN ACT relating to financial administration; revising provisions governing the employees of the Office of Grant Procurement, Coordination and Management of the Department of Administration; eliminating the requirement that priority be given by the Office to certain grants; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Under existing law, the Office of Grant Procurement, Coordination and Management of the Department of Administration is required to provide assistance to state agencies with respect to grants, including, without limitation, researching, identifying and writing grants for state agencies and making state agencies aware of grant opportunities. (NRS 232.222-232.227) Existing law requires the Administrator of the Office of Grant Procurement, Coordination and Management to employ two persons to serve in the unclassified service of the State. (NRS 232.223) Section 1 of this bill removes the limit on the number of employees that the Administrator is required to employ and instead requires that the Administrator, within the limits of money appropriated or authorized to be expended for the purpose, employ such persons in the classified or unclassified service as he or she deems necessary.

Existing law requires the Administrator, when researching the availability of grants and writing grant proposals and applications for a state agency, to give priority to grants: (1) for the Department of Health and Human Services; (2) for the Office of Energy; and (3) which may facilitate economic development in this State. **Section 2** of this bill eliminates this prioritization requirement.

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

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

Section 1. NRS 232.223 is hereby amended to read as follows: 232.223 1. The Administrator of the Office of Grant Procurement, Coordination and Management shall, within the limits of money appropriated or authorized to be expended for this purpose, employ [two] such persons as he or she deems necessary to serve in the classified or unclassified service of the State for the purposes set forth in this section.

2. A person employed pursuant to this section shall, under the direction of the Administrator of the Office of Grant Procurement, Coordination and Management, assist the Administrator in carrying out the provisions of NRS 232.222 to 232.227, inclusive.



- **Sec. 2.** NRS 232.224 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 232.224 1. The Administrator of the Office of Grant Procurement, Coordination and Management shall:
- (a) Research and identify federal grants which may be available to state agencies.
 - (b) Write grants for federal funds for state agencies.
- (c) Coordinate with the members of Congress representing this State to combine efforts relating to identifying and managing available federal grants and related programs.
- (d) If requested by a state agency, research the availability of grants and write grant proposals and applications for the state agency. I, giving priority to grants:
 - (1) For the Department of Health and Human Services;
 - (2) For the Office of Energy; and
- (3) Which may facilitate economic development in this State.]
- (e) To the greatest extent practicable, ensure that state agencies are aware of any grant opportunities for which they are or may be eligible.
- (f) If requested by the director of a state agency, advise the director and the state agency concerning the requirements for receiving and managing grants.
- (g) To the greatest extent practicable, coordinate with state and local agencies that have received grants for similar projects to ensure that the efforts and services of those state and local agencies are not duplicated.
- (h) Serve as a clearinghouse for disseminating information relating to unexpended grant money of state agencies by compiling and updating periodically a list of the grants and unexpended amounts thereof for which the Office received notification from state agencies pursuant to subsection 3 of NRS 232.225 and making the list available on the Internet website maintained by the Department.
- (i) On or before January 1 of each odd-numbered year, submit to the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for transmittal to the Legislature a report regarding all activity relating to the application for, receipt of and use of grants in this State.
- 2. The Administrator may adopt regulations to carry out the provisions of this section and NRS 232.225 and 232.226.
 - **Sec. 3.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2017.

